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New York Elders Are Living on the Edge

New Report Shows Basic Needs Are Exceeding Income

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1199 SEIU Retired Members Division, 330 W 42nd Street, 9th Floor, Manhattan, NY 10036

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- I. Welcome and Introductions – 3:30 – 3:40
Maria Alvarez, Executive Director, BWICA Educational Fund, Inc.
- II. Introducing the National Elder Economic Security Standard Initiative™ - 3:40 – 4:00
Joan Kuriansky, Executive Director, Wider Opportunities for Women
- III. Findings of the New York Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index (the Elder Index) – 4:00 – 4:20
Alison Gottlieb, Senior Research Coordinator
Gerontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston
- IV. Advancing a Statewide Agenda for Elder Economic Security – 4:20 – 4:40
Justin Cunningham, Executive Director
New York StateWide Senior Action Council, Inc.
- V. Questions and Discussion – 4:40 – 5:00

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How can the data from the Elder Index and/or the frame of economic security be used to inform, develop or evaluate elder programs or policies in your county or state policies impacting elders and their families?
2. With respect to economic well-being, what do you think is the most pressing issue or concern facing elders today? How can the New York Elder Economic Security Initiative and the Elder Index promote positive change with regard to this?
3. Moving forward, how would you like to see the New York Elder Economic Security Initiative and the Elder Index implemented and used?
4. What are helpful resources or tools that we can create to help you incorporate this information into your own efforts to promote the economic well-being of elders?