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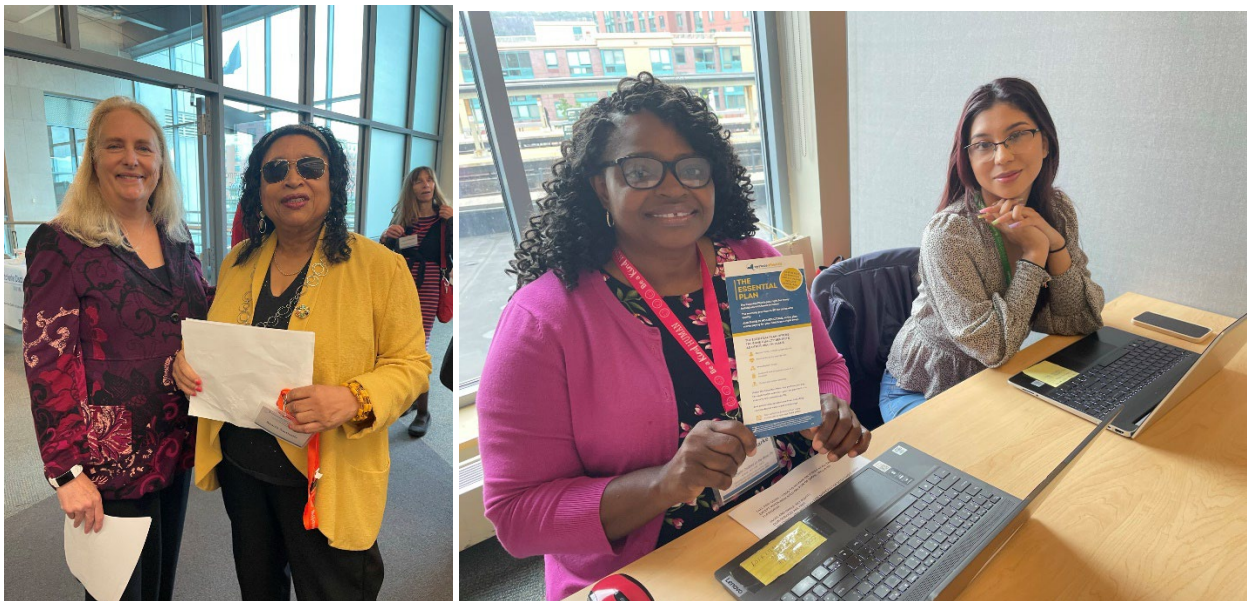
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### **Westchester Disabled on the Move Holds Annual Meeting**

***Organizations serving people with disabilities meet for first time since pandemic***



*Captions; Left: L to R: Michelle Green of Access/VR and Maria Samuels, Executive Director of Westchester Disabled on the Move; Right: Jackie Forbes Clarke and Darla Lao Paula, NYS Certified Medicaid Enrollers.*

**YONKERS NY – June 22, 2023** - Representatives of nonprofits serving people with disabilities in Westchester County met June 22 at the Yonkers Riverfront Library to educate each other on services their agencies offer to the disabled, seniors and low-income families.

Maria Samuels, Executive Director of Westchester Disabled on the Move (WDOM), thanked the representatives of the organizations for attending the conference hosted by WDOM and for their support during the pandemic.

"I'd like to thank all the organizations here for standing by us these past few years when we were all working virtually. It really made a difference for us," said Samuels.

Among the organizations in attendance were: Access/VR, Westchester County Office for People with Disabilities, the Yonkers Office for the Aging, the New York State Commission on the Blind and others.

WDOM staff took the opportunity to let the audience know that they are currently reenrolling people in Medicaid.

Many people who rely on Medicaid could lose their coverage if they fail to reenroll. At the end of May, COVID protections for those on Medicaid ended so they are now required to re-enroll in the program, but many people don't know this and are losing coverage.

**More than 1 million people have been dropped from Medicaid** in the past couple months as some states moved swiftly to halt health care coverage following the end of the coronavirus pandemic. Most got dropped for not filling out paperwork.

Westchester Disabled on the Move is currently reenrolling residents across Westchester, Rockland, Orange and Putnam counties. To get assistance with reenrollment free of charge, call 914-968-4717 X109 or visit <https://wdom.org/> or e-mail [info@wdom.org](mailto:info@wdom.org).

#### **About Westchester Disabled on the Move Inc.**

Westchester Disabled on the Move Inc. (WDOMI) is the leading non-profit advocating improving the lives of people with disabilities. Since 1984, WDOMI has helped to connect people with disabilities, seniors and low-income families with services including subsidized housing, affordable health insurance, assistance with accessibility and more.