LOCAL LAWS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK FOR THE YEAR 2019

No. 125

Introduced by Council Members Ayala, Chin, Brannan, Ampry-Samuel, Kallos, Koo, Vallone, Rosenthal, Lander, Eugene, Deutsch, Rose, Diaz, Holden, Rivera, Cornegy and Levin.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to mental health training for senior center caseworkers

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-209 to read as follows:

§ 21-209 Mental health training for senior center case workers. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the term "caseworker" means an individual employed by a senior center that receives funding from the department to provide services on-site pursuant to a contract procured under chapter 13 of the charter and through a source selection method established by procurement policy board rule, who provides case assistance, information and referrals for benefits and social services at such a senior center.

b. Each caseworker shall complete a training to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness for older adults offered by the department of health and mental hygiene or a successor agency, provided that such department offers such training.

c. At least once every three years after completing the training described in subdivision b of this section, each caseworker shall receive supplemental refresher training, provided that the department of health and mental hygiene or a successor agency offers such training.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on May 29, 2019 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on July 2, 2019.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 125 of 2019, Council Int. No.1180-A of 2018) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

STEVEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.