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JSPOA Forms Taskforce to Address Community Caregiver Needs for Respite Care

Jamaica, NY, Tuesday, February 26, 2019 – Jamaica Service Program for Older Adults (JSPOA) announces the first ever “Service Providers Taskforce for Caregiver Respite” formed in Queens, NY.

On February 12, 2019 JSPOA convened twenty-three (23) senior center and nursing home service providers from across Queens to discuss the needs of caregivers for older adults and seniors experiencing early memory loss, dementia, and Alzheimer’s. The event was supported with funding for a community needs assessment for respite care survey from a Fan Fox and Leslie R. Samuels Foundation special grant.

Scaffolding the “Dementia Friendly America” model of community collaboration around its effort to identify support services for caregivers, JSPOA and taskforce partners have decided to engage in a consultative process to deliver robust, shared respite services across Southeast Queens, NY.

The taskforce members are:

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| Hillside Manor | Community Healthcare Network |
| NY Connects | Right At Home |
| Edison Home Care | Woodhall Hospital |
| Alzheimer’s Association | Sunnyside Community Services |
| United Cerebral Palsy of Queens | True Care |
| First Presbyterian Church | New York Presbyterian Weil Cornell Medicine |
| Caring Professionals, Inc. | Self-Help |
| Live-On NYC | |
| NYS Department of Correction and Community Supervision | |

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