

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services Committee

DATE: December 9, 2010

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Library Conference Room

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Frey, Legislators Parete, Petit, Stoeckeler, Ronk, Harris, Briggs

LEGISLATOR EXCUSED: n/a

OTHERS ATTENDING: Lee Cane LWV, Nettie Tomshaw, UC Legislature Staff

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frey at 6:30 PM.
- Attendance
- A motion by Legislator Briggs was made to accept the November 4, 2010 Committee Meeting Minutes, Seconded by Legislator Ronk, all were in favor, Carried.

Resolutions:

- 1.) **Resolution Draft No. 122101, December 21, 2010: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Excute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Participate In The Childhood Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention Program - Department Of Health**

Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Harris, Seconded by Legislator Parete, Unanimously in Favor, Carried.

- 2.) **Resolution Draft No. 122102, December 21, 2010: Approving The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services 2011 Resource Allocation Plan - Youth Bureau**
- 3.) **Resolution Draft No. 122105, December 21, 2010: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The City Of Kingston For The Environmental Education Program - Youth Bureau**

Note: CASA of Ulster County will be funded in 2011 in the amount of \$15,000 under the (SDPP) Special Delinquency Prevention Program as listed on the funding abstract and another \$15,000 under Legislative Programs. Legislator Parete / Harris questioned if Legislator Donaldson is aware of this funding. Chairman Frey made him aware.

Legislator Petit expressed Office of Family Services needs to interact better - also doesn't return calls.

Legislator Briggs said state wide family service residents have dropped from 4000 down to less than 600, noting the State Commissioner went on record recommending judges place people in group residential homes vs. more guarded - secure institutionalized facilities. This is raising community safety concerns much like the Renaissance Facility.

Note: Chairman Frey asked if the committee would like to combine the vote for Resolution 122102 & 122105. Legislator Parete motioned to combine the second and third resolution on the agenda together for the vote, Seconded by Legislator Ronk.

Motion offered to move Draft Resolutions 122102 & 122105 forward by Legislator Parete, Seconded by Legislator Harris.

Chairman Frey asked the committee to consider next years course of action - bring ideas to the next meeting. Legislator Ronk stated first and foremost the committee needs to come to a conclusion on Golden Hill. Chairman Frey stated the Health & Human Service Committee with Chairman Wadnola's approval will decide the steps and approach for the next phase of the GH process.

Discussion ensued, who will go out on the road, what action and role should this committee take, etc. Legislator Parete would like to review all of the RFP bids in their entirety for Golden Hill - feels they should be made available. Legislator Parete expressed all information collected is needed to make an informed decision, non-filtered. Legislator Ronk & Briggs concur. Legislator Briggs feels the bid process & proposal will change as the process progresses. Legislator Parete reminded the committee the Charter calls for the County Executive to determine the fate of a department and in turn the full Legislature will decide by majority vote whether to accept his proposal.

Chairman Frey shared with the committee his draft letter explaining the RFP status to date and noted the letter will be emailed to the full Legislature tomorrow. The RFP information should be made available in 2-3 weeks.

Legislator Harris suggested that Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee once again set policy and review contracts for the following departments: Office for the Aging, Veterans Affairs and Youth Bureau as the Health & Human Services Committee has numerous departments to attend to including Golden Hill. Legislator Harris noted Chairman Wadnola is in agreement.

****The Health and Human Services Committee would like to move their meeting date from the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM to the Second Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM. for 2011. Chairman Frey will look into the feasibility and report back to committee members.**

Attachments provided to committee:

Dept. of Health Director's Update December 2010

Draft Letter Golden Hill RFP Update from Chairman Frey to Legislature

2011 Youth Bureau Funding Abstract

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM with a motion offered by Legislator Stoeckeler,
Seconded by Legislator Parete, with all in favor, Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Walter Frey Jr., Chairman /nt
Health & Human Services Committee**