

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services Committee

DATE: March 3, 2011

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Library Conference Room

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

LEGISLATOR EXCUSED:

OTHERS ATTENDING: Legislator Belfiglio, Marshall Beckman Deputy Co. Executive, Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck Public Health Director, Erison Rodriguez Pro Act Rep, Diane Reeder Queens Galley Kitchen Director, Lee Cane LWV, Nettie Tomshaw UC Legislature Staff

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frey at 6:10 PM.
- Attendance - Leg. Ronk was excused after resolution votes-to attend another meeting in district.
- A motion by Legislator Parete was made to accept the February 3, 2011 Committee Meeting Minutes, Seconded by Legislator Briggs, all were in favor, Carried.

Resolutions:

1.) Resolution Draft No. 0309, March 15, 2011: Amending The 2011 Ulster County Budget - Mental Health Contract Agencies - Department Of Mental Health

Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Briggs, Unanimously in Favor, Carried.

Marshall Beckman noted: Changes reflect the state aid amendments rec'd from Office of Mental Health, Office of Mental Retardation & Oasis. Budget & contracts must be updated to match funding letters that come in.

2.) Resolution Draft No. 0311, March 15, 2011: Confirming Appointment Of LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH As Commissioner Of Mental Health

Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Petit, Unanimously in Favor, Carried.

Note: Leg. Maio asked for clarification of "annualized for \$30K". A - 12 month basis.
Leg. Harris asked what would be the total for the two positions? A- \$180K year.

Leg. Parete asked if there would be two job titles - Commissioner of one agency and Director of the other? A - Marshall Beckman & Dr. Hasbrouck: The County Executive is currently reviewing this for consistency based on other county titles. Looking into department structure, brainstorming with dept. heads focusing on efficiencies - overlap, potential merge - streamline, vendors absorbing some patients possibly, support staff and opportunities etc. Time table for possible merger, two phases - September and end of calendar year possibly. Recommendations will be addressed with this committee once all the pros and cons are assessed.

Leg. Petit asked if streamlining will affect mandated programs? Also acknowledged and thanked Dr. Hasbrouck for the work he has done within the Health Dept. A MB- We have no control over mandated programs. However, we can assess how we approach the mandated programs. Overlap between two departments such as two payroll reports etc will be assessed, etc.

Leg. Parete noted the Charter states a candidate requires mental health experience. Asked if he feels confident he will receive state approval? A - Yes, Dr. Hasbrouck feels confident he will get state approval. Has had clinical training and experience, Masters Degree in public health is in the area of behavioral science. He won't be doing frontline care but feels comfortable enough with the staff and understands the issues.

3.) Resolution Draft No. 0314, March 15, 2011: Confirming Appointment Of Members To The Board Of Health

Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Briggs, Seconded by Legislator Loughran, Unanimously in Favor, Carried.

Note: Leg. Parete asked what members are being replaced. A. Dr. McFadden & David Clegg.

Pro Act, Erison Rodriguez, Discount Dental Network Card Program:

- Pro Act entered an agreement with NYSAC to offer a discount dental program
- This is not insurance but access to dentists w/ relatively low fees
- Annual fee \$36.50 individual, \$52.00 entire family
- Identification Card Issued
- Can't use in conjunction with other dental insurance
- Extensive DenteMax network of Dentists (100,000+ throughout country)
- Fee Schedule Provided
- Must confirm network participation & fees with dentist prior to receiving treatment
- www.nysac.org (HEG) Health Economics Group, Inc. Rochester, NY (800) 666-6690 ext. 505
- Region 2 DenteMax Fee Schedule 2011 (attached)
- Leg. Frey to share with legal counsel for liability
- No administrative Fees

The Queens Galley Kitchen, Diane Reeder Executive Director:

Diane Reeder presented to the committee the history of the Kitchen and where it stands today.

Food insecurity exists whenever the availability of nutritionally adequate and safe food or the ability to acquire wholesome foods in socially acceptable ways is limited.

More than half of American seniors will be forced to choose between filling prescription or buying food.

Every fourth face in line at a soup kitchen is a child. One out of six adults will need to visit a food pantry or soup kitchen each month because they lack the means to purchase food.

- Queens Galley Kitchen started in 2006, served 1200 meals/month staff of (1)
- In 2011 9500 meals/month average staff of (7)
- Anyone is served, no requirement - dine w/dignity
- Restaurant style food served on real plates
- Serves breakfast, lunch, dinner every day of the year
- 1/4 acre farm partnership w/ Kingston Land Trust & Binnewater Ice
- Funded exclusively by donation, private & corporate support
- Do not accept government funding that would require proof of poverty before someone is served a meal.
- Supplies via second harvest food rescue, partner restaurants, regional food bank, own urban farm in the city of Kingston.
- Volunteer Opportunities (845) 901-2782
- Food Donations (845) 338-3468

Cooking Matters:

The Queens galley has created a ground breaking, hands on culinary nutrition education program that teaches children, adults and seniors how to make the best of the food resources available. With the help of volunteer chefs and nutrition experts, Cooking Matters (formally called Operation Frontline) course participants learn how to select nutritious and low cost ingredients and prepare them in ways that provide the best nourishment possible to their families. Cooking Matters is nationally sponsored by the ConAgra Foods foundation and generously supported by the Walmart Foundation. Local sponsor opportunities are available. Classes offered from Nyack to Albany. For information on Hudson Valley Cooking Matters Classes email NoKidHungry@gmail.com.

Rosemarie's Restaurant & Bistro Restaurant - Grand Opening Fall 2011:

Two full service restaurants housed under the same roof and operating out of the same kitchen located in the Kirkland Hotel. Two different concepts and atmospheres. Both restaurants will maintain a dedication to local sourcing and seasonal produce. Through the partnerships with Family of Woodstock and (REPCO), they serve as a training center for food preparation, food production and hospitality services.

Rosemarie's Restaurant guests will enjoy cutting edge avant-garde cuisine where flavor, texture, aroma and visual presentation come together in delectable edible art.

Rosemarie's Bistro will be open for lunch & brunch. Fresh from their farm ingredients and prepared beautifully with a rustic touch. Local sourcing and seasonal produce combined with classical technique will be evident in every dish at an affordable price.

2011 Hudson Valley Hunger Banquet, Sunday March 27th at Mount St. Alphonsus, Esopus.

"Hunger is not an Option" help raises awareness of hunger in the community. Speaker Chef Timothy Cipriano is the Executive Director of Food Services for the New Haven Public School system who was one of ten chefs handpicked by the White House to work with Sam Kass for the First Lady's "Lets Move Campaign", Chefs move to schools.

Attachments provided to committee:

Abstract Report for March 15th Session

Pro Act Dental Literature

The Queens Galley Literature & Flyer

NYS Medicaid Redesign Team Approved (75) Proposals, Feb 24, 2011

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM with a motion offered by Legislator Petit, Seconded by Legislator Stoeckeler, with all in favor, Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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