

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Health Services Committee

DATE: August 20, 2009

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor
County Office Building

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Robert Parete, Legislators Thomas "TJ" Briggs, Joseph Stoeckeler, Philip Terpening (arr. 6:47 PM), Laura Petit (arr. 6:43 PM) Joseph Roberti and Kenneth Ronk (arr. 6:39 PM)

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Marshall Beckman, Deputy County Executive
Richard Parrish
Lee Cane, League of Women Voters

1. Chairman Robert Parete called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.
2. Motion made by Legislator Stoeckeler, seconded by Legislator TJ Briggs to approve minutes from meeting July 16, 2009. All in favor.
3. **Resolution** - Supporting Appointment Of Ulster County Emergency Medical Services Coordinator
Richard Parrish was present and thanked everyone for their support of his appointment as Coordinator of UC Emergency Medical Services. He described his role at Kingston Hospital in that capacity, how important it is to get the information out to the appropriate contacts for response and how he is the local contact for many programs. He discussed how the pandemic will have an impact on the EMS in the County too.

Mr. Parrish also noted that there aren't AEDs in all emergency vehicles used throughout the County.

Legislator Stoeckeler motioned to approve resolution, seconded by Legislator Ronk. All in favor.

Chairman Robert Parete thanked Legislators TJ Briggs and Ronk for their efforts with the UC EMS.
4. **Resolution** - Supporting The Alzheimer's Association Annual Memory Walk In Ulster County

Legislator Stoeckeler motioned to approve resolution, seconded by Legislator Ronk.
All in favor.

5. New Business

Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman provided an update on the Department of Health.

- It was estimated that approximately 81 medium risk operators were operating without permits. All but two, which are now closed, have now been permitted.
- There have been people who paid, people who paid but whose checks were not cashed, people who had no permits and some operators never applied for a permit.
- Recordkeeping was found to be an issue.
- The Department of Health (Sanitation Division) is now looking at septic permits. The permits for all camps in the County have been okay.
- Recruitment for a Director of Public Health has again been advertised since mid-June with no salary range in the advertisement. A number of good and interesting candidates have been attracted to the position this round with three or four having Masters in PH Programs. The anticipated start date for the position is November 1, 2009. The NYS Department of Health will have to confirm the candidate.

Chairman Parete and Legislator Roberti initiated a discussion regarding the Healthy Vending options for the County. A memo expressing interest in Healthy Vending was sent to the County Executive.

A copy of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Guidance for Shelters on Novel H1N1 Flu (dated June 18, 2009) was distributed to everyone present - copy attached.

- Chairman Parete mentioned the importance of sanitizing stations at the Health Care Facility where there are a large number of vulnerable individuals.
- Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman will arrange for Sheree Cross, Director, Residential Health Care Facilities and Nereida Veytia, Acting Public Health Director, to attend the next Health Services Committee meeting in September to provide an update. Chairman Parete will invite all Legislators who are interested to attend.

Chairman Parete, Legislator Petit and Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman discussed the literature and requests being made by Richard Engnath, HTLV National Registry. Any decisions regarding this matter will be made by the new Public Health Director, who will have the knowledge to make a correct determination as to the position the County should take.

6. Motion to adjourn

Legislator TJ Briggs motioned, seconded by Legislator Terpening to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Binder
Deputy Clerk
Ulster County Legislature