

**NAME OF COMMITTEE:** Health Services Committee

**DATE:** February 19, 2009

**TIME:** 6:30 PM

**PLACE:** Library Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
County Office Building

**LEGISLATORS PRESENT:** Chairman Robert S. Parete, Deputy Chairman Joe Roberti, Legislators T.J. Briggs, Philip Terpening, Laura Petit and Ken Ronk

**LEGISLATORS ABSENT:** Legislator Joseph Stoeckeler

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman  
Ed Brown, Commissioner, Mental Health  
Kathy Nolan, Guest  
Lee Cane, LVW

1. Chairman Parete called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. Chairman Parete offered congratulations to Edward J. Brown on his appointment as Commissioner of Mental Health.
3. Approved minutes from committee meeting held January 22, 2009.
4. Update from Marshall Beckman, Deputy County Executive on new Health Director job search. The position has been advertised with the aid of the State Health Department's recruitment kit. They are shooting for national exposure in recruiting someone for this position. The requirements for the position were discussed. Chairman Parete requested a copy of the job posting for circulation to all committee members. (Karen Binder will obtain this from Marshall Beckman and circulate). Marshall Beckman will also see that the not for profits receive the job posting. Committee members will be asked to participate in the selection process.
5. Resolution - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract Amendment To Accept Additional Funding From The NYS Office Of Mental Health For Gateway Community Industries, Inc., (Supported Employment) - Amending 2009 Ulster County Budget -Department of Mental Health

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit to approve resolution. All in favor.  
\*Need for sunset clause will be reviewed by Ways & Means.

6. Resolution - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract Amendment To Accept Additional Funding From The NYS Office For Alcoholism And Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) For Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc., (Shelter Care Plus) - Amending 2009 Ulster County Budget - Department of Mental Health

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

7. Ed Brown, Commissioner of Mental Health and Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman discussed the challenges facing the Department of Mental Health (copy of overview distributed to Committee members.

The electronic billing and medical records software issue will be presented at an Informational Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2009. \*Stimulus Package contains money for medical records.

8. Resolution - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The Hudson River Valley Greenway To Accept Funding To Implement A Program Relating To Celebrating The Quadricentennial And Preventing Obesity In Children And Adults - Department of Health

Kathy Nolan from Catskills Live! and member of the Trails Advisory Committee discussed the concept of the Hudson Valley Geocache/Treasure Hunt. The launch will be in April or May and continue until the end of the year.

Chairman Parete mentioned that the Trails Advisory Committee approved the above resolution in concept and explained how the funds exist in the Tobacco and Obesity programs.

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

9. Discussion -- Proposed Calorie Labeling Law in Ulster County

- NY Times Article (February 18, 2009) - Court Upholds the City's Rule Requiring Some Restaurants to Post Calorie Counts - distributed to Committee members.
- Public Hearing on proposed local law has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 6:00 PM.
- Recommendations arising from the Public Hearing will be considered at the March 19, 2009 committee meeting with a resolution to adopt the local law being brought forward for the April 7, 2009 Legislative Session.

10. New Business

- Chairman Parete proposed a newsletter which would be posted to the County website.

11. Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Binder  
Deputy Clerk, Ulster County Legislature