

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Health Services Committee

DATE: May 21, 2009

TIME: 6:30 PM

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

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

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman
Lee Cane, LVW
Vincent McLaughlin, MR/DD Subcommittee

1. Chairman Parete called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. Consensus statement for Golden Hill from League of Women Voters entered into record (copy attached).

Legislator Stoeckeler updated the committee on the recent meeting on Long Term Care held at the Ellenville Hospital. He provided insight about the County perspective and County employees.

3. Approved minutes from meeting March 19, 2009. Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Stoeckeler to approve. All in favor.
4. **Resolution** - Establishing A Salary Range For The Position Of Public Health Director For The Ulster County Department Of Health

Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman spoke regarding the issue. He described the process of hiring including advertising, interviewing, etc. There was discussion regarding the current structure of the Department of Health and the proposal for the future structure.

Legislator Stoeckeler motioned, seconded by Legislator Terpening to amend the resolution to increase the salary range from \$120,000 to \$150,000 to \$125,000 to \$175,000. All in favor.

5. **Resolution** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute The Required Agreements To Accept State Funding For HEAL NY Phase 9 Local Health Planning Initiative - Amending The 2009 Ulster County Budget - Department Of Health

Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman spoke regarding this initiative.

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

6. Resolution - Supporting New York State Assembly Bill No. A05659 And New York State Senate Bill No. S01646 - Removing December 31, 2009 Sunset Date On Timothy's Law And Thereby Making Mental Health Parity Permanent In New York State

Vincent McLaughlin, newly appointed member to the Mental Retardation/Development Disabilities Subcommittee of the Community Services Board, spoke regarding the value of supporting the above legislation.

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

7. Resolution - Amending Resolution No. 72 Authorizing County Of Ulster To Execute A Contract With The Catskill Live Wilderness Association- Amending the Ulster County Budget - Department Of Health

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

8. Resolution - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Renew The Drinking Water Enhancement (DWE) Program - Department Of Health

Chairman Parete and committee members agreed that a request should be made to the County Executive's Office asking for the attendance of Department Heads when resolutions are submitted to the Health Services Committee.

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

9. Resolution - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue The Immunization Action Plan - Amending The 2009 Ulster County Budget - Department Of Health

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

A copy of a proposed resolution "Establishing A Pedestrian & Bicycle Policy" was distributed for informational purposes.

10. New business:

Legislator Ronk reminded everyone that the "No Smoking Ban" goes into effect on June 1, 2009.

Legislator Roberti mentioned the "Healthy Vending" issue and thought the committee should send a letter to the County Executive.

Legislator Petit stated there should be further educational outreach regarding calorie posting. She offered to work on this subject. Legislator Roberti shared that calorie posting has been put in place at Yankee Stadium.

11. Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberti to adjourn. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Binder
Deputy Clerk
Ulster County Legislature