

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**NAME OF COMMITTEE:** Human Development and Personnel Committee

**DATE:** July 20, 2009

**TIME:** 4:45 P.M.

**PLACE:** C.O.B. Legislative Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

**LEGISLATORS PRESENT:** Chairman Donald J. Gregorius, Peter Loughran 5:10 PM, Jeanette Provenzano, Philip Terpening, Paul Hansut, Glenn Noonan and Catherine Terrizzi

**LEGISLATORS EXCUSED:** All Present

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Lee Cane LWV, Nettie Tomshaw Legislative Employee, Excused Counsel, Dan Heppner

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gregorius at 4:45 PM.

A motion to approve July 1, 2009 Minutes was offered by Legislator Terpening, Seconded by Legislator Hansut, All in Favor, Carried.

Medicaid - Inmate Insurance: Chairman Gregorius shared with the committee his research and Criminal Justice Committee discussions in reference to the Ulster County inmate insurance coverage. See attachment provided, "Revenue Reimbursement Project" for eligibility claim requirements. The Chairman explained when a Medicaid covered inmate medical expense exceeds \$10,000 while being treated by an *outside* medical facility, the county assumed payment for the balance due. Chairman Gregorius questioned this \$10K cap - asking for details. The insurance representative researched Don's inquiry - came back and explained the county is eligible for re-imburement from the Federal Government through the State on a quarterly basis - and possibly retroactive reimbursement as well. This Federal Funding has been in effect since 2002, although subject to availability of continued Federal Funding. Chairman Gregorius stated Marshall Beckman feels this might have a similar application in the Mental Health area as well.

Whistle Blower Legislation: Counsel Dan Heppner drafted a preliminary resolution for committee review and discussion, however was unable to attend today's meeting. Legislator Provenzano gave an overview of the proposed resolution and backup data provided to all committee members. The committee went through each paragraph, discussed at length and revised accordingly. Chairman Gregorius asked that the changes be incorporated and forward to Dan Heppner and all committee members. Committee will review again at next months meeting.

**1.) Draft Resolution, August 12, 2009: Adopting a Whistleblower Employee/Agent Protection Program as Policy for Ulster County Employees/Agents**

Preliminary stage – draft form at this time – see above.

**2.) Draft Resolution, August 12, 2009: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The City Of Kingston – Youth Bureau**

**Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Provenzano, Seconded by Legislator Loughran, Unanimously in Favor, Carried**

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion offered to adjourn meeting @ 6:00 PM by Legislator Noonan, Seconded by Legislator Hansut. All in Favor.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Donald J. Gregorius, Chairman /nt  
Human Development & Personnel Committee**