

The Legislature of Rockland County



**PHILIP SOSKIN
LEGISLATOR-DISTRICT 7
CHAIR, MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26, 2016
6:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**LEG. P. SOSKIN, CHAIR
LEG. T. EARL, VICE CHAIR
LEG. A. PAUL, 2ND VICE CHAIR
LEG. I. SCHOENBERGER
LEG. C. FALCIGLIA**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**LEG. J. HOOD, JR.
LEG. D. JOBSON
LEG. M. GRANT
LEG. L. HOFSTEIN
LEG. C. CAREY
LEG. N. LOW-HOGAN
LEG. L. SANTULLI**

**E. YEGER, ESQ.
A. SILVA-EXIAS, ESQ.
L. TOOLE
S. POWERS
L. INCALCATERRA
S. SHERWOOD
M. LEITZES
DR. P. JENNINGS
T. CARDOZA-IZQUIERDO
M. DONOGHUE
U. DIFFLEY**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

**LEG. A. WIEDER
LEG. V. TYER**

CHAIR SOSKIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:32 PM.

1. REF. #9505A

**APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH JCC ROCKLAND, INC. TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,980 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 7522 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6772 [OFFICE FOR THE AGING] (\$15,980)
(TINA CARDOZA-IZQUIERDO DIRECTOR OFFICE FOR THE AGING) DL#: 2016-03334)**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
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2. REF. #9505B

APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH HAITIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION, INC. (HACSO) TO PROVIDE VARIOUS SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF ROCKLAND COUNTY INCLUDING CASE MANAGEMENT, A FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER PROGRAM, SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, ETC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,872 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 6316 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$21,873)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-3186

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3. REF. #2973A

APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,920,269 WITH A LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,938,246 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, BOCES, THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO SUPPORT THE PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFE YOUTH CENTER AND THE BROADER ROCKLAND COUNTY SYSTEM OF CARE FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$3,920,269)
(MICHAEL LEITZES COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH) DL#: 2016-03336

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Michael Leitzes, Commissioner of Mental Health, explained that this is an exciting opportunity for the County. This grant from SAMHSA will allow DMH to work in partnership with the Department of Social Services, BOCES, the Probation Department and the District Attorney's Office. Working together will allow them to successfully achieve their work. Mr. Leitzes added that the challenges of this program would be to support the partnership for Safe Youth Center and the broader Rockland County system of care to expand mental health and recovery support services for kids that are in trouble in school and involved with the criminal justice system. The DMH has been working with BOCES for the past 2 years to develop a more hands on care system by locally having different care agencies work together towards the same goal

Leg. Soskin asked if DMH would be the lead agency to operate this program?

Mr. Leitzes explained that DMH plays the lead role in filing the grant applications while on the other hand BOCES plays a critical part too. It's a mental health grant with need of working in collaboration with other agencies to provide services.

Leg. Soskin asked if these consumers are young people who are facing problems?

Mr. Leitzes explained that some may be young students and some may be adults. DMH gets referrals from the school system and other providers and agencies.

4. REF. #2973B

APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH HEAD START OF ROCKLAND, INC. TO PROVIDE PARENT AND CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF ROCKLAND COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,679 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 6317 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$95,679) (SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-03141

MOTION TO APPROVE:
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5. REF. #8634

APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE SODIUM REDUCTION IN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$356,275 FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH] (\$356,275) (DR. PATRICIA RUPPERT COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH) DL#: 2016-03062

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Mrs. Donoghue, explained that the Department of Health is happy to be the current recipient of this 5-year grant for creating healthy schools. Most of the money will exclusively benefit the East Ramapo School District, including some childhood education centers such as Head Start and RCC. The program accentuates on making suggestions to these schools on how they can go by getting low sodium foods in their establishments.

ADDENDUM #1
REF. #8894

APPROVING THE SIXTEEN (16) AGREEMENTS EXPECTED TO BE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH THE PROVIDERS LISTED ON THE ANNEXED SCHEDULE A TO PROVIDE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES IN THE PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,895,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH] (\$18,895,000) (DR. PATRICIA RUPPERT COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH) DL#: 2016-03525

MOTION TO APPROVE:
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Mrs. Donoghue, apologized for getting the contract papers in so late, but wanted the resolution to come before the Committee at this meeting.

Leg. Soskin stated that unfortunately the Committee didn't have time to read this resolution. In the event the Committee were to have any questions.

ADDENDUM #2
REF. #9010

DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO TRANSFER A TOTAL OF \$45,996 FROM CONTINGENCY TO CONTINUE FUNDING THE ROCKLAND COUNTY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM THROUGH THE END OF 2016
(HON. JAY HOOD, JR. LEGISLATURE)

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Leg. Hood, Jr. stated that he found out through the Village of Haverstraw that there are 12 youth workers around the County. Some of these kids signed up and are getting paid \$9.00 an hour and getting a taste of the working world. It's been a wonderful success as the kids will be able to bring their experience moving forward. Money ran out from the amount budgeted for payroll. A letter went out to these agencies including the Village of Haverstraw to basically let them go with a 5 days' notice. Not only will additional funds help these kids keep their jobs, but it will also allow to keep these programs running.

Leg. Schoenberger stated that he supports this resolution. They should keep their commitment from the time they are hired. It would be unfair to leave the kids out in the cold. The recommendation would be to allocate more money and have as many children as possible benefit from this program.

Leg. Soskin also supported this resolution and added that it's always great to help young people when they can.

Leg. Paul also showed her support for this resolution and emphasized on how important it is to keep the youth busy.

6. REF. #2321 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. D. PENNY JENNINGS OF POMONA, NEW YORK AS ROCKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN RIGHTS
(EDWIN J. DAY COUNTY EXECUTIVE)

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/FALCIGLIA

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Dr. Jennings presented herself to the Committee, a resident of Pomona, with over 15 years of experience in the public administration.

Leg. Jobson wished her the best on stated that he supports her appointment.

Leg. Cornell stated that Dr. Jennings would be a great asset to our community and can testify to her very excellent credentials.

Leg. Schoenberger stated that he has issues with this appointment and will reserve all comments for next week at Fulol Legislative meeting.

Mrs. Yeger, Esq. stated that the procedure for appointments have changed under the Charter revision. From now moving forward the committee is to supply screening and make recommendations to the Full Legislature. This resolution is being amended.

Leg. Soskin confirmed that this appointment is being recommended for Dr. Jennings as the department head for Human Rights and wishes her well.

7. REF. #2962 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TINA CARDOZA-IZQUIERDO, NEW CITY,
NEW YORK DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING
(EDWIN. J. DAY COUNTY EXECUTIVE)

MOTION TO APPROVE:
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Mrs. Cardoza-Izquierdo presented herself to the Committee and described her work experience. Mrs. Cardoza-Izquierdo stated that she was very happy to serve the seniors.

Leg. Soskin asked if she was recommended by County Executive?

Mrs. Cardoza-Izquierdo explained that the position was available and that she had applied for it.

Leg. Cornell commented by stating she had met with Mrs. June Molof, former Director of the Office for the Aging, and was told that Mrs. Molof had the chance to work with her before she left. Leg. Cornell wished Mrs. Cardoza-Izquierdo luck in her new position.

Leg. Jobson welcomed Mrs. Cardoza-Izquierdo in this appointment and told her that she had a big shoe to fill knowing that she will do her best.

Leg. Schoenberger also wished the best to her on new position.

Leg. Soskin wished her well and added that she had very good credentials. Leg. Soskin reminded her that her services are shared by the County Executive and the Legislature.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 7:10 PM.
EARL/ FALCIGLIA

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Respectfully, Submitted

Lesly Senatus, Committee Clerk