

# The Legislature of Rockland County



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

MINUTES  
***MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE***  
TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2013  
**6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LEG. P. SOSKIN, CHAIR  
LEG. J. HOOD, JR., VICE-CHAIR  
LEG. T. EARL, 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-CHAIR  
LEG. A. PAUL  
LEG. D. JOBSON

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

LEG. P. MORONEY  
LEG. J. MEYERS

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

LEG. C. CAREY  
LEG. M. GRANT  
S. SHERWOOD  
B. ATKINS  
E. YEGER, ESQ.  
MEDIA  
LEG. H. CORNELL  
P. BRENNAN  
DR. P. RUPPERT  
M. WALSH-TOZER  
R. HANSEN  
T. GROSSELFINGER

CHAIR SOSKIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:02 PM

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 7/23/13 MEETING

**MOTION TO ADOPT:**

**JOBSON/EARL, HOOD, JR.**

**UNAN**

1. REF. #8759- CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. PATRICIA SCHNABEL RUPPERT, D.O. AS COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND  
(S. VANDERHOEF, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE)

**ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, JOBSON**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**

**SOSKIN/ALL**

**UNAN**

Dr. Schnabel Ruppert thanked the Legislature for the appointment. Chair Soskin wished Dr. Schnabel Ruppert good luck and asked her to contact him anytime. Leg. Jobson stated that Dr. Schnabel Ruppert is very aptly qualified and wished her his very best. Leg. Chair Cornell stated that she was very happy to welcome Dr. Schnabel Ruppert, as she brings the qualifications needed here in Rockland County, including her tenure at Helen Hayes Hospital. She said she is looking forward to working with her on many issues and she is welcome to come to the committee in the future. Leg. Paul welcomed Dr. Schnabel Ruppert to the Health Department as Commissioner and spoke about her qualifications and being an asset to the county.

2. REF. #2962- CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDY A. PEAKS, SPARKILL, NEW YORK TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL  
(S. VANDERHOEF, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE)

**ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, JOBSON**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**

**SOSKIN/PAUL**

**UNAN**

3. REF. #7780 - APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 BETWEEN COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER FOR THE PROVISION OF RESPITE SERVICES FOR THE TERM FROM MARCH 1, 2013 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$50,000)  
**(S. SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES)**

**ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, JOBSON**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/JOBSON, EARL**

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Commissioner Sherwood stated that Project Turning Point runs three programs, of which, the Respite program is one. The Respite program used to be at the Children's Village, but it is further away in Westchester County now. Rockland County is subcontracting from Westchester County and the money is reimbursed 60% by the state. Now we only pay when kids are there, rather than pay for a house and staff. The costs were \$170,000 last year and is estimated to be \$50,000 this year, so a big savings.

4. REF. #2973 - APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH LEXINGTON CENTER FOR RECOVERY, INC. FOR A METHADONE TREATMENT SERVICES MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR OUTPATIENT CLIENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH UNDER RFB-RC-06-022 INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT BY \$24,074 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$932,883 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$932,883)  
**(M. WALSH TOZER, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH)**

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**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/PAUL**

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Commissioner Walsh Tozer stated that this is an extension of a little more than two months, due to some bureaucratic delays, until Lexington Center could take over in June. They've now fully taken over and they are pretty much at full capacity.

5. REF. #9173 - APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE TOWN OF RAMAPO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 TO IMPLEMENT POLICY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS AS PART OF THE CREATING HEALTHY PLACES TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY INITIATIVE FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH] (\$35,000)  
**(R. HANSEN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH)**

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**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/EARL, PAUL**

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Deputy Commissioner R. Hansen stated that this is 100% grant funded and an ongoing initiative.

6. REF. #9121- APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER FOR ANTHROPOLOGICAL AND/OR DNA TESTING ON CASES OF UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN REMAINS AND MISSING PERSONS CASES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH]  
**(R. HANSEN, ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH)**

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Deputy Commissioner R. Hansen stated that this is a renewal and is used on an as needed basis when technical expertise is needed. It is funded through forfeiture of assets through the District Attorney's office.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: (6:20 PM)  
JOBSON/EARL**

**UNAN**

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MS 7.30.13.MIN/PS