

The Legislature of Rockland County



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

**MINUTES
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY JUNE 14, 2016
6:30 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:
LEG. P. SOSKIN, CHAIR
LEG. A. PAUL, 2ND VICE CHAIR
LEG. I. SCHOENBERGER
LEG. A. WIEDER
LEG. V. TYER
LEG. C. FALCIGLIA**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:
LEG. T. EARL, VICE CHAIR**

**OTHERS PRESENT:
LEG. M. GRANT
LEG. D. JOBSON
LEG. C. CAREY
LEG. P. MORONEY
LEG. N. LOW-HOGAN
LEG. J. HOOD, JR.
E. YEGER, ESQ
S. POWERS
R. HANSEN
L. INCALCATERRA**

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

1.REF. #8894A APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH HEAD START OF ROCKLAND, INC. FOR THE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTER BASED AND/OR SEIT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$120,000 AND FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$820,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH] (\$820,000)
(DR. PATRICIA RUPPERT COMMISSIONER OF DEPARTMENT HEALTH) DL#: 2016-01581

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/PAUL**

**TRANSFERRED TO B&F 6/14/16
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Ron Hansen, Deputy Commissioner of Health, stated that Head Start of Rockland, Inc., is one of our prepaid government Agencies that they have to monitor through the year and watch if they are spending more than they should.

Leg. Soskin stated that he is tracking the saving to see how big of a surplus the County can come up with during the course Of the year as a result of this agreement Therefore he would need a copy of the contract with the backup file. He also noticed an increase of \$120,000.00 for the amount of the agreement.

2.REF. #8894B APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH HTA OF NEW YORK, INC. FOR PRESCHOOL RELATED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$250,000 AND FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH] (\$400,000)
(DR. PATRICIA RUPPERT COMMISSIONER OF DEPARTMENT HEALTH) DL#: 2016-01591

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/PAUL, WIEDER, TYER**

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Leg. Soskin asked if this agreement with HTA of New York, Inc. for preschool related services is 100% funded by County?

Mr. Hansen confirmed that the funding for this amendment is covered at 59.5% by the County.

3.REF. #7171 APPROVAL OF THE USE OF ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS SITE NO. 28 FOR THE NEW YORK STATE MESONET/SUNY RESEARCH FOUNDATION EARLY WEATHER DETECTION SYSTEM [ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE]
(CLIFF L. WOOD PRESIDENT OF DEPARTMENT RCC) DL#: 2016-01839

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/FALCIGLIA**

**TRANSFERRED TO B&F 6/14/16
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ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER, FALCIGLIA, JOBSON

Leg. Grant explained that this resolution states that Rockland Community College has been selected as one of seventeen (17) Enhanced sites deployed across New York as part of the NYS Mesonet/Suny Early Warning Weather Detection system.

Leg. Grant added that this resolution is to get permission to install one of these systems on the main campus of the College.

4.REF. #8890 SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING: A LOCAL LAW ENACTING "THE PHARMACY 'TAKE-BACK' ACT"
(HON. LON M. HOFSTEIN LEGISLATURE)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
FALCIGLIA/TYER**

UNAN

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER, FALCIGLIA, JOBSON

Action: Multi-Services Committee members to be provided with draft of proposed local law sufficiently a head of public hearing date so that it can be discussed at Multi-Services Committee before the public hearing. If there is not enough time for a meeting, the draft local law shall be distributed to committee members for their comments.

Leg Soskin asked for counsel Elena Yeger, to give the results of her proposed changes on a local law enacting "The pharmacy Take Back Act".

Counsel Yeger discussed that Leg Hofstein and Leg. Schoenberger had met last week and that they had agreed that they were going to amend the local law to provide for the county to subsidized "The Pharmacy Take Back" and was asked to research whether it could be done by federal forfeiture funds.

The research was done but the outcome is not particular relevant at this time nevertheless they can use federal forfeiture funds but they cannot use NY State forfeiture funds as they have different requirements.

Counsel Yeger, explained when doing some researching on average cost for sharps pick up and transport she came across a website called Product Stewardship Institute which deal with packaging and being friendly to the environment and the consumer. Some states are actually applying this legislation and the expense is not place on the owners but on the manufactures of the drugs to absorb the costs. She also received quotes from several companies regarding the cost of picking up and transferring the pharmaceuticals and sharps to be properly disposed. Counsel Yeger said she has spoken to an organization that helps draft EPR legislation that would be willing to speak with Leg. Hofstein if the legislators want to create an EPR law instead of the current bill.

The idea is tied to safe prescribing habit as prescription are being recorded. Counsel Yeger recommends the cost be passed on to manufactures and not on the retailers to follow this model.

Leg. Schoenberger insist that pharmacy remains to the public a reliable place for the disposal of unused controlled substances and medical sharps.

Leg. Wieder stated that he understands that they are trying to pass a law if they want to pass a law they must have a democratic elected body and talk to the other branches. He congratulated Leg. Faciglia on how he handled this matter but suggest to his colleagues to go listen to others who have passed laws and take suggestions and apply what they have learned. Leg. Wieder recommends using the Faciglia way instead of the Hofstein way in this matter is to take all things into considerations before enacting this law.

Leg. Wieder mentioned Leg. Falciglia method for bringing in and passing a law regarding the sewer commission. The way to do that is by conversation. Leg Wieder stated that he arrived he arrived in committee without any information about Leg. Hofstein bill and want the legislator to listen and learn from others who've passed laws." The way to do this is the Falciglia way, not the Hofstein way.

Leg. Schoenberger asked to approve the resolution and go to Chair of the legislature to set a date knowing that the local law may still be revised based on the discussion they had.

Leg. Soskin agreed to set a resolution revising the resolution they had. Leg. Soskin added that he had some objections to the law but didn't get the chance to go over it .in setting a day it has to be set in a way that they have all papers on hand 10 days before the hearing.

Leg. Wieder asked that they take into consideration the fact that his colleague has spent half a year working on this law.

Leg. Hofstein asked if the committee is going to move the bill forward.

Leg. Soskin stated that he has in the past proposed laws and resolution and when brought to Larry Toole who is our representative has told him that someone else is working on it. They are all looking for the content if what the law is going to provide us who is going to pay for it They all agree that they need it.

Leg. Soskin added that he is against the penalty if they are going to be the one to pay for it. He was also worried about the cost to the pharmacist.

Leg. Hofstein suggested that going forward they try to work together instead of making personal attacks and refrain from remarks to one another.

Leg. Soskin agreed to move this resolution forward so a date can be set with agreement that final item will come to the Committee. Leg. Soskin created a subcommittee with Leg. Hofstein, Leg. Falciglia. Leg. Wieder, and Leg. Schoenberger who will get together to find a consensus.

5.REF. #6760 REQUESTING THAT NEW YORK STATE SENATE PASS BILL S.6341B, AMENDING THE COUNTY LAW, EXECUTIVE LAW AND STATE FINANCE LAW IN RELATION TO INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE LAGISLATURE)

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

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ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER, FALCIGLIA, JOBSON

Leg. Soskin stated that this resolution sponsored by Leg. Wolf is asking the State to help finance legal services for people who don't have funds.

Mrs. Elana Yeger, ESQ explained that this is a memorializing resolution asking the state to amend various of books of law to prescribe so that the State will pick up and pay the difference for the assigned legal cost because it is a tremendous burden on the individual county. Mrs. Yeger added that there is a senate bill proposed at this time that would place this responsibility on the State rather than on the individual counties. The New York State Assembly has already unanimously passed this bill.

6.REF # 3657 DISCUSSION- PRESENTATION OF SENIOR TASK FORCE INTERGENERATIONAL RESEARCH INITIATIVE COLLABORATION WITH HUDSON VALLEY P-TECH STUDENTS
(HON. ANEY PAUL LEGISLATURE)

DEFERRED

Leg. Soskin explained that this resolution is being pulled as it is a discussion item that is being deferred to the next meeting by the sponsor Leg. Aney Paul.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 7:12 PM.
PAUL/SCHOENBERGER**

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Respectfully, Submitted

**Lesly Senatus
Committee Clerk**