

The Legislature of Rockland County



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

MINUTES
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2015
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

LEG. P. SOSKIN, CHAIR
LEG. A. PAUL, 2ND VICE CHAIR
LEG. A. WIEDER
LEG. L. HOFSTEIN
LEG. R. DIAZ

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LEG. T. EARL, VICE CHAIR
LEG. P. MORONEY

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEG. M. GRANT
LEG. J. HOOD, JR
LEG. N. LOW-HOGAN
E. YEGER, ESQ.
S. POWERS
M. DONOGHUE
C. BARBASH, ESQ.
I. ECKERT
M. LEITZES

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015 MEETING.

MOTION TO ADOPT:

DIAZ/PAUL

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1. REF.#7780 APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF AND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH BERKSHIRE FARM CENTER AND SERVICES FOR YOUTH TO PROVIDE NON-SECURE DETENTION PROGRAMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER RFB-RC-2011-019 EXERCISING THE THIRD YEAR OPTION TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FROM DECEMBER 1, 2015 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2016 AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE AGREEMENT BY \$159,030.00 FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2015 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2016 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$652,288.05 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2011 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2016 WITH NO REMAINING OPTION TERMS AVAILABLE AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$652,288.05)
(CAROL L. BARBASH DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#:2015-04554

MOTION TO APPROVE:

SOSKIN/PAUL, DIAZ

TRANSFERRED TO B&F 11/24/15

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Carol Barbash, Attorney for Department of Social Services, explained that this program is aimed at juveniles not at risk of returning back to court or running away.

Chair Soskin said he understood that this program offers 365 beds per year and questioned the need for more beds.

Ms. Barbash explained that indeed the program offers 365 beds a year, any additional beds needed would be provided for at additional cost.

Chair Soskin asked where the Berkshire Center was located.

Ms. Barbash answered in Goshen, Orange County, New York.

Chair Soskin if family came to visit the juveniles in detention.

Ms. Barbash replied the juveniles are only there for a short period of time, a few days or a week, as it is a short-term program. A family member nevertheless can come visit.

Chair Soskin asked who recommends the juvenile to go this facility.

Ms. Barbash answered that the court with the support of the Department of Probation sends these juveniles to this program.

2. REF.#8894 APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONTINUATION GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EARLY INTERVENTION (EI) ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,433 [NCTD] FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH) (\$131,433)
(PATRICIA S. RUPPERT COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH) DL#:2015-04549

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/PAUL, HOSFTEIN, DIAZ**

**TRANSFERRED TO B&F 11/24/15
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ADDED SPONSORS:LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, DIAZ

Ms. Maura Donoghue explained that this is a continuation grant, one is 100% and 2 are 40%. This grant is to continue the Early intervention Administration Program. These funds have already been appropriated in the 2015 adopted budget and are already budgeted in the 2016 proposed budget. Ms. Donoghue also added that two of those clerical positions speak Spanish. The Department utilizes them when they are short in the field and they would provide help to any of their workers that need assistance.

Chair Soskin asked who actually administers this grant.

Ms. Donoghue replied, the Health Department.

3. REF.#2973/9500 AMENDING THE 2015 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,906 [NCTD] TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO OPEN ARMS, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) REVENUE AND A 2% COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) AND TO MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ROCKLAND COUNTY, INC., DAYTOP VILLAGE, INC., ROCKLAND COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND OTHER DRUG DEPENDENCE, INC., LEXINGTON CENTER FOR RECOVERY, INC., VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW (OUTREACH) COMMUNITY AWARENESS NETWORK FOR A DRUGFREE LIFE AND ENVIRONMENT, INC. (C.A.N.D.L.E., INC.) AND THE CLARKSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A 2% COLA AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE APPLICABLE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$84,906)
(MICHAEL LEITZES COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH)
DL#:2015-03604

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/DIAZ, PAUL

TRANSFERRED TO B&F 11/24/15
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ADDED SPONSORS:LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, DIAZ

Mr. Michael Leitzes, Commissioner of Mental Health, stated that this is additional funding to be distributed to 8 mental health providers throughout the County. This funding would also cover additional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Chair Soskin asked since there are so many different agencies recipient of these funds, who actually prepares and files this grant with New York?

Mr. Leitzes stated that various state agencies from the Office of Mental Health are the ones that determine which particular agencies should be providing these services, based on agencies levels of competence and expertise.

4. REF. #5726 RE-DESIGNATING THE ROCKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE AS THE TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND - FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 [OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE]
(EDWIN J. DAY COUNTY EXECUTIVE) DL#:2015-04940

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/DIAZ, HOFSTEIN, PAUL

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Chair Soskin requested the following Action: Does New York State still put out a book under the title" I love New York" - Rockland County?

Mr. Powers explained that this is to get matching funds from New York State for the I Love New York campaign, basically the amount varies around \$50,000 and the County has to contribute \$50,000 back to the State. These funds would be used to advertise and promote Rockland County outside of the County like Westchester and Orange County. These funds would also be used to promote Nyack.

Leg. Wieder expressed some concerns about the funds being utilized to promote the County Executive or to promote Rockland outside the County.

5. REF.# 2870 APPOINTMENT OF ILEANA ECKERT, OF GARNERVILLE, NEW YORK TO THE ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT & HON. JAY HOOD, JR. LEGISLATURE)

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

UNAN

ADDED CO-SPONSORS:LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, DIAZ

Leg. Paul stated that she was impressed with Ms. Eckert's resume and believed she would do well in her new position.

Leg. Hood, Jr. stated that he admired her and believed she will do a great job.

Chair Soskin stated that looking at her resume he could tell she has a lot of experience and is certain that she will do a fantastic job in her new position and wished her well.

Ms. Ileana Eckert thanked the Committee on this appointment and added that she has great respect for Dr. Wood and the staff of RCC for the work that they have done. Ms. Eckert added that she looks forward to working with RCC's board in her capacity as Trustee.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN : 7:00 PM.
WIEDER/ DIAZ, HOFSTEIN**

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Respectfully, Submitted

Lesly Senatus, Committee Clerk

MS.11/24/15 MIN/LS