

The Legislature of Rockland County



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

MINUTES
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

LEG. P. SOSKIN, CHAIR
LEG. J. HOOD, JR., VICE-CHAIR
LEG. T. EARL, 2nd VICE-CHAIR
LEG. A. PAUL
LEG. J. MEYERS
LEG. D. JOBSON (arrived 6:25)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LEG. P. MORONEY

OTHERS PRESENT:

E. YEGER, ESQ. LEG. A. WOLFE
HON. D. FRIED HON. L. FALCO III
J. RIELLY K. HENRY
P. BRENNAN D. GREELEY

CHAIR SOSKIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:17 PM

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2/14/12 MEETING

MOTION TO ADOPT:

HOOD, JR./EARL

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1. REF. #8757 - REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY PASS BILL A.6097 – AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW WITH RESPECT TO PROHIBITING SMOKING ON THE PREMISES OF PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS
(HON. A. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE:

SOSKIN/PAUL

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Leg. Wolfe stated that the proposed legislation at the state level begins a shift in public housing to make it smoke-free by 2016. He said a problem exists when living conditions are in close proximity. This bill will prohibit smoking in or on the grounds of the property. Denise Hogan, Rockland County Coalition Coordinator, Power Against Tobacco, stated that Rockland County is very advanced in taking a lead in tobacco control and thanked the Legislature for the support. She offered to help by getting letters of support from the American Cancer Society and the American Lung Association.

2. REF. #7740 - URGING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS BILLS A.9114 AND S.6273, AN ACT TO AMEND THE EXECUTIVE LAW TO REQUIRE THE PROVISIONS OF REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN
(HON. A. PAUL, LEGISLATURE)

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MOTION TO APPROVE:

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Leg. Paul stated that these bills will serve to protect pregnant women at work, who are often forced to take unpaid leave or fired. This is known to lead to premature births, cause undue stress, and create economic difficulties for the women and their families. She asked the committee to support this legislation to promote economic security for pregnant women. Leg. Meyers said he strongly supported this. Leg. Earl stated that he also strongly supported this and applauded Leg. Paul for bringing it to the committee. Chair Soskin stated that it is important that everyone is comfortable under every circumstance, especially for health reasons.

3. REF. #8281 - APPROVING A FIVE (5) YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR OFF-SITE WOMEN, INFANT AND CHILDREN (WIC) PROGRAM AND CLINIC/SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WITH CONGREGATION OF M'KOR CHAIM 9 JACKSON AVENUE NEW SQUARE, NY 10977 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (\$69,056.12)
(DR. J. FACELLE, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH)

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

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

**TRANSFERRED TO B & F
PASSED: 5 AYES/1 NAY**

**AYES: LEGS. SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, JOBSON
NAYS: LEG. MEYERS**

ACTION: Leg. Meyers requested that it be researched to see if Congregation M'Kor Chaim receives a full or partial real estate tax exemption and to ascertain who is the owner of the property.

K. Henry stated that the WIC Program has been at this site for about ten years and they were proud to provide WIC services right in New Square, which makes it convenient for the residents to get there. The number of clients has grown steadily at all the sites in the county. The WIC Program provides assessments and nutrition counseling and clients receive checks based on the number of children and income, and it is mostly for dairy products, like milk, formula, and vegetables. Leg. Meyers asked if the program is policed? K. Henry said that the staff checks the clients, who are the neediest in the county, as much as possible, but there is no way to totally police, nor was she certain it was the Department Of Health's responsibility to do so, as this is a state program.

4. REF. #8281 - APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,987 BETWEEN COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY FOR THE HEALTHY PLACES TO LIVE WORK AND PLAY INITIATIVE FOR A TERM FROM OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [HEALTH DEPARTMENT] (\$29,987)
(DR. J. FACELLE, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH)

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**MOTION TO APPROVE:
EARL/PAUL**

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K. Henry stated that there are three contracts like this in three villages. The grant is for activities to improve quality of life, fighting obesity, and good nutrition. The program has seen success.

5. REF. #8281 - APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,150 BETWEEN COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND VILLAGE OF WEST HAVERSTRAW FOR THE HEALTHY PLACES TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY INITIATIVE, FOR A TERM FROM OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [HEALTH DEPARTMENT] (\$22,150)
(DR. J. FACELLE, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH)

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Chair Soskin asked if the program was only for six months? K. Henry stated that this grant is the seed money to get started, then a new grant will begin on April 1, 2012 and the program will be continued over the next four years.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: (6:45 PM)
EARL/MEYERS**

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