

The Legislature of Rockland County



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

MINUTES
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2015
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

LEG. P. SOSKIN, CHAIR
LEG. T. EARL
LEG. A. PAUL
LEG. I. SCHOENBERGER
LEG. A. WIEDER
LEG. L. HOFSTEIN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LEG. P. MORONEY

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEG. A. WOLFE
LEG. H. CORNELL
LEG. J. MURPHY
LEG. D. JOBSON
E. YEGER, ESQ
S. POWERS
C. BARBASH
P. BERNNAN
M. LEITZES
S. DEGROAT
N. HOFFMAN
M. MURPHY
DR. R FLORIDA

CHAIR SOSKIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:45 PM.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 03, 2015 MEETING.

MOTION TO ADOPT: FEBRUARY 03, 2015
SCHOENBERGER/ PAUL, WIEDER

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Chair Soskin designated Leg. Tony Earl as 1st Vice Chair, and Leg Any Paul 2nd Vice Chair keeping it the same as last year.

1. REF.# 6546A

APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM CARDINAL HEALTH 200, INC. OF HOSPITAL, LABORATORY AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 UNDER AMERINET DISTRIBUTION CONTRACT #DH10400 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$500,000)
(PAUL BRENNAN DIRECTOR OF DGS-PURCHASING) DL#:2014-05423

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/ EARL

TRANSFERRED TO B.&F 2-10-15
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ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, JOBSON

Mr. Brennan, Purchasing Director, stated that this contract is through Amerinet, Inc., a national group purchasing organization, that they belong to.

Chair Soskin asked if and when the hospital is closes or sells what happens to the balance?

Mr. Brennan stated that this question is to be answered by the Finance Department who would know where the appropriated money goes to on the closing of the hospital.

Leg. Hofstein asked if the hospital is close what would happen to the excess of supplies?

Mr. Brennan said the current inventory will be included in the final sale agreement. Narcotic cannot be returned they need to be destroyed. The money that is not spent or remaining from this contract will remain in the hospital fund.

2. REF.# 6546B APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM CARDINAL HEALTH INC. D/B/A CARDINAL HEALTH 411 INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MINNESOTA MULTISTATE CONTRACTING ALLIANCE FOR PHARMACY (MMCAP) CONTRACT #MMS15001 FOR PHARMACEUTICALS AND DISTRUBUTION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,540,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$1,540,000)
(PAUL BRENNAN DIRECTOR OF DGS-PURCHASING) DL#:2015-00240

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/WIEDER, HOFSTEIN**

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Chair Soskin asked if those contracts were in the same amounts as last year?

Mr. Brennan replied that the medical supplies is the same amount but the pharmaceutical is less than it was last year because less money was budgeted. He advised that the Department of Hospital has 60 days to close once the State approves of the sale. They receive pharmaceutical deliveries, but they try to keep inventory as minimal as possible.

3. REF # 8983 APPROVING THE AGREEMENTS WHICH MAY BE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH THE LICENSED FOSTER CARE AGENCIES LISTED ON THE ANNEXED SHEDULE A TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES REQUIRED BY SOCIAL SERVICES LAW§ 398 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 WITH TOTAL EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' 2015 BUDGET FOR FOSTER CARE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES]
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#:2015-00273

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

**TRANSFERRED TO B.&F 2-10-15
UNAN**

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, JOBSON

Carol Barbash, Director of Legal Services, stated that this is our standard resolution that needs to be approved annually for our contract with the licensed foster care agencies to ensure that they have placement for children that are in need of residential care. The amount they spend is based on the needs of the child.

Chair Soskin asked if the funding amount is the same as last year?

Mrs. Barbash advised that they have a block grant through foster care and that is what they are using and there is also a partial reimbursement.

4. **REF.# 8281** APPROVING THE AGREEMENTS WHICH MAY BE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH THE LICENSED DAY CARE AGENCIES LISTED ON THE ANNEXED SCHEDULE A TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES REQUIRED BY SOCIAL SERVICES LAW § 410-U FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 WITH TOTAL EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' 2015 BUDGET FOR DAY CARE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES]
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#:2015-00274

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/ PAUL, WIEDER, EARL

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Chair Soskin asked if county tax dollars were involved in this agreement.

Mrs. Barbash answered they have been staying within the limit of the budget grant.

5. **REF.# 2973A**

RED DOT VERSION

AMENDING THE 2015 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$949,668 [NCTD] FOR THE CONTINUING OPERATION OF THE MOBILE CRISIS UNIT IN ROCKLAND COUNTY BY ROCKLAND PARAMEDIC SERVICES, INC. FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$949,668)
(MICHAEL LEITZES COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH) DL#:2015-00148

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/EARL, PAUL

TRANSFERRED TO B.&F 2-10-15
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ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, JOBSON

Discussion: Chair Soskin explained that the Committee didn't have any details about this. Questions were raised as to the reason why this funding went to the Rockland Paramedics. With documents provided it is now clear that the Rockland Paramedics were 1 of 3 or 4 organizations who applied for funding and therefore are equipped to qualify for this on a regular basis 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Leg. Cornell felt very positive about having a mobile unit offering help in times of crisis but expressed concern as to how this process will take place as they are dealing with responding to emergency cases.

Michael Leitzes Commissioner of Mental Health, stated that the first step of the Rockland Paramedics would be involved in triaging the situation and than to stabilize the patient. The goal is to prevent unnecessary transfer to the ER that can cause trauma to the patient and high medical costs. Leg. Cornell emphasis that clearly expense is an issue, but also a priority is the proper and appropriate care of people. Many of the people who are going to use this service are not living in a group residence but in a private home and those individuals may need to have hospitalization.

Mr. Leitzes explained that if someone needs to be hospitalized they will be transported and the paramedics will have all their data and online communications with the doctor and psychiatrist in Nyack Hospital.

Leg. Cornell said that she felt more comfortable after Mr. Leitzes statement.

Leg. Murphy stated that mental illness is probably the largest single medical diagnosis in our County today.

Chair Soskin was recommending to continuing this grant as long as possible.

6 REF. # 2973B APPROVING AN EXTENTION OF AND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH ROCKLAND PARAMEDIC SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE MOBILE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM SERVICES UNDER RFP-RC-2014-026 PURSUANT TO A GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$949,668 [NCTD] FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,174,502 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 15, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE EXTENSION/AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$1,174,502)
(MICHAEL LEITZES COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH) DL#:2015-00377

MOTION TO APPROVE: **TRANSFERRED TO B.&F 2-10-15**
SOSKIN/WIEDER, PAUL **UNAN**

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, JOBSON

7. REF. # 9495 2014 TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,035,033 (NCTD) FROM THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE HOSPITAL FUND DEPARTMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES MMIS-MEDICAID DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO COVER THE COUNTY'S LOCAL SHARE MATCH THAT WAS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER (IGT) REVENUE FOR THE HOSPITAL FUND IN 2014 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH AND HOSPITALS] (\$6,035,033)
(STEPHEN DEGROAT COMMISSIONER OF BUDGET & FINANCE) DL#:2015-00147

MOTION TO APPROVE: **TRANSFERRED TO B.&F 2-10-15**
SOSKIN/HOFSTEIN **UNAN**

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, JOBSON

ACTION: Copy of State regulation regarding use of enterprise accounting by governmental organizations.

ACTION: Copy of the resolution from prior year regarding the contribution from the County to the hospital. And also resolution from the last time we received, more or less funding from the State than the county budgeting.

Nancy Hoffman, Deputy Commissioner of Budget & finance department, stated that every year the hospital and Mental Health Department receives and takes over mental transfer revenues. This year this amount was higher than anticipated, which caused DSS Medicaid department 16102 account to go negative. They must also keep in mind that DSS is required to appropriate 50% of the local share match due on this hospital revenue. This transfer would be to balance Department 16102 account.

Leg. Hofstein asked if there are any restriction in this procedure as they are moving from one fund to another?

Mrs. Hoffman answered that there are no restriction under these circumstances.

Chair Soskin stated that since they are dealing with budgeted items, when the money comes into question it will resolve itself with the information provided.

Leg. Wolfe asked for more clarity on this resolution.

Leg. Schoenberger asked since this was presented and approved by the committee back in 2013, he would like to be provided with a copy of the passed resolutions and an opinion form the County Attorney's on this matter.

Chair Soskin said at this point this item would be going to the Budget and Finance Committee.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 8:00 PM.
WIEDER/PAUL, EARL

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Respectfully Submitted,

Lesly Senatus, Committee Clerk