

# The Legislature of Rockland County



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

**MINUTES**  
**MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY MARCH 29, 2016**  
**6:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

LEG. P. SOSKIN, CHAIR  
LEG. T. EARL, VICE CHAIR  
LEG. A. PAUL, 2ND VICE  
LEG. I. SCHOENBERGER  
LEG. A. WIEDER  
LEG. C. FALCIGLIA

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LEG. V. TYER

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEG. J. HOOD, JR.  
LEG. L. HOFSTEIN  
LEG. D. JOBSON  
LEG. M. GRANT  
LEG. C. CAREY  
LEG. N. LOW-HOGAN  
LEG. P. MORONEY  
LEG. L. SANTULLI  
E. YEGER, ESQ  
S. POWERS  
DR. R. MEHTA  
S. SHERWOOD

M. LEITZES  
J. MOLOF

CHAIR SOSKIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:06 PM

1. REF.# **2973/9505** APPROVING THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH CAPABILITIES PARTNERSHIP INC. FOR INFORMATION/REFERREAL, EDUCATION, CARE COORDINATION AND COUNSELING SERVICES IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$154,539 WHICH INCLUDES A LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,400 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$154,539)  
**(MICHAEL LEITZES COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH) DL#: 2016-00654**

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

**TRANSFERRED TO B&F 3/29/16**  
**UNAN**

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

Michael Leitzes, Commissioner of Mental Health stated that this resolution pertains to funding for a contract with Capabilities Partnership, Inc., for people with developmental disabilities for the calendar year 2016. This money would be used for the following purposes: information/referral, education, care coordination and counseling services.

Chair Soskin asked if this resolution has ever been presented to the Committee before?

Mr. Leitzes confirmed that this has been existing for the past 6 years.

2. REF.# **3657/9505** APPROVING THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF ROCKLAND, INC. TO PROVIDE MEALS ON A FEE FOR SERVICE BASIS TO THE EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER BASED ON THE DAILY CENSUS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$107,513 WHICH INCLUDES A 50% LOCAL SHARE FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$107,513)  
**(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-00594**

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

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**UNAN**

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

Susan Sherwood, Commissioner of Social Services stated that Social Services is required to ensure that residents of any facility providing shelter and services to homeless families can obtain three well balanced meals daily.

This agreement is a contract with Meals on Wheels to provide meals on a fee for service basis at \$6.25 per meal for about 17,000 meals for the course of the year to the emergency family shelter. This agreement, which requires a 2% local share by the County and 50% share by the State is included in the DSS approved 2016 budget.

3. REF.# **8634** APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WHICH MAY BE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 BUT WITH NO LOCAL SHARE WITH EVERGREEN COURT HOME FOR ADULTS SP, LLC TO PROVIDE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM SERVICES TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 26, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES]  
**(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-00756**

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

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**UNAN**

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

Mrs. Sherwood explained that Evergreen is the fourth facility that has a contract for these services that is approve by the State and requires they also issue a contract with them. This program is all covered by Medicaid. They currently have 300 clients receiving Medicaid assisting living benefits, which help divert from seeking a nursing home.

Chair Soskin asked if the clients are living at home or presently in a nursing home?

Mrs. Sherwood confirmed that these clients are residing in an assisted living facility such as Northern Riverview located in Haverstraw and many others like Evergreen.

4. REF.# **3657A** APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF A NEW YORK CONNECTS EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT, INCLUDING THE BALANCING INCENTIVE PROGRAM, FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$439,256 [NCTD] AND ESTABLISHING FOUR (4) POSITIONS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS GRANT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND APPROVING THE ACCOMPANYING AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE THE AGING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE AGREEMENT [OFFICE FOR THE AGING] (\$439,256)  
**(JUNE F. MOLOF DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR THE AGING) DL#: 2015-05670**

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

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

June Molof, Director of the Office for the Aging, stated that this is a new program. The New York connects portion of this is mandated by the State. The funding is all State and Federal money. The New York Connects program consists of interviewing and screening people who need long-term care services and those that are Medicaid or Medicare eligible. If they want to stay home, the cost will be covered by the program. No County tax dollars are required. This will benefit the County in cost as it is cheaper than getting care at a nursing home facility.

5. REF.# **3657B** APPROVING CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAMS & SERVICES OF ROCKLAND, INC. TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF SENIOR CENTERS, TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE CENTERS, STIPENDS FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS OF THE HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM AND HOME DELIVERED MEALS TO QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZEN'S IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,436,599 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE FOR THE AGING] (\$1,436,599)  
**(JUNE MOLOF DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR THE AGING) DL#: 2016-00927**

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

**TRANSFERRED TO B&F 3/29/16  
UNAN**

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

6. REF.# **3657C** APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH HOME AIDES OF ROCKLAND, INC. FOR HOME CARE SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS INCREASING THE TOTAL CONTRACT SUM BY \$26,000 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$156,000 FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE FOR THE AGING] (\$156,000)  
**(JUNE MOLOF DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR THE AGING) DL#: 2016-00741**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/PAUL**

**TRANSFERRED TO B&F 3/29/16  
UNAN**

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

Mrs. Molof explained that this resolution is to approve the increase in the contract amount with the Home Aides of Rockland.

Chair Soskin asked if this resolution was funded by the County?

Mrs. Molof stated that this contract is funded at 25% by the County and at 75% by the State

7. REF.#**3657D** APPROVING CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH HOME AIDES OF ROCKLAND INC. TO PROVIDE HOME CARE SERVICES TO QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZENS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$170,000 FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE FOR THE AGING] (\$170,000)  
**(JUNE MOLOF DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR THE AGING) DL#: 2016-01062**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/FALCIGLIA**

**TRANSFERRED TO B&F 3/29/16  
UNAN**

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

8. REF.#**3657E** APPROVING CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE SERVICES D/B/A COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE TO PROVIDE HOME CARE SERVICES TO QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZENS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE FOR THE AGING] (\$120,000)  
**(JUNE MOLOF DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR THE AGING) DL#: 2016-01039**

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

**TRANSFERRED TO B&F 3/29/16  
UNAN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LESG. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, FALCIGLIA, JOBSON**

9. REF.#**3657F** APPROVING CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH NEW YORK HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO PROVIDE HOME CARE SERVICES TO QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZENS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE FOR THE AGING] (\$120,000)  
**(JUNE MOLOF DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR THE AGING) DL#: 2016-00994**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/PAUL**

**TRANSFERRED TO B&F 3/29/16  
UNAN**

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

10. REF.#**3657G** APPROVING CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH A&T HEALTHCARE, LLC TO PROVIDE HOME CARE SERVICES TO QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZENS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000 FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE FOR THE AGING] (\$180,000)  
**(JUNE MOLOF DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR THE AGING) DL#: 2016-00978**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/SCHOENBERGER**

**TRANSFERRED TO B&F 3/29/16  
UNAN**

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

Chair Soskin mentioned that again he was happy the County was getting money to support these contracts.

11. REF.# **6546/8973** 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 AND NEW YORK STATE PIGGYBACK CONTRACT #PC66755 FOR PHARMACEUTICALS AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$153,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2016 AND EXTENDED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$153,000)  
**(PAUL J. BRENNAN DIRECTOR OF DGS- PURCHASING) DL#: 2016-00820**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/WIEDER**

**TRANSFERRED TO B&F 3/29/16  
UNAN**

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

Mr. Powers confirmed that this type of resolution has existed in the past. This contract is for the purchase of pharmaceuticals and distribution services for clients requiring services through the Department of Health and the Department of Mental Health.

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

**DEFERRED**

13. REF.# **2962** CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. RAGHUNATH MEHTA, TAPPAN,NEW YORK TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL  
(EDWIN J. DAY COUNTY EXECUTIVE) DL#: 2016-00047

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**

**SOSKIN/FALCIGLIA, PAUL, EARL**

**UNAN**

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

Dr. Raghunath Mehta stated that he was very honored to fill the vacancy on the Rockland County Office for Aging Advisory Council. Dr. Raghunath Mehta presented himself as a psychiatrist with a long time interest in working with and advocating for seniors.

Leg. Paul added that she believes Dr. Mehta's educational background and knowledge will be a great asset to this position.

Chair Soskin thanked Dr. Mehta for accepting the offer to take the position.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN 7:30 PM.  
WIEDER/PAUL**

**UNAN**

**Respectfully, Submitted**

**Lesly Senatus, Committee Clerk**