

The Legislature of Rockland County



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

**MINUTES
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY JULY 26, 2016
6:30 PM**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:
LEG. C. FALCIGLIA**

**OTHERS PRESENT:
LEG. N. LOW-HOGAN
LEG. M. GRANT
LEG. C. CAREY
LEG. L. HOFSTEIN
E. YEGER, ESQ
S. POWERS
M. LEITZES
J. MOLOF
R. HANSEN
S. SHERWOOD
P. JENNINGS
T. GROSSELFINGER**

CHAIR SOSKIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2016 MEETING
SOSKIN/WIEDER**

UNAN

1.REF. #9505 A

**RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,471 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 8803 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6772 [OFFICE FOR THE AGING] (\$4,471)
(JUNE F. MOLOF DIRECTOR OFFICE FOR THE AGING) DL#: 2016-02464**

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

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

5. REF # **9505 E** APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH KONBIT NEG LAKAY, INC. TO PROVIDE COUNSELING, HOME ASSISTANCE, ENGLISH CLASSES, OUTREACH, REFERRAL SERVICES, FREE CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE, HOME HEALTH AIDE, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, PUBLIC EDUCATION, CONSULTATION AND DISSEMINATION OF GENERAL INFORMATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,490 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION THE TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 6319 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$57,490)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-02197

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/SCHOENBERGER**

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UNAN**

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

6. REF #**9505 F** APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH JEWISH FEDERATION OF ROCKLAND COUNTY TO PROVIDE AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,275 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 6338 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$13,275)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-01826

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7. REF. #**9505 G** APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER, INC. TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES EMPLOYMENT UNIT (DSSEU) TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO COUNTY RESIDENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,114 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 8808 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$36,114)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-02196

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

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UNAN**

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

8. REF. #**9505 H** RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH UNITED HOSPICE OF ROCKLAND, INC. TO PROVIDE DIRECT CARE TO TERMINALLY-ILL INDIVIDUALS, FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES AND BEREAVEMENT COUNSELING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,285 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 4088 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 4010 [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH] (\$90,285)
(DR. PATRICIA RUPPERT COMMISSIONER OF DEPARTMENT HEALTH) DL#: 2016-02174

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

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

9. REF. #9505 I APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH ROCKLAND HOUSING ACTION COALITION, INC. TO PROVIDE HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,520 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 8030 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 1260 [OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT] (\$47,520)
(PENNY JENNINGS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) DL#: 2016-02372

MOTION TO APPROVE: TRANSFERRED TO B&F 7/26/16
SOSKIN/ EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER UNAN

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

10. REF. #9505 J APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH ROCKLAND WORKSITE DAY CARE INC. TO PROVIDE ON-SITE CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR EMPLOYEES OF ROCKLAND COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,010 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 8818 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 1430 [DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL] (\$19,010)
(JOAN M. SILVESTRI COMMISSIONER OF PERSONNEL) DL#: 2016-02375

MOTION TO APPROVE: TRANSFERRED TO B&F 7/26/16
SOSKIN/EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER UNAN

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11. REF. #9505 K RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH LITERACY SOLUTION NY, INC. TO PROVIDE INTENSIVE AND ONGOING TRAINING AND SUPPORT OF STUDENT/TUTOR PAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,170 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 8790 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 1250 [YOUTH BUREAU] (\$2,170)
(MARIANNE HAESCHE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF YOUTH BUREAU) DL#: 2016-02275

MOTION TO APPROVE: TRANSFERRED TO B&F 7/26/16
SOSKIN/EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER UNAN

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

12. REF. #3977 A APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2016 EMERGENCY SOLUTION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$184,623 WITH A LOCAL MATCH (\$184,623) TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND UPON ITS APPROVAL AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO ESTABLISH NEW ACCOUNTS FOR THE FY 2016 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT RECIPIENT'S [OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT] (\$184,623)
(PENNY JENNINGS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) DL#: 2016-02592

MOTION TO APPROVE: TRANSFERRED TO B&F 7/26/16
SOSKIN/EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER UNAN

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

Dr. Penny Jennings, Director Community Development, confirmed that this was a renewal of the already existing Emergency Solution Grant.

13. REF. #3977 B APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE CONSOLIDATED/ACTION PLAN FOR FY2016 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) [OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (\$2,362,604)
(PENNY JENNINGS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) DL#: 2016-02595

MOTION TO APPROVE: TRANSFERRED TO B&F 7/26/16
SOSKIN/TYER UNAN

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

Leg. Schoenberger expressed his concerns with regard to voting on an item that has no plans or statement of allocations with no explanation of the distribution of funds.

Dr. Penny Jennings, Director Community Development, stated that a listing is posted on the County's webpage allowing viewers to make an assessment.

Leg. Soskin asked that Dr. Jennings send all back-up files to the Committee Clerk for distribution.

Leg. Grant supported Leg. Schoenberger in his request for a better understanding of this resolution before voting.

14 REF. #3977C

APPROVING THE FY2016 SUBMISSION OF THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$701,812) WITH A 25% LOCAL MATCH TO BE DOCUMENTED WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND UPON ITS APPROVAL AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO ESTABLISH NEW ACCOUNTS FOR THE FY2016 HOME FUNDS [OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT] (\$701,812) (PENNY JENNINGS DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) DL#: 2016-02593

AMENDED

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/SCHOENBERGER**

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PASSED/5 AYES/1 NAYS**

**AYES: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER
NAYS: LEG. TYER**

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

Leg. Schoenberger expressed concerns on the wording used for this resolution leaving it vague as to the involvement of the Legislature on how the accounts are established and how money is distributed. He made a motion to amend the resolution to add "subject to the approval of the Rockland County Legislature" to the last resolved clause.

Leg. Soskin asked that the County Attorney review this to make sure that the right terminology is used.

Dr. Jennings explained that with the Consolidation Plan the department gets 5-years to demonstrate how the funds are allocated to specific agencies.

Mr. Grosselfinger stated that it has always been the practice with HUD, with no issues, with separate resolutions being submitted for each program.

Leg. Soskin accepted Leg. Schoenberger's amendment.

15. REF. #3657

RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH HOME AIDES OF ROCKLAND, INC. TO PROVIDE CHORE SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,275 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 4093 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6772 [OFFICE FOR THE AGING] (\$13,275)
(JUNE F. MOLOF DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR THE AGING) DL#: 2016-02472

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

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16. REF. #8894 APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH CHILDREN'S HOME LMSW, OT, PT, PSYCHOLOGY, AND SPEECH THERAPY SERVICES, PLLC FOR PRESCHOOL RELATED SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$75,000 AND FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$275,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH] (\$275,000)
(Dr. PATRICIA RUPPERT COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH) DL#: 2016-02075

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

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17. REF. #7780 APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF AND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH WESTCHESTER INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, 24/7 GUIDANCE, PARTICIPATION IN MDT AND OCFS SITE REVIEWS AND TEAM TRAININGS, AS NEEDED, FOR POSSIBLE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASES IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$50,000 WHICH INCLUDES A 31% LOCAL SHARE FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 AND FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEED \$150,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 WITH TWO (2) REMAINING ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$150,000)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-01643

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/EARL**

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Susan Sherwood, Commissioner of Social Services, stated that this agreement is an extension of the current contract with Westchester Institute for Human Development. This program offers specialized medical examination to kids suspected of possible child abuse, and neglect cases.

18. REF. #2973 ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF 225,000 AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ROCKLAND COUNTY FOR HOUSING OUTREACH TEAM SERVICES UNDER RFP-RC-2016-017 IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$225,000 (NCTD) FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 2016 THROUGH JULY 31, 2017 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$225,000)
(MICHAEL LEITZES COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH) DL#: 2016-02441

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

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

Michael Leitzes, Commissioner Mental Health stated that this resolution pertains to funding to assist housing outreach team services.

19. REF. #5508 SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 9 OF 1979 (AS AMENDED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 1982, LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 1982, LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 1987, LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 1990, LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 1994, AND LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 2002) [CHAPTER 394 OF THE LAWS OF ROCKLAND COUNTY] RELATING TO TOWING REGULATION FOR MOTOR VEHICLES LESS THAN 6,500 POUNDS GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT IN ROCKLAND COUNTY [OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION] (TERRY D. GROSSELFINGER DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER PROTECTION) DL#: 2016-02032

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/PAUL

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Terry Grosselfinger, Director of Consumer Protection, stated that it has been some time since the law has been modified. There have been serious lawsuits in the Federal Court system basically saying that a municipality like the County can only regulate rates for tows and safety issues. On the other hand, they cannot regulate negotiated fees on AAA or a DWI impound. Mr. Grosselfinger added that it is imperative to distinguish when and what amount can be charged in cases of towing violations.

Leg Soskin asked Mr. Grosselfinger to provide the Committee with a list of changes in the new law.

ADDENDUM
REF. #8890

DISCUSSION ITEM-A LOCAL LAW REGULATING THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF DRUGS AND SHARPS AT PHARMACIES IN ROCKLAND COUNTY (HON. LON HOFSTEIN, HON ILAN SCHOENBERGER LEGISLATURE)

Leg. Hofstein explained that changes have been made and with the assistance of Legislator Schoenberger they came across an organization that has another plan. The pharmacy can take back the prescription drugs or supplies from the customer with a prepaid stamped envelope to send back the remaining supply. Leg Hofstein added that the key is to keep prescription drugs out of the medicine cabinet where young adults can abuse them. The other objective is to avoid those drugs being dumped in the toilet and contaminating water. Anything they can do to get drugs away from people is a step in the right direction. Any extra costs can be recouped by the manufacturer.

Mrs. Elana Yeger, Legal Counsel, stated that whereas the cost is put on the manufacturer, they have made a change to the Pharmacy Take-Back Act law where local pharmacies will not be required to abide by this law unless there are 2 or more pharmacies in the chain.

Leg. Soskin thanked Leg. Schoenberger and Mrs. Elana for their hard work on this.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 7:30 PM.
WIEDER/SCHOENBERGER

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Respectfully, Submitted

Lesly Senatus, Committee Clerk

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