

# The Legislature of Rockland County



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

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LEG. P. SOSKIN, CHAIR  
LEG. J. HOOD, JR., VICE-CHAIR (left 8:18)  
LEG. T. EARL, 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-CHAIR  
LEG. P. MORONEY  
LEG. D. JOBSON  
LEG. J. MEYERS

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

LEG. A. PAUL

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

E. YEGER, ESQ. CHAIR H. CORNELL  
LEG. E. DAY LEG. I. SCHOENBERGER  
LEG. F. SPARACO LEG. N. LOW-HOGAN  
HON. P. WITHERS V. ALTIERI  
S. DEGROAT DR. J. FACELLE  
A. PAUL S. MATHEWS  
B. ATKINS M. ZIPPILLI  
M. WALSH-TOZER J. FELLA  
MEDIA

CHAIR SOSKIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 7/31/12 MEETING

**MOTION TO ADOPT:**

**JOBSON/EARL**

**UNAN**

1. REF. #2962 - CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROCHELLE BERGER, WEST NYACK, NEW YORK TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL (S. VANDERHOEF, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE)

**ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, JOBSON, MORONEY**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**

**SOSKIN/MORONEY, JOBSON**

**UNAN**

2. REF. #2416 - CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KATHLEEN KATT, BARDONIA, NEW YORK TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD (S. VANDERHOEF, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE)

**ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, JOBSON, MORONEY**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**

**SOSKIN/MYERS**

**UNAN**

3. REF. #2416 - CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN J. FELLA, VALLEY COTTAGE, NEW YORK TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD  
(S. VANDERHOEF, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE)

**ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, JOBSON, MORONEY**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/EARL**

**UNAN**

J. Fella thanked the Legislature and Chair Soskin thanked Mr. Fella for his service.

4. REF. #6311/  
9019 - APPROVING AN INTERMUNICIPAL HOST SITE AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND ON BEHALF OF ITS YOUTH BUREAU AND THE VILLAGE OF POMONA WHICH IS ACTING AS A HOST SITE FOR THE ROCKLAND COUNTY AMERICORPS ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS PROGRAM FROM JUNE 1, 2012 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2012 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE INTERMUNICIPAL HOST SITE AGREEMENT [YOUTH BUREAU] (\$3,000)  
(D. FARRISON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, YOUTH BUREAU)

**ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, JOBSON, MORONEY**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/EARL**

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UNAN**

5. REF. #6311/  
9019 - APPROVING AN INTERMUNICIPAL HOST SITE AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND ON BEHALF OF ITS YOUTH BUREAU AND THE VILLAGE OF WEST HAVERSTRAW WHICH IS ACTING AS A HOST SITE FOR THE ROCKLAND COUNTY AMERICORPS ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS PROGRAM FROM JUNE 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE INTERMUNICIPAL HOST SITE AGREEMENT [YOUTH BUREAU] (\$3,000) (D. FARRISON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, YOUTH BUREAU)

**ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, JOBSON, MORONEY**

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

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6. REF. #8894 - APPROVING FIVE (5) CONTRACTS WHICH ARE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIAL WORK FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN PRE-SCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING THEIR EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH] (\$3,791,500.00)  
(DR. J. FACELLE, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH)

**ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, JOBSON, MORONEY**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/MORONEY, JOBSON, EARL**

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Chair Soskin asked about the state takeover? Dr. Facelle stated that the fiscal agent needs to be in place by January 1, 2013 and county contracts will run until the end of June to give leeway, with current contract providers getting grandfathered in. The 49.5% that the county is fiscally responsible for will remain the same. Leg. Earl asked if the five contracts were \$100,000 per? Dr. Facelle said they vary, but were all over \$100,000, with not to exceed amounts. Chair Soskin stated that the demand or need of services has decreased the past few years and asked what happens if we don't use up the amount in the contract? Dr. Facelle said that if they run short in other budget lines and surplus in others, they would come to the legislature to ask for a transfer or for more funds, if needed.

7. REF. #9173 - APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 BETWEEN COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY FOR THE HEALTHY PLACES TO LIVE WORK AND PLAY INITIATIVE FOR A TERM FROM APRIL 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH] (\$30,000)  
**(DR. J. FACELLE, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH)**

**ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, JOBSON, MORONEY**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/EARL**

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**ACTION: NCTD will be added to the title of the resolution.**

Leg. Earl asked if the Mayor of the Village of Spring Valley is the point person for the program? Dr. Facelle said that it was her understanding that the Mayor and the municipality are involved as the leads.

8. REF. #8894 - APPROVING AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$300,000 WITH MILESTONES INTEGRATED SERVICES, OT, PT, RN, SLP, PLLC FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2011 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH] (\$600,000)  
**(DR. J. FACELLE, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH)**

**ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, JOBSON, MORONEY**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/MORONEY**

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Dr. Facelle said that this amended a two-year contract, extending it.

9. REF. #8862 - ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY TO ASSIST HIV CLIENTS WHO ARE IN THE ROCKLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S ID PROGRAM TO ENROLL IN COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S TRI-COUNTY (WESTCHESTER, ROCKLAND AND PUTNAM) C.H.A.I.N. (COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVISORY & INFORMATION NETWORK) PROJECT [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH] (\$1,800)  
**(DR. J. FACELLE, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH)**

**ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, JOBSON**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/EARL, JOBSON  
AYES: SOSKIN, EARL, JOBSON, MEYERS  
NAY: MORONEY  
U.A. NAY: HOOD, JR.  
ABSENT: PAUL**

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4 AYES/1 NAY/1 UA NAY/1 ABSENT PASSES**

Leg. Moroney said that he did not want to be involved with anything to do with Columbia University, due to past guest speakers that they have had. Chair Cornell asked about housing for individuals with HIV. Dr. Facelle said that there was still assisted housing, but this program isn't for housing. It is for being enrolled as part of a data survey.

ADDENDUM:

10. REF. #2973 - APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$99,000 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (B.O.C.E.S.) TO PROVIDE AN INTENSIVE THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT CLASSROOM MODEL FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$99,000) **(M. WALSH TOZER, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH)**

**DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING**

Commissioner Tozer stated that this was a collaborative program done with BOCES for the past 11 or 12 years, in a high school, for kids with emotional difficulties containing themselves in a regular classroom. The alternative environment provides a smaller class size and a social worker, who in this case, happens to be a nurse and counsels the children. Leg. Meyers asked if the county was reimbursed fully for the salary and benefits and what the salary is? Commissioner Tozer said that BOCES pays \$99,000 and the salary is \$110,000 per year. Leg. Meyers asked why BOCES does not reimburse us? Commissioner Tozer said that BOCES values this person very much and could decide to hire someone for less, but she is extraordinary. She has worked in other facets of the department in the past and was picked for this position for her skill level and commitment to the children. Leg. Meyers said he objects to this, because it is not a county service. He said she is doing a job for BOCES and is not doing anything else for the county and the county is subsidizing it with county tax money. Commissioner Tozer stated that the employee is a skilled clinical staff person working collaboratively with the school district. Chair Cornell agreed with Commissioner Tozer and said this is exactly what the county should be doing, providing crisis services, which benefits the county. She asked if this was the same program that helps to transition children from the hospital to school? Commissioner Tozer said that that was the original thinking and still occurs. Through this program, some students leaving the hospital can stay in this classroom, which will allow them to graduate. Chair Cornell stated that this is a very valuable service and something the county ought to be doing. Chair Soskin stated that this is for the children to try and get kids who are having problems back in the mainstream who need it. Commissioner Tozer stated that 120-130 kids are in the program, as opposed to kids winding up in other county services, like criminal justice or chemical dependency programs. Leg. Meyers said that the employee was once paid fully by BOCES at 100% when her salary was lower, but now it is higher and the county is jobbing out an employee to BOCES and that is all they are doing. He said that not being reimbursed fully for this person is a partial waste of taxpayer money and BOCES should find another person. Commissioner Tozer asked Leg. Meyers if she should be laying this person off? Leg. Meyers responded that the person should be laid off, if there are no other jobs for her. Chair Cornell said that she disagrees. Leg. Low-Hogan said that she knows this program personally, as it started at a campus where she was the provost. She said it was an extraordinary program and we would give up services anyway in another place. This is \$11,000 well spent. Leg. Day said he had no quarrel with the merit of the program, but asked if the \$99,000 was negotiable? Commissioner Tozer said that, historically, BOCES was not willing to negotiate, but that she could approach them. Chair Soskin asked for the Commissioner to find out if BOCES would agree to pay a higher amount. Chair Cornell said that this is a collaborative program developed by the county with BOCES. Our staff is working off campus on a collaborative program, which the state asked us to do, work collaboratively with other agencies. She emphasized that we are working with fragile children. Leg. Moroney asked if this was mandated by the state and the Commissioner said that it was not. Leg. Meyers asked Commissioner Tozer to impress on BOCES how poor we are.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: (8:25 PM)**  
**EARL/JOBSON**

**UNAN**

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