

The Legislature of Rockland County



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

MINUTES
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

LEG. P. SOSKIN, CHAIR
LEG. J. HOOD, JR., VICE-CHAIR
LEG. A. PAUL
LEG. J. MEYERS
LEG. D. JOBSON
LEG. P. MORONEY

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LEG. T. EARL, 2nd VICE-CHAIR

OTHERS PRESENT:

R. MCKAY, ESQ. B. ATKINS
T. GROSSELFINGER M. WALSH-TOZER
S. SHERWOOD

CHAIR SOSKIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:16 PM

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 8/27/13 MEETING

MOTION TO ADOPT:

MORONEY/MEYERS, PAUL

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1. REF. #9499- SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATE BILL S. 744 - THE BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2013, AND URGING THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PASS SIMILAR LEGISLATION
(HON. I. SCHOENBERGER, LEGISLATURE)

DEFERRED

2. REF. #9263 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,000 (NCTD) CHILD CARE FRAUD PREVENTION AND DETECTION GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE OF ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$48,000)
(S. SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES)

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

MOTION TO APPROVE:

MORONEY/PAUL

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Commissioner Sherwood stated that this was a grant to assist with fraud in partnership with the District Attorney. The second phase will concentrate on auditing, which includes checking if the person is eligible, concentrating on the provider so that health and safety factors are assessed, and determining if time is kept properly. Normally, 10% of providers are visited, but this grant will allow for 100% of visits. Leg. Moroney asked if there are special employees who look into the fraud? Commissioner Sherwood said that they are looking to hire an auditor for childcare, but they are also working with the DA's office. Chair Soskin asked if the position was vacant long? Commissioner Sherwood said the employee retired during the incentive this summer.

3. REF. #9142/2973 -APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH [DMH] IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,000 [NCTD] FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015 WHICH IS TO BE EXPENSED BY DMH ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE APPLICABLE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$185,000)
(M. WALSH TOZER, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH)

DEFERRED AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMISSIONER

4. REF. #9481- AMENDING THE 2013 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,832 [NCTD] TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ROCKLAND COUNTY, LOEB HOUSE, ST. DOMINIC'S HOME AND ROCKLAND HOSPITAL GUILD FOR TEN (10) NEW SUPPORTED HOUSING BEDS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE APPLICABLE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$128,832)
(M. WALSH TOZER, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH)

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**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/MORONEY**

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Commissioner Walsh Tozer stated that Governor Cuomo's redesign team recommended ten beds for individuals with serious mental health issues. She said this would increase our total beds.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: (6:25 PM)
SOSKIN/JOBSON**

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