

# The Legislature of Rockland County



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

**AGENDA**  
**MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**  
**6:30 PM**

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 08, 2015 MEETING.

1. REF. #8037/9019 APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$331,224 [NCTD] FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SYEP) AND APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ROCKLAND COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU IN THE AMOUNT OF \$303,070 FOR THE PERIOD FROM MAY 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 FOR THE DIRECT OPERATION OF THE SYEP AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$331,224)  
**(CAROL L. BARBASH DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2015-03513**
2. REF. #2973/9019 APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, ON BEHALF OF ITS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AND THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (B.O.C.E.S.) TO COVER SHARED SPACE AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MULTI AGENCY COLLABORATIVE FOR SAFE AND HEALTHY YOUTH (MACSHY) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$25,000)  
**(CAROL L. BARBASH DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2015-01830**
3. REF. #8825 URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS BILLS S.928 AND H.R. 1786, KNOWN AS "THE JAMES ZADROGA 9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT"  
**(HON. DOUGLAS J. JOBSON, HON. ALDEN WOLFE, HON. RICHARD C. DIAZ LEGISLATURE)**
4. REF. #8757 DISCUSSION ITEM: TOBACCO FREE PHARMACIES  
**(HON. NANCY LOW-HOGAN LEGISLATURE)**

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2015  
APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS  
FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY  
AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$331,224 [NCTD]  
FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SYEP)  
AND APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
WITH THE ROCKLAND COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$303,070  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM MAY 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015  
FOR THE DIRECT OPERATION OF THE SYEP  
AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE  
ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS  
[DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES]  
(\$331,224)**

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WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services (DSS) has advised the County Executive and the Legislature of Rockland County that DSS has been awarded a grant of federal funds from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance in the amount of \$331,224 for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP); and

WHEREAS, \$28,154 (i.e., 8.5%) of the \$331,224 was reallocated to the Flexible Fund for Family Services (FFFS), reducing the amount for the SYEP to \$303,070; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of DSS further recommends to the County Executive and the Legislature of Rockland County that they approve the accompanying Memorandum of Understanding with the Rockland County Youth Bureau in the amount of \$303,070 for the direct operation of the SYEP for the period from May 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appropriate said grant funds to the proper accounts; and

WHEREAS, \$30,866 of the \$303,070 allocated to the Youth Bureau will cover already appropriated 2015 personnel costs within the Youth Bureau (Dept. 1250) related to Youth Bureau work performed on behalf of the SYEP and, therefore, this \$30,866 does not need to be appropriated; and

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WHEREAS, The remaining \$272,204 must be appropriated to the proper accounts within the Youth Bureau for the Youth Bureau to have sufficient funding to run the SYEP; and

WHEREAS, The remaining \$272,204 also must be appropriated to Line E4098 (Services from Other County Departments) within DSS so that DSS can reimburse the Youth Bureau for the costs associated with running the SYEP; and

WHEREAS, No County tax dollars [NCTD] are required to accept said grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The \_\_\_\_\_ Committees of this Legislature have met, considered and \_\_\_\_\_ approved this resolution, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the acceptance of a grant of federal funds from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance in the amount of \$331,224 for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), of which \$28,154 (i.e., 8.5% of \$331,224) was reallocated to the Flexible Fund for Family Services (FFS) reducing the amount for the SYEP to \$303,070, hereby approves the accompanying Memorandum of Understanding with the Rockland County Youth Bureau in the amount of \$303,070 for the period from May 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 for the direct operation of the SYEP, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute all necessary documents and agreements, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no County tax dollars [NCTD] are required to accept said grant funds; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of Finance hereby is authorized to increase the following accounts in the amounts indicated:

GENERAL FUND

Increase Approp. Acct. (Credit):

A-DSS-6010-E4098 Services from Other County Depts (covers below YB costs) 272,204

Increase Est. Rev. Acct. (Debit):

A-DSS-6010-R4680 DSS Grant (grant revenue must be recorded to dept that was awarded grant) 272,204

Increase Approp. Acct. (Credit):

A-YB -1250 -E1130 Temporary	11,471
-E1170 Summer & Student Employment	104,321
-E1930 Social Security	8,858
-E1980 MTA Mobility Tax	394
-E5830 RC Youth Employment Program	<u>147,160</u>
	272,204

Increase Est. Rev. Acct. (Debit):

A-YB -1250 -R2806 Reimb from Other County Depts (from DSS to offset above YB costs) 272,204

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Introduced by:

Referral No. 2973/9019

**RESOLUTION NO. OF 2015  
APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND,  
ON BEHALF OF ITS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AND  
THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (B.O.C.E.S.)  
TO COVER SHARED SPACE AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MULTI  
AGENCY COLLABORATIVE FOR SAFE AND HEALTHY YOUTH (MACSHY)  
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015  
AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
TO EXECUTE THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT  
[DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES]  
(\$25,000)**

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WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Social Services requests that the County Executive and the Legislature of Rockland County approve the intermunicipal agreement between the County of Rockland, on behalf of its Department of Social Services, and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (B.O.C.E.S.) to cover shared space and expenses associated with the Multi Agency Collaborative for Safe and Healthy Youth (MACSHY) in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, MACSHY is a cooperative initiative among multiple agencies including B.O.C.E.S., the Departments of Social Services, Mental Health and Probation and the Rockland County District Attorney's Office to address keeping children out of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the intermunicipal agreement, B.O.C.E.S. will provide office space and equipment to the multi-disciplinary team assigned to MACSHY; and

WHEREAS, In return, the Department of Social Services will pay B.O.C.E.S. \$25,000 to cover a portion of the costs associated with the office space including, but not limited to, telephones, computers, heating, air conditioning, office supplies and office furniture; and

WHEREAS, The shared cost is reimbursable at a rate of approximately 78%; and

WHEREAS, Both the County and B.O.C.E.S. are "municipal corporation[s]" as defined in New York General Municipal Law section 119-n(a); and

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WHEREAS, General Municipal Law section 119-o(1) provides, in relevant part, that “municipal corporations . . . have [the] power to enter into . . . agreements for the performance among themselves or one for the other of their respective functions, powers and duties on a . . . contract basis,” provided that such agreements are “approved by each participating municipal corporation . . . by a majority vote of the voting strength of its governing body”; and

WHEREAS, The residents of the County and the students of B.O.C.E.S. will benefit from the intermunicipal agreement; and

WHEREAS, On July 9, 2015, B.O.C.E.S. approved the intermunicipal agreement with the County; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for the intermunicipal agreement exists in the 2015 Budget of the Department of Social Services in Account No. 6010-4090; and

WHEREAS, The Committees of this Legislature have met, considered and approved this resolution, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves, pursuant to New York General Municipal Law sections 119-n(a) and 119-o(1), the intermunicipal agreement between the County of Rockland, on behalf of its Department of Social Services, and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (B.O.C.E.S.) to cover shared space and expenses associated with the Multi Agency Collaborative for Safe and Healthy Youth (MACSHY) in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the intermunicipal agreement on behalf of the County, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for the intermunicipal agreement exists in the 2015 Budget of the Department of Social Services in Account No. 6010-4090.

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Introduced by:

Referral No. 8825  
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Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor  
Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor  
Hon. Richard C. Diaz, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO.                      OF 2015**  
**URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS BILLS S.928 AND H.R.1786,**  
**KNOWN AS "THE JAMES ZADROGA 9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION**  
**REAUTHORIZATION ACT"**

WHEREAS, Bills S.928 and H.R. 1786, known as "The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act," are pending in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Bills amend the Public Health Service Act to extend the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program Fund indefinitely and remove a cap on payments under the September 11th Victims Compensation Fund of 2001, among other things; and

WHEREAS, the WTC Health Program Fund and September 11th Victims Compensation Fund, also known as the Zadroga programs, are national programs whose participants reside in all 50 United States and include first responders and survivors of the September 11th terrorist attacks that were harmed by the disaster; and

WHEREAS, more than 33,000 responders and survivors of the September 11th attacks have at least one illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, responders and survivors receive treatment and medical care through the WTC Health Program for many chronic diseases and respiratory illnesses, including asthma, sinusitis, obstructive pulmonary disease and gastroesophageal reflux disease; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their chronic illnesses, many first responders are disabled and can no longer work; and

WHEREAS, more than 72,000 responders and survivors of September 11th receive medical monitoring; and

WHEREAS, incidences of illness and September 11th-related cancer have grown since the terrorist attacks; indeed, since 2012, the National Institute for Occupational

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Safety and Health (NIOSH) has added several types of cancers to the list of September 11th-related illnesses covered by the WTC Health Program; and

WHEREAS, studies show that September 11th workers have certain cancers -- including prostate, thyroid and multiple myeloma -- at significantly higher rates than the general population; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, 4,166 first responders have a September 11th-related cancer; and

WHEREAS, over 85 NYPD and over 131 FDNY personnel have reportedly died from their September 11th-related illnesses since the tragedy; and

WHEREAS, more police officers have died from September 11th-related illnesses than actually perished on the day of the attacks; and

WHEREAS, the September 11th Victims Compensation Fund has provided compensation to 6,285 injured individuals eligible for compensation; the aid is essential to responders, survivors and their families who suffered economic loss because of physical injuries as a result of involvement at Ground Zero, including respiration of toxins; and

WHEREAS, programs similar to the two Zadroga programs have been made permanent, including the Federal Black Lung program for coal miners and the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act, which assists nuclear workers who built atomic weapons in the 1950s and 1960s; and

WHEREAS, the pending Bills index appropriations to the medical care component of the consumer price index for urban consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Bills make funding available for a quality assurance program for services delivered by health care providers, for a WTC Program annual report, for WTC Health Program Steering Committees and for contracts with Clinical Centers of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Bills amend the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act to make individuals (or relatives of deceased individuals) who were injured or killed in the rescue and recovery efforts after the tragic events of September 11th eligible for compensation under the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Bills allow individuals to file claims for compensation under the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 at any time after regulations are updated based on the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010; and

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WHEREAS, the Bills also remove the cap on payments under the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Bills add the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund and the WTC Health Program Fund to the list of accounts that are not subject to budget sequestration; and

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee has met, considered and by a vote, approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rockland County Legislature urges the United States Congress to pass bills S.928 and H.R. 1786, known as the "James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act;" and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Legislature be and he is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Hon. Barack H. Obama, President of the United States; Hon. Charles Schumer and Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Senators; Hon. Nita M. Lowey, Member of the United States Congress; the President Pro Tem of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and House of Representatives; and to such other persons as the Clerk, in his discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

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