

The Legislature of Rockland County



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

**MINUTES
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY MAY 31, 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
LEG. C. FALCIGLIA**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**LEG. M. GRANT
LEG. L. HOFSTEIN
LEG N. LOW-HOGAN
LEG D. JOBSON
LEG. P. MORONEY
LEG. H. CORNELL
G. LIPTON, ESQ.
E. YEGER, ESQ.
K. TOWER-BURSTEIN**

**S. POWERS
S. SHERWOOD
DR. P. JENNINGS
P. BRENNAN
A. CALAJOE
L. INCALCATERRA**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LEG. C. FALCIGLIA

CHAIR SOSKIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:46 PM.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2016 MEETING.

**MOTION TO ADOPT:
SOSKIN/WIEDER**

UNAN

1. REF. #3657

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH NORTHERN METROPOLITAN, INC. FOR PROVISION OF MEALS INCLUDING OUTREACH, DELIVERY OF FOODS AND HOME DELIVERY OF MEALS FOR ELDERLY PARTICIPANTS IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$30,000 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE FOR THE AGING] (\$120,000)
(JUNE MOLOF DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR THE AGING) DL#: 2016-01456

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

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Leg. Soskin stated that this program seems to be running for only 3 months and asked if this was the additional amount?

Paul J. Brennan, Director of Purchasing, confirmed that this is the additional amount, because contracts run only on a State calendar year

2. REF. #7099 APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,275 (NCTD) WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) PURSUANT TO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE COUNTY'S FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND RATIFYING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS) (\$39,275)
(MYRNA BASS-HARGROVE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS) DL#: 2016-01774

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

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Leg. Schoenberger, Leg. Earl, and Leg. Paul congratulated Dr. Penny Jennings, Commissioner of the Department of Human Rights, on her appointment.

Leg. Low-Hogan also expressed her welcoming wishes to Dr. Jennings and stated she believes Dr. Jennings is a great choice for this position.

Leg. Soskin added that he knows her reputation precedes her, wished her luck and believes the County is very fortunate to have her serve in that position.

3. REF. #5574 APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF A CONTINUATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,500 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR PROJECT GIVE (GUN INVOLVED VIOLENCE ELIMINATION) FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION] (\$8,500)
(KATHLEEN TOWER-BURNSTEIN DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION) DL#: 2016-01349

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

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Leg. Soskin asked the Director of the Department of Probation how she intends to implement this program?

Kathleen Tower-Burnstein, Director of the Department of Probation, explained this is the 3rd year for this similar grant. The goal of this initiative is to reduce violent crimes in the Village of Spring Valley and the surrounding areas by implementing targeted strategies to reduce recidivism and enhance public safety.

4.REF. #7498

APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH ADVANCED ANALYTICAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR LABORATORY ANALYTICAL SERVICES UNDER RFP-RC-2015-037 IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$55,162 AND FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2017 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$150,000)
(PATRICIA RUPPERT/P. BRENNAN COMMISSIONER/DIRECTOR OF HEALTH/DGS-PURCHASING) DL#: 2016-01396

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/SCHOENBERGER**

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

Paul J. Brennan, Director of Purchasing, explained that this agreement is with Advanced Analytical Technologies, Inc., for laboratory analysis services for the Health Dept.

Leg. Soskin asked if these tests are performed by the Dept. of Health?

Mr. Brennan explained that the Dept. of Health conducts the sampling and submits the samples to our contract laboratory.

Leg. Soskin asked if the contract enumerates the type of tests that needs to be taken?

Mr. Brennan stated that it's a list of test and its provided within the contract.

Leg. Soskin asked that a copy of the contract be sent to the Multi-Services Committee Clerk for reference.

5.REF. #9505A

APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES OF ROCKLAND COUNTY INC. TO PROVIDE MULTI-LINGUAL CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$162,513 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. 6330 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$162,513)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-01292

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

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

Leg. Soskin stated with the permission of the County's attorneys he was told he could make one motion approving all these 13 resolutions.

Susan Sherwood, Commissioner of Social Services highlighted that the County taxpayers would save \$125,000.00 on resolution Ref. # 9505A if approved.

Leg. Schoenberger stated that all must be clear for when auditing time approaches. He also added that the agencies receiving money are now mandated to provide something different than they were before and that his concerns with these resolutions.

Leg. Soskin explained that he heard by accepting federal funds they are committing ourselves to a lot red tape and the federal government will be sort of controlling some of the things they are doing and asked Mrs. Sherwood based upon her expertise if that statement is true or not?

Mrs. Sherwood explained that the Dept. deals with funds and red tape all the time, there are no higher steps required for funds that come through the State.

6.REF. #9505B APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH EPIC - EVERY PERSON INFLUENCES CHILDREN, INC. TO PROVIDE PARENTING WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING INCLUDING THE FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM READY, SET, READ! IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,642 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. 8817 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$2,642)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-01096

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

**TRANSFERRED TO B&F 5/31/16
UNAN**

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

7.REF. #9505C APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF ROCKLAND COUNTY, INC. TO PROVIDE CLINICAL SERVICES TO FAMILIES WITH FINANCIAL HARDHIPS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,585 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. 8780 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$20,585)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-01484

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/TYER**

**TRANSFERRED TO B&F 5/31/15
UNAN**

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

8.REF. #9505D APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH CLOTHESWORKS SO WOMEN CAN, INC. TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,221 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. 6363 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$1,221)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-01246

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

**TRANSFERRED TO B&F 5/31/16
UNAN**

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

9.REF. #9505E APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CEJES INTITUTE, INC. TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS FOR THE VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY AND THE CHILDREN OF EAST RAMAPO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,296 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. 6360 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$6,296)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-01642

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

**TRANSFERRED TO B&F 5/31/16
UNAN**

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

10.REF. #9505F APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER, INC. TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,195 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. 6333 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$90,195)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-01804

MOTION TO APPROVE: TRANSFERRED TO B&F 5/31/16
SOSKIN/ TYER/ PAUL, WIEDER, SCHOENBERGER UNAN

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

11.REF. #9505G APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH HELPING HANDS-INTERFAITH COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF ROCKLAND COUNTY, INC. TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO HOMELESS MEN AND WOMEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,873 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. 8894 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$21,873)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-01245

MOTION TO APPROVE: TRANSFERRED TO B&F 5/31/16
SOSKIN/ EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER UNAN

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

12. REF.#9505H APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH HELP FROM PEOPLE TO PEOPLE INC. TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE, INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES TO ROCKLAND COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,571 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. 6327 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$22,571)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-01529

MOTION TO APPROVE: TRANSFERRED TO B&F 5/31/16
SOSKIN/EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER UNAN

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

13. REF. #9505I APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH VCS INC. TO PROVIDE STUDENT AND FAMILY ADVOCACY SERVICES IN SCHOOLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,642 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. 6337 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$2,642)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-01097

MOTION TO APPROVE: TRANSFERRED TO B&F 5/31/16
SOSKIN/ EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER, UNAN

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

14. REF. #9505J APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH TOUCH- TOGETHER OUR UNITY CAN HEAL, INC. TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT AND NUTRITION SERVICES FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH THE HIV INFECTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,060 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. 8831 TO DEPARTMENT NO.6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$8,060)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-01095

MOTION TO APPROVE: TRANSFERRED TO B&F 5/31/16
SOSKIN/EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER UNAN

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

15. REF. #9505K APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH WESTCOP- ROCKLAND COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE MULTI-SERVICE HUB SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$166,315 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TOW (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 8968 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$166,315)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-01557

MOTION TO APPROVE: TRANSFERRED TO B&F 5/31/16
SOSKIN/EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER UNAN

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

16. REF. #9505L APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH UNITED CHURCH OF SPRING VALLEY FOR THE ROCKLAND INTERFAITH BREAKFAST PROGRAM WITH PROVIDES HOT MORNING MEALS AND BAG LUNCHES TO 60-120 PEOPLE PER DAY WHO ARE HOMELESS, UNDER-EMPLOYED AND/OR MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY DISABLED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,298 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TOW (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 8954 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$5,298)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-01495

MOTION TO APPROVE: TRANSFERRED TO B&F 5/31/16
SOSKIN/EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER UNAN

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

ACTION: Leg. Soskin requested an invitation be sent to the non-profits assigned to the Department of Social Services in order to provide the Multi-Services Committee with their input and insights about the contract agency process and its future.

17. REF. #9505M APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH GOOD COUNSEL INC. (CARDINAL COOK RESIDENCE) TO PROVIDE SHELTER, COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND TRAINING TO PREGNANT AND PARENTING WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,080 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. 4091 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$5,080)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2016-01644

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/ EARL, PAU, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER

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

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

MOTION TO DISCUSS:
SCHOENBERGER/TYER

DEFERRED

To be continued at the next meeting of Multi-Services Committee for setting a date.

Leg. Hofstein, a sponsor of this resolution, explained that there is a major problem throughout the United States with regard to improper disposal of unused controlled substances and medical sharps waste. The prescription drug abuse among teenagers is to be taken seriously.

Leg. Hofstein added that improper management of discarded needles can pose a health risk to the public and waste workers, which they want to avoid. He concluded by recommending to encourage the proper disposal of unused controlled substances and medical sharps, will help reduce harm from accidental exposure or intentional misuse after they are no longer needed. This resolution will require pharmacies in the County to provide the public with a place for the disposal of unused controlled substances and medical sharps.

Leg. Soskin stated that the drug stores either large or small have the opportunity to give us an input. Leg. Soskin stated he contacted the Westchester and Rockland Association of Pharmacists and spoke to Mr. Rosenberg who is associated with them and asked him to come down and give us his opinion of the law. This will allow the industry to have their input on this.

Mr. Jay Rosenberg a pharmacist for over 53 years, former President of the Rockland County Pharmaceutical Society, stated he never had any knowledge of this bill until tonight. He confirmed he is in favor of payback law, but not certain how it will be implemented? Will this be mandatory or voluntary? Who will be the responsible party for the cost?

Mr. Rosenberg explained that he looked at the provision on this draft bill and has some concerns. He like to see some funding provided to put a sealed box at any pharmacy that would like to participate in this program. The pharmacy would have a key and the party picking up the box would also hold a key; this will ensure safety.

Leg. Schoenberger stated that he listened to the issue raised and believes that Mr. Rosenberg's recommendation will cost money knowing that the drug users are not responsible

Leg. Wieder stated that he supports Leg. Schoenberger statement and would like to see the collaboration of the pharmacies involved with "The Pharmacy Take-Back Act"

Leg. Low-Hogan asked if there is a law that has been mandated in any other County?

Deputy Sherriff Van Cura, explained that the program they have in place allows resident to bring their unused drugs to the Sherriff's office.

Leg. Soskin recommended that the Committee bring down other people and various registered agencies to determine the mechanism of this matter.

Leg. Cornell stated that alternative would be not to vote on this resolution the night of the public hearing if there is an issue.

Leg. Schoenberger stated they have to vote on the laws at a certain time so let's address this issue when they conclude on a date for the hearing.

Leg Soskin asked that they push this discussion off for 2 weeks and have an amendment negotiation regarding the law.

Mrs. Elana Yeger Esq., advised that she could meet with Leg. Hofstein and anybody else who wants to work on making suggestions for this law. They can bring it back to set a date for public hearing with an updated draft and vote.

Leg. Hofstein stated that he feels that the County should provide the boxes and the pharmacies should be responsible for disposing the sharps.

Leg. Soskin agreed to defer this resolution for the next two weeks and no matter what is decided asked that the Committee thank Leg. Hofstein for bringing this important matter to the legislature.

19 REF. # 7529

DISCUSSION ITEM HEROIN AND OTHER OPIOIDS: USE AND PREVENTION IN
ROCKLAND COUNTY
(HON. ANEY PAUL LEGISLATURE) **DISCUSSED**

Leg. Paul explained the number of opioid related deaths rose 47% in New York over a five years, and the problem has pronounced in many counties. Leg. Paul added that between 2010 and 2014 the State saw the biggest increase in recent years. A total of 5,860 deaths occurred in New York compared to 2,931 from 2003 through 2007. Rockland County had a 56% increase to a total of 98 opioid related deaths since 2003.

Mrs. Anne Calajoe, Director of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services, explained that last year they counted 35 cases of overdose and this year a total of 9 cases are being treated for addiction. She also mentioned the use of naloxone/Narcan that has proven to be effective in reversing the effects of an opioid drug overdose. If an individual is suffering from an opioid drug overdose the medication will cause the person to regain consciousness and resume normal breathing.

Mrs. Calojoe also gave an overview of all the services provided by the prevention program. The program has provided education to guidance counselors for almost every school in the County. Recovery services provide outpatient clinic services to children, adolescents, young adults, and families affected by personal and/or familial addiction issues. She mentioned that the drug enforcement officials are also doing a great job. There are two major recovery centers Nyack - Hospital and Lexington Center.

Leg. Soskin asked that a list of all the programs available be sent to the Committee Clerk.

Mr. Itamar Yeger stated that today heroin is making a comeback, particularly among teens and young adults. The County counted 3 murders and 35 deaths last year. Heroin has become a serious problem and it is an issue that needs to addressed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 8:45 PM.
EARL/TYER

UNAN

Respectfully, Submitted
Lesly Senatus, Committee Clerk

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