

The Legislature of Rockland County



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

Members Present:

Leg. P. Soskin, Chair
Leg. L Hofstein
Leg. P. Moroney
Leg. R. Diaz

Members Absent:

Leg. A. Paul
Leg. A. Wieder
Leg. T. Earl

Others Present:

Leg. N. Low-Hogan
Leg. C. Carey
Leg. J. Hood, Jr.
C. Barbash
L. Incalcaterra

Leg. M. Grant
Leg. H. Cornell
J. Birnbaum, Esq.
D. Hogan
A. Pinzow

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

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 MEETING

**MOTION TO ADOPT:
DIAZ/HOFSTEIN**

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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

Ms. Barbash explained these funds are for the Summer Youth Employment Program and the Memorandum of Understanding with the Rockland County Youth Bureau is to operate the program.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/MORONEY**

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TRANSFER TO B&F**

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, DIAZ, HOFSTEIN, MORONEY

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

Ms. Barbash explained this was the brainchild of District Attorney Zugibe and it brings together multiple agencies, including BOCES, DSS, Dept. of Mental Health, Probation and the District Attorney's office, to address very high risk children with the purpose of keeping them out of the criminal justice system.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/MORONEY**

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TRANSFER TO B&F**

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3. REF. #8825 DRAFT RESOLUTION- 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)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/DIAZ**

UNAN

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, HOFSTEIN, MORONEY, GRANT, CORNELL, LOW-HOGAN, HOOD, JR., CAREY

4. REF. #8757 DISCUSSION ITEM: TOBACCO FREE PHARMACIES
(HON. NANCY LOW-HOGAN LEGISLATURE)

Leg. Low-Hogan introduced Ms. Denise Hogan, Coordinator POW'R Against Tobacco. Ms. Hogan explained her intention is to change the norm and protect our youth as much as possible from tobacco without impacting retailers in a negative way. In restricting tobacco from pharmacies she believes both of these will be addressed.

She believes it is a conflict of interest for drugstores and pharmacies to sell tobacco products when they are known to cause cancer and heart and pulmonary diseases. Presently, pharmacies are considered health facilities.

Ms. Hogan distributed a packet to the committee which included a break-down on how each town will be affected by removing tobacco from their pharmacies (on file with clerk).

Leg. Moroney stated he would be fine if they wanted to make selling cigarettes in pharmacies illegal but he was not comfortable telling local businesses not to sell something that is legal. This is America and if a product is legal we should be able to buy and sell it.

Surveys in the United States show that a large majority of people support banning the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies. Few people report that they would no longer shop at the store.

ACTION:

Leg. Low-Hogan to work with Legislative Counsel to develop draft resolution for presentation at a future date

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 7:20 PM
DIAZ/HOFSTEIN**

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