

The Legislature of Rockland County



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

**MINUTES
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY JANUARY 12, 2016
6:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

LEG. P. SOSKIN, CHAIR
LEG. T. EARL
LEG. A. PAUL
LEG. I. SCHOENBERGER
LEG. A. WIEDER
LEG. V. TYER

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEG. M. GRANT
LEG. C. CAREY
LEG. J. HOOD, JR
LEG. D. JOBSON
LEG. N. LOW-HOGAN
LEG. L. SANTULLI

E. YEGER, ESQ
S. POWERS
T. HUMBACK
J. MOLOF
L. INCALCATERRA
P. BRENNAN
M. LEITZES
U. DIFFLEY

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LEG. C. FALCIGLIA

CHAIR SOSKIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:35 PM.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 08, 2015 MEETING.

MOTION TO ADOPT:

PAUL/WIEDER

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1. REF.#3657 APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH A&T HEALTHCARE, LLC. FOR HOME CARE SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS INCREASING THE TOTAL CONTRACT SUM BY \$67,000 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$172,000 FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016, AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE FOR THE AGING] (\$172,000)
(JUNE MOLOF, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR THE AGING) DL#: 2015-05345

MOTION TO APPROVE:

SOSKIN/PAUL

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June Molof, Director of Office for the Aging, stated that this item is not an increase in funding, but better described as an amendment to increase the contract sum with A&T Healthcare, LLC by \$67,000 for home care services to senior citizens.

Chair Soskin asked if there are separate contracts in place for each of those health care providers for the Office for the Aging?

Mrs. Molof answered, yes there are contracts with home care agencies. They adjust them and they keep the total the same depending on how many clients the home agency is servicing.

Leg. Schoenberger wanted more clarification on this item and asked if these were contracts to be added on.

Mrs. Molof answered, the State has not changed these contracts they are only amending the amounts, which they do every year based on the availability of the aid for the clients. Mrs. Molof added that the office does get that information as they go along and they get to determine which client will remain under those services. The Office for the Aging maintains a constant overview.

Leg. Schoenberger stated that he had wished this was presented to the Committee before the adopted Budget passed on December 3rd. At this point it would have been a follow-up not a new item to be voted on.

2. REF.#6546 APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONTINUATION IPA/NAVIGATOR GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REACH UNINSURED CHILDREN, ADULTS AND SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYERS THROUGHOUT ROCKLAND COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$675,000 [NCTD], APPROPRIATING \$636 OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS GRANT RESULTING IN A TOTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$675,636 FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH] (\$675,636) (PATRICIA S. RUPPERT, COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH) DL#: 2015-04941

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

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Leg. Schoenberger was very concerned looking back at a letter dated October 16th, 2015 sent by Commissioner Ruppert and questioned as to why the Committee was not told of this outstanding grant that needed to be accepted. Money would have been appropriated at the time they passed the budget.

Leg. Schoenberger also asked if the Department was paying money on the contracts. He clearly stated that he was not challenging what the department was doing or objecting, but rather objecting to what he sees as a break in communication.

Leg. Schoenberger asked as of today's date of January 12th, if the contract was already in process and if the department was paying money on the contract already?

Mrs. Una Diffley, Director of Department Health, stated that they would have to confirm with the Legal Department on that matter. The navigators that are working on these contracts are County employees and they are getting paid.

Leg. Schoenberger stated that he understands that all of us are working together for the same result, which is the benefit of the people whom they are serving.

Mrs. Diffley stated as manager of these program nothing will please me more than to have all the contracts in place.

Chair Soskin asked what the navigators were designated for and if this pertained to Medicare money.

Mrs. Diffley answered that the navigators are designated for health insurance, Affordable Care Act & NY State Market Place. Their job is to facilitate health insurance enrollment. Now with the affordable Care Act, and the NY Health Market Place, they had a goal of 1,200 applications in 2015 and they completed over 3000 applications.

3. REF #9500/2973 AMENDING THE 2015 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,495 [NCTD] TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT FOR THE SINGLE POINT OF ACCESS PROGRAM FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$35,495)
(MICHAEL LEITZES, COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH) DL#: 2015-04582

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
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Michael Leitzes, Commissioner of Mental Health, stated that this item is in reference to the Single Point of Access Program for the calendar year 2015. Mr. Leitzes added that 12 million contract providers sends the department information about clients, like children who need additional services or adults that may need housing, support services and case management. This shows how significant the work has gotten as a result of these mandates by the State. The State realizes that the other counties require additional funds. The grant of \$35,495 is well received.

Chair Soskin asked if oversight was the basic function of this program at this time.

Mr. Leitzes replied that they have our clinic and yes the big bulk of it is the oversight with the contract agencies, the hospitals and all licensed entities within the County.

4. REF.#9372 APPROVING THE FURTHER EXTENSION OF AND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH CROTHALL SERVICES GROUP FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HOUSEKEEPING FUNCTION FOR THE LONG-TERM ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL, ADULT HOME AND OTHER BUILDINGS AT THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND HEALTH FACILITIES AND BUILDINGS UNDER RFP-RC-2010-013 EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FOR ONE MONTH FROM DECEMBER 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE AGREEMENT BY \$37,417.63 FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,026,770.21 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 AMD AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE EXTENSION/AMENDMENT [DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS] (\$2,026,770.21)
(PAUL J. BRENNAN, DIRECTOR OF DGS-PURCHASING) DL#: 2015-05184

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
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Paul J. Brennan, Director of Purchasing, explained that this item is in reference to a one month extension contract with Crothall Services Group for housekeeping functions for the hospital/nursing home. At the end of 2015, the department still had no idea if the sale of the hospital was going to go through, which left them uncertain as to the length of the contract.

Chair Soskin asked if they would need to pay this additional amount, because of the 1-month extension.

Mr. Brennan answered, yes the department would need to pay for the 1-month extension for services.

Chair Soskin stated, "Our Members don't mean to be confrontational. They just want to be included in that which is going on regarding all various contracts"

MOTION TO ADJOURN:6:57 PM.
WIEDER/EARL

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Respectfully, Submitted

Lesly Senatus, Committee Clerk