

# The Legislature of Rockland County



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

MINUTES  
***MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE***  
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012  
**6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LEG. P. SOSKIN, CHAIR  
LEG. J. HOOD, JR., VICE-CHAIR  
LEG. A. PAUL  
LEG. J. MEYERS (arrived 6:12)  
LEG. D. JOBSON

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

LEG. P. MORONEY  
LEG. T. EARL, 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-CHAIR

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

R. MCKAY, ESQ.  
A. CURLEY  
S. THOMSON  
A. PINZOW  
LEG. C. CAREY  
S. SHERWOOD  
A. PAUL  
DR. J. FACELLE

CHAIR SOSKIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:10 PM

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2/28/12 MEETING

**MOTION TO ADOPT:**

**JOBSON/PAUL**

**UNAN**

1. REF. #3657 - REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE PASS BILL S.6493 – AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW WITH RESPECT TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECOUPMENTS AND REDUCTIONS FOR HOME CARE SERVICES  
**(HON. A. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)**

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., PAUL, MEYERS, JOBSON**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**

**SOSKIN/PAUL**

**UNAN**

2. REF. #7780 - APPROVING A SECOND EXTENSION OF AND AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 BETWEEN THE COUNTY ON BEHALF OF ITS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE FOR CRISIS INTERVENTION AND RESPITE SERVICES TO RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUNTY'S PROJECT TURNING POINT PROGRAM UNDER RFP-RC-09-018 EXTENDING THE TERM FROM MARCH 1, 2012 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2013 AND INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$170,682 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$576,718 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2010 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$576,718)  
**(S. SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES)**

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**

**SOSKIN/HOOD, JR.**

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**UNAN**

Commissioner Sherwood stated that it is mandated by law to provide respite and crisis services, which are funded federally and by the state, with about a \$5000 local share. It is a very successful and needed program.

3. REF. #9173 - APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,063 BETWEEN COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW FOR THE HEALTHY PLACES TO LIVE WORK AND PLAY INITIATIVE FOR A TERM FROM JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [HEALTH DEPARTMENT] (\$15,063)  
**(DR. J. FACELLE, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH)**

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/PAUL**

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UNAN**

Dr. Facelle stated that this is from a state grant with a maximum of five years, with this portion covering the end of the first year. Subsequent years will be for the full year. There is no local cost other than staff time.

4. REF. #9473 - AMENDING THE 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET AND APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$172,678 [NCTD] OF WHICH \$132,000 HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED IN THE 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING THE BALANCE OF \$40,678 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2012 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$172,678)  
**(M. WALSH TOZER, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH)**

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/PAUL**

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S. Thomson, Department of Mental Health, stated that this is for additional funding for a program held at Camp Venture.

ADDENDUM:

5. REF. #9272 - EXPRESSING THE ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE'S OUTRAGE AND DISGUST FOR THE HATEFUL CONDUCT THAT IS TAKING PLACE IN ROCKLAND COUNTY ON THE EVE OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY, UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNING ALL ACTS OF A DEROGATORY AND/OR DEFAMATORY NATURE THAT MISREPRESENT OR PROMOTE HATE, BIAS AND RIDICULE DIRECTED AT RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC AND CULTURAL GROUPS, AND PROCLAIMING THE ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE'S FULL SUPPORT FOR THE ETHNIC, RACIAL AND CULTURAL GROUPS THAT COMPROMISE ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE COUNTIES IN NEW YORK STATE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
**(HON. P. MORONEY, HON. I. SCHOENBERGER, LEGISLATURE)**

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., PAUL, MEYERS, JOBSON, CAREY, DAY**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/HOOD, JR., PAUL, MEYERS, JOBSON**

**UNAN**

**ACTION:** Leg. Meyers asked that the wording of the resolution be changed so that the language in line six matches the language used in lines seven and eight of the description. The wording should also be changed throughout the resolution to: "RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC, RACIAL, AND CULTURAL GROUPS." Leg. Meyers requested that lines seven and eight of the description be changed to: "ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE'S FULL SUPPORT FOR THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF ALL RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC, RACIAL, AND CULTURAL GROUPS." Paragraph eight of the resolution should be changed to: "...proclaims its full support for the rights and dignity of all religious, ethnic, racial, and cultural groups."

Regarding the items being sold for St. Patrick's Day that are at issue, Leg. Meyers stated that this latest flair up was unlike other examples of discrimination, because this was started by entrepreneurs to earn a profit that stepped over the line. He said this was not as offensive as other hateful acts and that there is a distinction between mugs and acts of violence and desecration, but this is still wrong. Leg. Meyers stated that he felt the wording of the resolution was strong for this matter and suggested some alterations.

Chair Soskin stated that we should be careful with everything we say verbally or on t-shirts, because it can hurt someone. There must be respect to all groups or else one day your group, whether ethnic or religious, could be maligned in some fashion. This is something that shouldn't happen, particularly in Rockland County, which has such a large Irish population.

**ACTION:** Chair Soskin requested that the departments that report to the Multi-Services Committee provide a list of all their programs. The list should include how Medicare and Medicaid affect the program, if outside contractors are used, and a status report showing, as of this date, the estimated income through March 2012 versus the actual and the same for the expenses.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: (6:35 PM)  
JOBSON/HOOD, JR.**

**UNAN**

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