

The Legislature of Rockland County



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

**MINUTES
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY MARCH 10, 2015
6:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

LEG. P. SOSKIN, CHAIR
LEG. T. EARL, VICE CHAIR
LEG. A. PAUL, 2ND VICE CHAIR
LEG. A. WIEDER
LEG. L. HOFSTEIN
LEG. P. MORONEY

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LEG. I. SCHOENBERGER

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEG. A. WOLFE
LEG. H. CORNELL
LEG. M. GRANT
LEG. D. JOBSON
E. YEGER, ESQ
J. BIRNBAUM, ESQ
S. POWERS
J. MOLOF

CHAIR SOSKIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:36 PM

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2015 MEETING.

MOTION TO ADOPT:

EARL/PAUL, HOFSTEIN

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1. REF.# **2973**

DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY TO BE SUICIDE PREVENTION ADVOCACY MONTH AND URGING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY BECOMING SUICIDE PREVENTION ADVOCATES AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC, LEADERS AND COMMUNITIES ABOUT SUICIDE AND MENTAL ILLNESS
(HON. JOHN A. MURPHY, LEGISLATURE)

MOTION TO APPROVE:

SOSKIN/PAUL, WIEDER

UNAN

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS:LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, MORONEY, WOLFE,
CORNELL, JOBSON**

Leg. Paul explained how the number of suicidal attempt has increase in the County and the United States. She expressed how advocates for suicide prevention can, and do make a difference. By educating the public. They change the way people think and talk about suicide. By educating leaders and communities they help to shape new laws and policies. Education and prevention is the key.

Chair Soskin advised that there are more suicide cases reported among veterans who are returning from battle in Iraq and Afghanistan than ever before.

2. REF.# **8757A** **URGING THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY TO PASS BILL A.917- AN ACT TO AMEND THE INSURANCE LAW TO REQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DIAGNOSTIC TESTING FOR OVARIAN CANCER (HON. ANEY PAUL, LEGISLATURE)**

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

UNAN

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ACTION: Requesting information regarding Ovarian Cancer from the Heath Department with the intention to distribute awareness flyers to the constituents.

Leg. Paul stated that each year approximately 21,980 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer. In 2014, approximately 14,270 women will die in the United States from ovarian cancer. Many women don't seek help until the disease has begun to spread, but if detected at its earliest stage, the five -years survival rate is more than 93%. She added that one of the main reasons why ovarian cancer is so deadly is because it gives no warning signs and is very difficult to detect before it has already developed into late stage ovarian cancer.

Elana Yeger Legislative Legal Counsel, stated that if you have any risk factor and are of age it is crucial to go for the early testing.

Chair Soskin asked how often women get screened for ovarian cancer?

Mrs. Yeger answered that women usually do not get tested for ovarian cancer. Unfortunately, only when the symptoms occur is when the testing is done and most of the time it is at already at a late stage.

Leg. Cornell thanked Leg. Paul for using her medical background to bring awareness on many health issues to the legislature.

3. REF # **8757B** **DISCUSSION - REVIEW OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY MULTIPLE DWELLING SMOKING POLICY ACT (CHAPTER 349-17 - LAWS OF ROCKLAND COUNTY (HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)**

DEFERRED

ACTION: Requesting a report from the Health Department assessing compliance with the requirement of this law along with a statement of how many owners of multiple dwelling units of 5 units or more have smoking policy. Report must also detail how many have complied with the law and whether there had been any enforcement activities for those who are not in compliance and what the results of those activities are.

Rescheduling this discussion for the next Multi-Services Committee meeting and requesting attendance from a Health Department staff.

4. REF.# **3657** APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH NEW YORK HEALTH CARE, INC. TO PROVIDE HOME CARE A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$128,771 FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2014 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2015, AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE FOR THE AGING] (\$128,771)
(JUNE E. MOLOF DIRECTOR OFFICE FOR THE AGING) DL#: 2015-00590

MOTION TO APPROVE: **TRANSFERRED TO B&F 03/10/15**
EARL/WIEDER, PAUL, SOSKIN, MORONEY **UNAN**

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June Molof, Director of Office the Aging, stated that this resolution is a contract not a new project. The Office for the Aging is transferring money and will not be spending the equivalent amount. Home aides have about seven different agencies that they use to provide the home care. She added that they do not know at the beginning of the year how much they actually are going to spend with each agency, which explains why this is a transfer of funds.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 7:05 PM
EARL/MORONEY **UNAN**

Respectfully, Submitted

Lesly Senatus, Committee Clerk