

The Legislature of Rockland County



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

MINUTES
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 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. R. DIAZ

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LEG. L. HOFSTEIN
LEG. P. MORONEY

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEG. M. GRANT DR. WOOD
LEG. C. CAREY M. TAUB
LEG. N. LOW-HOGAN
LEG. D. JOBSON
J. BIRNBAUM, ESQ.
S. POWERS
M. LEITZES

CHAIR SOSKIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:03 PM.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2015 AND OCTOBER 27, 2015 MEETING.

MOTION TO ADOPT:

WIEDER/PAUL

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1. REF.#2973/9500

AMENDING THE 2015 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF STATE AID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,912 FROM WESTCHESTER CONSUMER EMPOWERMENT CENTER TO LOEB HOUSE, INC. TO ENHANCE LOEB HOUSE, INC.'S CRISIS/RESPITE OPERATION AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE APPLICABLE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH LOEB HOUSE, INC. [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$63,912)
(MICHAEL LEITZES COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH) DL#: 2015-04244

MOTION TO APPROVE:

SOSKIN/DIAZ, PAUL, EARL

TRANSFERRED TO B&F 11/10/15

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Mr. Michael Leitzes, Commissioner Mental Health, stated that this resolution is to approve the transfer of remaining funds of State Aid in the amount of \$36,912 from Westchester Consumer Empowerment Center to Loeb House, Inc., with no County tax dollars. In reality it is moving funds from one agency to another, in this case the funds will be used to enhance Loeb House crisis/respice operations within the County.

Leg. Soskin asked if the amount being transferred would be disbursed only for services within Rockland County.

Mr. Leitzes confirmed that the money would be utilize for Loeb house, a Rockland County housing provider.

Leg. Soskin asked who does Loeb House provide housing for?

Mr. Leitzes replied Loeb House provide emergency housing services for up to 5 to 6 days to individuals who gets in some sort of dispute with people in their home, community residence, family and who are in need of an alternative place to stay to cool off, a better term to use would be a "cooling area."

2. REF.#2870 APPOINTMENT OF MENDEL TAUB, OF SPRING VALLEY, NEW YORK TO THE
ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE LEGISLATURE)

MOTION TO APPROVE:

SOSKIN/PAUL, WIEDER, DIAZ, EARL

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Mr. Mendel Taub thanked the members of the committee for allowing him the opportunity to talk about his experience while attending Rockland Community College, and his passion for service.

Mr. Taub explained that after graduating from high school he had the opportunity, and took advantage, of receiving a good quality education for a highly affordable price of tuition. Mr. Taub added that during his tenure at RCC he was elected by his peers and served on a board as a representative where he had gained knowledge and information about processes, such as appointments, promotions, budgeting, auditing, legal issues, negotiations, and everything that it takes to run an institution of that size. Today he attributes a tremendous amount of his success due to the opportunity that was provided to him by RCC and would like to give back. He thanked the Committee for their time and consideration and added that he felt honored and privileged to be given the opportunity to serve as a trustee on RCC board.

Dr. Wood said that it was a special privilege for him to recommend Mr. Taub for this position. Mr. Taub was a student that excelled and RCC was able to recommend him for a full scholarship at Pace University where he will graduate in May.

Leg. Paul and Leg. Earl congratulated Mr. Taub on this appointment.

Leg. Diaz stated that he was impressed reading Mr. Taub's resume and was left even more impressed after listening to his presentation and wished him success in the future.

3. REF.#3977 DISCUSSION ITEM- HOMELESSNESS IN ROCKLAND COUNTY
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE LEGISLATURE)

DEFERRED

ADDENDUM

4.REF. #8894

SETTING A DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL
LAW 3 OF 2015- THE TOXIC FREE TOYS ACT
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)

MOTION TO APPROVE:

SOSKIN/PAUL, DIAZ, EARL

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Leg. Soskin explained that this resolution refers to the new "Toxic Toy" law, which bans the sale of children's products containing any amount of seven dangerous chemicals. These toys are being distributed and are made in China. They need more time to research. Leg. Soskin stated that they want the children to be happy.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:6:53 PM.

EARL/WIEDER

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Respectfully, Submitted

Lesly Senatus, Committee Clerk

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