

The Legislature of Rockland County



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

**AGENDA
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 08, 2015
6:30 PM**

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2015 MEETING.

1. REF.#2973/9500 AMENDING THE 2015 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$253,998 [NCTD] TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ROCKLAND COUNTY, INC., LOEB HOUSE, INC., SAINT DOMINIC'S HOME AND ROCKLAND HOSPITAL GUILD, INC. AS WELL AS THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR SUPPORTED HOUSING BEDS IN ROCKLAND COUNTY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE APPLICABLE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$253,998)
**(MICHAEL LEITZES COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH)
DL#: 2015-03593**

2. REF.#6760 APPROVING AND RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH THE ROCKLAND COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,000 FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PLAN FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 [DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE] (\$110,000)
(STEPHEN F. DEGROAT COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE) DL#: 2015-03618

3. REF.#3977 DICUSSION ITEM-CONSIDERATION OF ACO-OP FAIR HOUSING LAW IN ROCKLAND COUNTY
(HON. ALDEN WOLFE LEGISLATURE)

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WHEREAS, No County tax dollars [NCTD] are required to accept these additional funds; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appropriate these additional funds to the proper accounts; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Committees of this Legislature have met, considered and approved this resolution, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the acceptance of additional funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health in the amount of \$253,998, which will be distributed to the following four (4) contract agencies for the calendar year 2015: (1) Mental Health Association of Rockland County, Inc. (\$35,718), (2) Loeb House, Inc. (\$35,718), (3) Saint Dominic's Home (\$32,544) and (4) Rockland Hospital Guild, Inc. (\$30,956), as well as the Rockland County Department of Mental Health (\$119,062), as the result of an additional State aid allocation that adjusts 2015 funding for supported housing beds at the named contract agencies along with the unassigned court ordered beds awaiting their agency designation, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute all necessary documents related to the acceptance of these funds, including the applicable contract amendments, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That no County tax dollars [NCTD] are required to accept these funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of Finance hereby is authorized to increase and decrease the following accounts in the amounts indicated:

GENERAL FUND - 2015

Increase Approp. Acct. (Credit):

A-DMH-4306-E5010	Mental Health Association	35,718
A-DMH-4342-E5010	Loeb House	35,718
A-DMH-4345-E5010	St. Dominic's Home	32,544
A-DMH-4347-E5010	Rockland Hospital Guild	30,956

Increase Est. Rev. Acct. (Debit):

A-DMH-4306-R3470	State Aid - OMH	35,718
A-DMH-4342-R3470	State Aid - OMH	35,718
A-DMH-4345-R3470	State Aid - OMH	32,544
A-DMH-4347-R3470	State Aid - OMH	30,956

HOSPITAL FUND - 2015

Increase Approp. Acct. (Credit):

EH-DMH-4301-M890-E5010 Dept. of Mental Health - Local Gov't Unit 119,062

Increase Est. Rev. Acct. (Debit):

EH-DMH-4301-M890-R3470 State Aid - OMH 119,062

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2015 SCHEDULE A

Rockland Hospital Guild, Inc.

As fully described in the attached.

Contract Amount **\$721,119.**

This Amendment A **\$30,956**

Total Revised Contract **\$752,075.**

Term of Contract: 1/1/15 – 12/31/15

2015 SCHEDULE A

Loeb House, Inc.

As fully described in the attached.

Contract Amount: \$867,597.

This Amendment A: \$35,718.

Revised Contract Amount \$903,315.

Term of Contract: 1/1/15 – 12/31/15

2015 SCHEDULE A

St. Dominic's Home

As fully described in the attached.

Amount of Contract: \$726,058.

This Amendment A \$32,544.

Revised Contract Amount \$758,602.

Term of Contract: 1/1/15 – 12/31/15

2015 SCHEDULE A

Mental Health Association of Rockland County, Inc.

As fully described in the attached.

Contract Amount: \$2,312,642.

This Amendment A: \$35,718.

Revised Contract Amount \$2,348,360.

Term of Contract: 1/1/15 – 12/31/15

Building 1
New York, NY

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RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County approves and ratifies the March 26, 2015 agreement with the Rockland County Bar Association Inc., 337 North Main Street, New City, New York 10956 in the amount of \$110,000 for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for this agreement exists in the 2015 Adopted County Budget, ACP-1172-E4090.

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SCHEDULE A

The Rockland County Bar Association coordinates the Assigned Counsel Plan (18-B). We receive all intake of cases from the Public Defender's Office, Family Court and Family Treatment Court. We determine qualification of criminal cases (felonies/misdemeanors) and make assignments accordingly. When necessary, we resolve scheduling and coordination problems with attorneys and the courts. We maintain a computerized data base system containing all assigned counsel personnel and their assignments. This is utilized to avoid conflicts and in cases with multiple co-defendants and enables us to maintain a history of assignments of repeat respondents/defendants.

We assist in the coordination of all mandatory and voluntary continuing legal education programs for assigned counsel. We insure assigned counsel attorneys are aware of the programs and encourage attendance. We arrange mailings, handouts and videotaping of seminars. (Videotapes and handouts are also available to those attorneys who were unable to attend the seminar.)

We coordinate emergency preliminary hearings in local justice courts/court courts with the Public Defender's Office, Family Court and assigned attorneys, relaying up to date information as it becomes available. The completed attorneys' vouchers are examined and then processed for submission to the Department of Finance. A monthly report is generated to insure the utilization of Assigned Counsel Plan attorneys on a rotation basis.

We have an extensive application and assist those new attorneys applying for Assigned Counsel membership, by working with the Chairperson of the Assigned Counsel program in determining their eligibility and experience. Each new applicant is interviewed by the Chairperson with a staff member present. If an attorney requires mentoring before becoming an ACP attorney, a mentor is assigned to that attorney. We track the mentoring program and communicate with the mentor until such time as a recommendation and reapplication is made when the new attorney is qualified and prepared to take on cases.