

The Legislature of Rockland County



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

MINUTES
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY JANUARY 26, 2016
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

LEG. P. SOSKIN, CHAIR
LEG. T. EARL
LEG. I. SCHOENBERGER
LEG. C. FALCIGLIA
LEG. V. TYER

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEG. J. HOOD, JR.
LEG. C. CAREY
LEG. D. JOBSON
LEG. N. LOW-HOGAN
LEG. L. HOFSTEIN
LEG. L. SANTULLI
J. BIRNBAUM, ESQ
E. YEGER, ESQ

S. POWERS
M. LEITZES
C. BARBASH
R. HANSEN
K. STAVISKY
J. ROSENTHAL
D. MARAGLIANO
D. FRIEDMAN
G. BIERKER

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LEG. A. PAUL
LEG. A. WIEDER

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2016 MEETING.

MOTION TO ADOPT:

DEFERRED

1.REF.#9209 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH NTS DATA SERVICES, LLC FOR A CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$307,484 TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE TEAM VOTER REGISTRATION, SIGN-IT! FULL DOCUMENT IMAGING, THE ELECTION MANAGEMENT COMPONENTS OF E-SUITE (PETITION, CANDIDATE AND ELECTED OFFICIAL MANAGEMENT) AND IMS SYSTEMS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [BOARD OF ELECTIONS] (\$307,484) (KRISTEN ZEBROWSKI STAVISKY & LOUIS BACOCK COMMISSIONERS BOARD OF ELECTIONS) DL#: 2015-05653

MOTION TO APPROVE:
EARL/SCHOENBERGER

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Chair Soskin reappointed two Legislators to their former position. Leg. Toney Earl was reappointed as Vice Chair of Multi-Services Committee and Leg. Aney Paul as second Vice Chair for the current year.

Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Commissioner of the Board of Election, stated that this item is to allow an extension to the contract period with NTS Data Services that ended last December 2015. NTS Data Services provides software maintenance and support services for the TEAM Voter Registration, helps manage how the petitions are organized, filed and scanned. She also added that the image system software has been working very well and extremely efficient.

Leg. Schoenberger stated he has no objection to this request, but asked that a copy of the agency contract be attached.

Mr. Powers stated that he wasn't sure by policy if the contract was to be provided as backup with the clerk or when it gets filed with the resolution.

2.REF.#9263 APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000 [NCTD] FROM THE NYS OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW YORK SAFE HARBOUR INITIATIVE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$120,000)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2015-05718

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Carole Barbash, Director of Legal Services, stated that the department intends to use this funding to improve its response to human trafficking and sexual exploitation of children. Money is also used for awareness advertisement "*If You See Something, Say Something*".

Chair Soskin asked if this issue represented a big problem in Rockland County?

Ms. Barbash replied that unfortunately they frankly don't have the best handle around it, but what they are doing on a daily basis is that any child that comes into Foster Care would be assessed for human trafficking.

3.REF.#8281 APPROVING THE AGREEMENTS WHICH MAY BE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH THE LICENSED DAY CARE AGENCIES LISTED ON THE ANNEXED SCHEDULE A TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES REQUIRED BY SOCIAL SERVICES LAW§410-U FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016 WITH TOTAL EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' 2016 BUDGET FOR DAY CARE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES]
(SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2015-05716

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**Action: County attorney for consideration and a legal opinion:
say Rockland County receives "pass through" funds from a New York State or Federal grant for distribution to a certain contractor. Say that contractor is in default on tax payments to the County. Does the County have any legal authority to hold the grant funds in escrow and to eventually use those escrowed funds to cover liabilities to the County**

4.REF.#8983 APPROVING THE AGREEMENTS WHICH MAY BE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH THE LICENSED FOSTER CARE AGENCIES LISTED ON THE ANNEXED SCHEDULE A TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES REQUIRED BY SOCIAL SERVICES LAW§398 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016 WITH TOTAL EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' 2016 BUDGET FOR FOSTER CARE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (SUSAN SHERWOOD COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#: 2015-05715

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Leg. Schoenberger showed some concern as again this a blended contract to be filled in with 35 different providers.

Ms. Barbash explained that these are different agreements set up to deal with the institutional settings that provide foster care and added that none of them are located in Rockland County.

Leg. Schoenberger asked if this list can be altered to change during the year.

Ms. Barbash explained that for any change necessary the department would need to come back to the Committee with a resolution be approved.

5.REF.#8886 APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW LOCAL IMPACT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,000 FROM HUDSON RIVER HEALTH CARE, INC., A SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT AND EVALUATE ROCKLAND COUNTY BUSINESSES TO ACHIEVE WORKPLACE WELLNESS INITIATIVES FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH HUDSON RIVER HEALTH CARE, INC. [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH] (\$135,000) (RON HANSEN DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH) DL#: 2015-05290

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Leg. Schoenberger stated that the Local Impact Grant contract received from Hudson River Health Care, Inc., doesn't specify who the recipients of the grants are.

Ron Hansen, Deputy Commissioner of Health, explained that this grant will allow technical assistance to the existing staff to achieve workplace wellness initiatives, especially diabetes.

Leg. Schoenberger asked if some of that initiative be applicable to the County as well, since the contract states that the goal is to develop, implement and evaluate Rockland County Businesses.

Mr. Hansen confirmed that this contract does relate to businesses within the County.

6.REF.#2973 APROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE STOP-DWI RESERVE ACCOUNT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$33,925 IN ORDER TO CONTRACT WITH EDUCATION & ASSISTANCE CORP., INC. TO PROVIDE A PART-TIME CASE MANAGER FOR CASE MANAGEMENT, ADDICTION COUNSELING AND DRUG TESTING SERVICES TO THE FELONY DWI OFFENDERS IN THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DRUG COURT [STOP-DWI] (\$33,925)
(LESLIE BERGER COORDINATOR STOP-DWI) DL#: 2015-05182

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Judy Rosenthal, Executive Committee Drug and Drink Court Team, stated that the program is for the Felony Drug Court that has been in existence since 1998. In 2008 it expanded to include felony DWI offenders and they have run out of a part time person who is a former retired probation officer through education and assistance corporation and also who is bilingual to be the case manager for these DWI offenders in the felony drug court program.

The program itself is a minimum of 18 months and requires attendance in court, attendance with the case manager and going to treatment as determine by the felony drug court team.

Leg. Earl stated that he has attended the most recent drug court session and finds it to be a program with a positive impact.

7.REF.#2973/9500 AMENDING THE 2015 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,245 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ROCKLAND COUNTY, INC., LOEB HOUSE, INC., SAINT DOMINIC'S HOME AND ROCKLAND HOSPITAL GUILD, INC. FOR TEN (10) ADDITIONAL SUPPORTED HOUSING BEDS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE APPLICABLE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$36,245)
(MICHAEL LEITZES COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH) DL#: 2015-05140

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Michael Leitzes, Commissioner of Mental Health, stated that this is funding that the Office of Mental Health gave other counties for additional support housing beds. because the State is shrinking in patients beds and they are looking into communities to move in individuals from their patient psychiatric centers into supportive housing beds into the community.

Chair Soskin asked if this was a grant or is the County covering the charges?

Mr. Leitzes answered it is classified as no County tax dollars (NCTD).

8.REF.#3544 **DICUSSION ITEM: RC DISABILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING OFFICIAL LIAISON, COUNTY COMMUNICATION AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS OF THE COUNCIL (HON. PHILIP SOSKIN LEGISLATURE)**

DISCUSSED

Mrs. Maragliano, Advisory Council of Rockland County stated that the Disability Advisory Council is asking for a meeting with the appropriate Legislature sub committee to discuss some issues relevant to the conduct of their advisory role to the Rockland County Legislature.

Mr. Gerald Bierker stated that he is pleased that Leg. Aney Paul will be their Legislature Liaison, which will facilitate their advisory role in facilitating communication within both parties. Mr. Bierker explained that he is here tonight to raise the issue of a Transportation Program for the Disabled and referred to trying to get public transportation from Nyack to Suffern on crutches is a painful ordeal. He raised the issue of the financial impact mentioning that the fare rates have increased from \$2.50 to \$3.00. There is a need for public drivers to receive proper training to assist the ones in need when the time occurs.

Chair Soskin stated that the Committee acknowledges the requests made by the Disability Advisory Council and have concluded that Leg. Aney Paul be designated as the Legislative liaison.

Chair Soskin added that he had Daniel Friedman, a research Analyst looked through these items and he was advised that item no 2 has been addressed, items 1 & 5 are being discussed tonight and they will take this up with Leg. Paul to see if anything can be done on the transportation matters.

Chair Soskin said as far as these items are concerned the Committee will go ahead with it and a meeting will be set in place to meet with Leg. Paul, Leg. Soskin, and the County Attorney.

See Attached.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:7:14 PM.
SCHOENBERGER/EARL**

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Respectfully, Submitted

Lesly Senatus, Committee Clerk