

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services Committee

DATE: October 6, 2011

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Frey, Legislators, Parete, Harris, Maio, Briggs, Loughran

LEGISLATOR EXCUSED: Legislators Petit, Ronk, Stoeckeler

OTHERS ATTENDING: Legislator Jeanette Provenzano, Lee Cane League of Women Voters, Golden Hill Employees, Supporters & Resident Ken Hyatt, Amy Russell Concerned Parents for Mental Health, Art Richter Radio Free Kingston, Nettie Tomshaw UC Legislature Staff

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walter Frey at 6:00 PM.
- A motion by Legislator Briggs was made to accept the September 12, 2011 Committee Meeting Minutes, Seconded by Legislator Parete, all were in favor, Carried.
- Marshall Beckman was unable to attend this months meeting. Legislator Parete stated the Charter and Administrative Code require representation from the Executive's office be present at meetings when budget discussions take place. Chairman Frey will request a letter from Counsel be sent to the Executive requiring a Deputy be made available at meetings to answer committee questions throughout the budget process.

Resolutions:

- 1.) Resolution Draft No. 1006, October 18, 2011: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The Kingston City School District For Substance Abuse Prevention Services - Department Of Mental Health

Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Harris, Seconded by Legislator Loughran, Unanimously in Favor, Carried.

Legislator Parete noted this resolution is for the Dept. of Mental Health - which County Executive Hein wants to eliminate in his 2012 draft budget submitted to the Legislature.

- 2.) Resolution Draft No. 1007, October 18, 2011: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The Onteora Central School District For Substance Abuse Prevention Services - Department Of Mental Health

Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Parete, Seconded by Legislator Briggs, Unanimously in Favor, Carried.

- 3.) Resolution Draft No. 1013, October 18, 2011: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With The American National Red Cross For Office Space At 21 O'Neil Street, Kingston, New York For The Purpose Of Establishing A Child And Family Advocacy Center - Department Of Social Services

Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Briggs, Seconded by Legislator Harris, Unanimously in Favor, Carried.

- 4.) Resolution Draft No. 1016, October 18, 2011: Establishing Capital Project No. XXXX To Provide Funding For Extensive Renovations And Modifications To The Golden Hill Health Care Center And Amending The Ulster County Capital Program For 2011 - 2016 To Include All Phases Of The Proposed Projects Listed In Said Program

Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Parete, Motion Passed (4) to (2). Ayes: Frey, Parete, Loughran, Maio. Noes: Harris, Briggs.

Note: Chairman Frey and Legislator Maio noted their yes vote was to allow the full Legislature the opportunity to vote at October's Session.

- 5.) Late Resolution Draft No. 1018, October 18, 2011: Urging Multi-Year State Takeover Of Local Share Of Medicaid - NYS Senate Bill S5889-B And Assembly Bill No. A8644

Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Harris, Seconded by Legislator Loughran, Unanimously if Favor, Carried.

Legislator Loughran noted NYSAC has endorsed this bill state wide as well as a two house bill showing support.

Overview of Bill S5889-B:

Proposing a 10-year overall phase in period.

First 2 yrs. frozen at local level currently paying (anything above the state will pick up).

8 yr. County phase out of the Medicaid equation until completely taken over by the state.

Discussion:

Based on the Supervisors recommendations, the Safety Net Task Force discussions will resume after the first of the year due to the November elections - possible turnover on all levels of government - Chairman Frey to file outcome with the Legislative body as such.

Budget Hearings: Committee would like to have evening meetings vs. during the work day. Chairman Frey will send emails out with dates and times - to be held sometime in the middle to end of this month -similar format as last year but evening hours.

Abstract of Contracts for October 18, 2011 Session was provided to all committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM with a motion offered by Legislator Briggs, Seconded by Legislator Loughran, with all in favor, Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Walter Frey, Chairman /nt
Health & Human Services Committee**