

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Health Services Committee
DATE: December 3, 2009
TIME: 6:30 PM
PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor, COB

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Robert Parete, Legislators Joseph Stoeckeler, Laura Petit. Kenneth Ronk

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislators Thomas Briggs, Joseph Roberti, David B. Donaldson

OTHERS PRESENT: Marshall Beckman, Deputy County Executive
Edward Brown, Commissioner of Mental Health
Kristin Carney, Mental Health Department
Dr. Lamar Hasbrouck, Public Health Director
Nereida Veytia, Health Department
Sheree Cross, Director, GHHCC
Lee Cane, LWV
Richard Engnath, Director, HTLV National Registry
(Left before meeting was called to order)

Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Robert Parete called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. Legislator Parete stated that Karen Binder, Deputy Clerk was unable to make tonight's meeting due to a prior engagement, with this being his last meeting as Chairman of the Health Services Committee, thanked Karen for all her hard work and dedication towards this Committee.

Approval of the September 17, 2009 & October 14, 2009 Minutes:
Motion offered by Legislator Stoeckeler, Seconded by Legislator Ronk, All in Favor, Carried

Resolutions:

- 1. Confirming Appointments Of Members To The Community Services Board, And The Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health And Substance Abuse Subcommittees Of The Community Services Board**

Discussion: Edward Brown, Commissioner of Mental Health spoke on the Resolution; he stated that all of the appointments are reappointments to all the Community Service Boards.

Legislator Stoeckeler motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit to approve the resolution. All in favor, Carried (4 - 0).

2. Confirming County Executive's Appointment Of The Medical Examiner For The County Of Ulster

Discussion: Legislator Parete stated that he received a letter that states the appointment of Dr. Heller as Acting Medical Examiner and Acting Medical Consultant, effective immediately by County Executive, Michael Hein.

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit to approve the resolution.
All in favor, Carried (4 - 0).

3. Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue The Children With Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Program - Department of Health

Discussion: Legislator Parete stated that this Resolution was discussed at the previous nights Caucus; therefore there was no further discussion on this Resolution.

Legislator Stoeckeler motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk to approve the resolution.
All in favor, Carried (4 - 0).

4. Amending Personnel Policy Manual For Ulster County And Ulster County Employee Handbook To Offer Eligibility To Purchase "Family Coverage" Of Health Insurance Benefits To All Retirees Of Ulster County Government When He/She Carried "Family Coverage" During The Course Of Their Employment And Retirement With The County Of Ulster

Discussion: Legislator Parete stated that he feels this Resolution is an issue of equity.

As Amended: Contingent on getting the numbers that were requested (Ronk) and additionally the wording should reflect consistency between both policies (Stoeckeler).

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Stoeckeler to approve the resolution.
All in favor, Carried (4 - 0).

5. Supporting A Grant Application To The New York State Department Of Transportation For The Design, Right Of Way, Planning and Construction Of The Ulster & Delaware (U&D) And Ontario & Western (O&W) Link Trail Know As The Joseph L. Keller Trail

Discussion: Legislator Parete spoke on this Resolution and explained that the following Grant was secured through Assemblyman Cahill's office and the NYSDOT. This grant provides \$1,000,000.00 for a rail connection between Kingston and the Hurley Rail Trail. In 2008 & 2009 Legislator Parete submitted a project request, narrative, and a break down of the project to develop the Ulster & Delaware Rail Trail, which is from Kingston to Belleayre; this would fund the construction, design, and planning process of this project. He also

stated that when this portion of the trail is completed it will be dedicated in memory of Joseph L. Keller, a life long trails enthusiast.

Legislator Stoeckeler motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit to approve the resolution. All in favor, Carried (4 - 0).

Departmental Budget Reviews:

Public Health Director Dr. Lamar Hasbrouck, Commissioner of Mental Health Edward Brown, Director of GHHCC Sheree Cross updated the Committee as to their individual Budgets.

New Business - No Discussion

Motion to adjourn

Legislator Stoeckeler motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk to adjourn. All in favor, Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Wilson
Senior Legislative Employee
Ulster County Legislature