

Formalizing The Creation Of An Inter-Agency Council On Domestic Violence

Chairman David B. Donaldson and the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee (Chairman Dart and Legislators Briggs, R.A. Parete, Zimet, Hansut, Maloney and Ronk) offer the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 225 dated July 14, 2005, the Ulster County Legislature created the Criminal Justice Council under the auspices of the previous Criminal Justice/Public Safety/Stop DWI Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Council has been meeting monthly to review problems and concerns of an inter-agency nature, to review data concerning operational issues and advise the Legislature regarding the need for their attention and action, and

WHEREAS, in the course of the Criminal Justice Council meetings, the Council identified a number of issues that, if addressed will contribute to significant improvements to criminal justice in our County, and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Council identified domestic violence as a significant component of Ulster County's Criminal Justice System and an ad-hoc group was assembled by the Department of Social Services Commissioner Rodriguez to begin work on system coordination, services, education and reduction of victimization; economies achieved in system coordination can be utilized to deliver services and programs to victims, and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature hereby formally creates an Inter-Agency Council on Domestic Violence under the auspices of the present Criminal Justice Council to produce an overall policy to coordinate education, prevention and reduction of victimization, and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature and the County Executive concur that said Inter-Agency Council on Domestic Violence shall include the following individuals or their representatives:

1. Organization that serves domestic violence victims;
2. District Attorney or designee;
3. City Court Judge;
4. Police Chiefs Association;
5. New York State Police;
6. Commissioner of Social Services or designees;

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7. (2) Family Court Judges or designees;
8. Director of Probation or designees;
9. Public Defender or designee;
10. Town of Ulster Judge;
11. Representative of legal community serving crime victims; and
12. Legislative Representative, as appointed by the Chairman,

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all appointments to the Inter-Agency Council on Domestic Violence, with the exception of the Legislative Representative, shall be made by the County Executive in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Inter-Agency Council shall work to collaborate seamless delivery of services to domestic violence victims by utilizing prevention services, family services, and coordination of courts, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Inter-Agency Council on Domestic Violence shall meet monthly to review problems and concerns of an inter-agency nature, to review data concerning operational issues and advise the Ulster County Legislature and the County Executive regarding the need for their attention and action,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 29 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Briggs, Petit and Roberti)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 13th Day of May, 2009, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 14th Day of May in the year Two Thousand and Nine.

|s| Mary L. Carey
Mary L. Carey, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this

14th Day of May, 2009.

|s| Mary L. Carey
Mary L. Carey, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Approved by the County Executive this

15th Day of May, 2009.

|s| Michael P. Hein
Michael P. Hein, County Executive