

Urging The Respective Boards Of Trustees Of The Kingston Hospital And Benedictine Hospital To Include The Community In The Deliberations And The Creation Of The Final Realignment Agreement Between The Hospitals

Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Bartels, Berardi, Bischoff, Busick, Cahill, Cummings, Dart, Distel, Donaldson, Every, Fabiano, Felicello, Gerentine, Gregorius, Harris, Kraft, Liepmann, Lomita, Loughran, McAfee, Noonan, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Roberti, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Sheeley, Stoeckeler, Terpening and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Kingston and Benedictine Hospitals are preparing to realign due to the findings of The Commission on Health Care Facilities in the 21st Century, also known as the Berger Commission, and

WHEREAS, this planned realignment will create a massive change in the delivery and sustainability of health care services in Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, the best approach to achieve an agreement that will address the diverse interests and needs of the Ulster County community is to include all stakeholders in the deliberations and the creation of the final agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature understands and respects the array of opinions and views with respect to this realignment, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Ulster County Legislature are free to endorse or oppose a stakeholders specific point of view.

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature strongly encourages the respective Boards of Trustees of The Kingston Hospital and Benedictine Hospital to include the community in the deliberations and the creation of the final realignment agreement between the hospitals,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Loughran)
(Legislator Zimet left at 10:44 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE
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