

Requesting Authorization To Establish The Ulster County Substance Abuse Prevention Board – Mental Health

The Health Committee (Chairman R.S. Parete and Legislators Liepmann, Sheeley, Stoeckeler, Terpening, Busick and Roberti) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) has determined that youth in Ulster County are at high risk of using alcohol and drugs, and

WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse Subcommittee of the Ulster County Community Services Board and the Ulster County Community Services Board have made prevention their number one priority in the area of substance abuse services, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature wishes to reduce the risk of substance use and abuse among Ulster County residents, and

WHEREAS, in order for substance abuse prevention services to be effective, they must be data-driven, use evidence-based or promising programs, and must be evaluated, and

WHEREAS, these functions require oversight and coordination, and

WHEREAS, the Health Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that there is hereby created an advisory body to advise the Ulster County Legislature, through the Ulster County Mental Health Department, the Health Committee of the Legislature and other County and public agencies who seek to prevent substance use and abuse in Ulster County, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the mission of the Board is to plan for, fund, coordinate, and evaluate substance abuse prevention services in Ulster County in order to ensure that programs are responsive to identified problems and that programs operate effectively, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said advisory body shall be known as the Ulster County Substance Abuse Prevention Board and shall be organized as follows:

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- I. Shall consist of 16 persons, representing a broad range of stakeholder groups in Ulster County and members shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature. After setting the original membership of the Board, the Board shall establish a procedure for recruiting and recommending succeeding members to the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature.
- II. Of the original appointments to the Board, 25% shall be one-year terms, 25% shall be two-year terms, 25% shall be three-year terms and 25% shall be four-year terms. Thereafter, all terms shall be four years. All appointments are renewable.
- III. The Board shall recruit and supervise a Prevention Coordinator, whose responsibilities will include implementation and execution of the Board's plan, collection of data for planning and program evaluation purposes, evaluation of prevention programs funded by the Board, and other responsibilities related to substance abuse prevention in Ulster County,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Felicello)
(Legislator Gerentine left at 9:45 PM)
(Legislator Loughran left at 9:45 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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