

**HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
Ellenville Hospital, Ellenville, NY
MINUTES
April 17, 2008**

Committee Members:

Chairman Robert S. Parete
Thomas J. "TJ" Briggs
Joseph Stoeckeler
Philip Terpening
Laura Petit
Joseph Roberti
Kenneth Ronk

Sheree Cross - Golden Hill Health Care Center (excused)

Marshall Beckman/Ed Brown - Mental Health (excused)

- **Resolution Request** to transfer funds for temporary services – Amending the 2008 budget – **approved**
- **Resolution Request** to create Associate Medical Director position – Amending the 2008 budget – **hold (call for Special Committee Meeting on 5/7/08)**
- **Resolution Request** to transfer CDS Clinical Supervisor position from CDS Unit to Adult Mental Health Unit – Amending the 2008 budget – **approved**

Dean Palen – Public Health

- Provided rabies statistics for first quarter of 2008. Huge increase of testing for lyme disease. More bat sightings but none have been tested for rabies.
- **Resolution** – Promoting CPR Training And Placement Of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) For Public Access In County Buildings, Educational Institutions, Businesses, Community Based Organizations And Towns, Villages And The City Of Kingston – Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget - **approved**

- **Resolution** - Appointing Member To The Ulster County Board Of Health. **Recommendation to appoint Joan Authenrieth. There was discussion regarding attendance of current appointees, etc. There were several suggestions regarding the appointments. Resolution will be reconsidered at Special Committee Meeting on 5/7/08.**
- **Resolution** - Urging Federal Officials To Label Cloned Foods To Ensure Proper Identification To The Consumer And Supporting County Residents To Purchase And Consume Local And Organic Products - **tabled**

There was discussion regarding the Blue Ribbon Healthcare Services Advisory Panel whose mission is to study health care in Ulster County. There are many factors involved in County owning a nursing home. Analysis needed. They have received a forecast of the population trends. Golden Hill currently needs renovation. There would be State contribution if a new home were built.

Meeting adjourned at:

Steve Kelley, Ellenville Hospital provided a tour of the hospital.