

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services Committee

DATE: April 21, 2011

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Library Conference Room

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Frey, Legislators Parete, Harris, Petit, Ronk and Loughran

LEGISLATOR EXCUSED: Maio, Briggs and Stoeckeler

OTHERS ATTENDING: Leg. Carl Belfiglio, Michael Berg Director Family Of Woodstock, Commissioner Roberto Rodriguez DSS, Clinton Johnson County Attorney, Lee Cane LWV, Golden Hill supporters, employees / CSEA : Venus Weels, Darlene Bover, Anne Fisher, Terry Gilbert, Cindy Berryanne, Nettie Tomshaw UC Legislature Staff

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frey at 5:55 PM.
- A motion by Legislator Ronk was made to accept the March 3, 2011 Committee Meeting Minutes, Seconded by Legislator Harris, all were in favor, Carried.
- A motion by Legislator Ronk was made to accept the March 29, 2011 Special Committee Meeting Minutes, Seconded by Legislator Harris, all were in favor, Carried
- Chairman Frey explained to attendees, tonight's regular monthly meeting will address only the regular monthly business. Golden Hill matters will be addressed at a separate meeting.

Michael Berg, Director Family of Woodstock: Family of Woodstock is an extended family of people helping people to help themselves. Incorporated in 1971 as a not for profit organization. Family's intent is to provide support and resources people need to address and overcome their own problems. They maintain a non-judgmental atmosphere, counseling is non-directive, and all information is strictly confidential. Family is committed to helping people achieve self-sufficiency. www.fowinc.org

Michael Berg thanked the committee for having him. Mr. Berg gave an overview of Families locations, quantity of people served, meals, the number of nights stayed and average day stay etc. as seen below. Homeless Services, Long-Term Housing & Supports, Hotline/Walk-in Centers, Non-Residential Services and Child Care Services.

Below is a summary of Family of Woodstock's 2010 Programming.



A UNITED WAY AGENCY
www.fowinc.org

SUMMARY OF 2010 PROGRAMMING

Michael Berg
Executive Director

ADMINISTRATION

Family of Woodstock, Inc.
POB 3516 - 35 John St.
Kingston, NY 12402
845.331.7080

ADOLESCENT SERVICES

Family House
845.338.5953

Youth Case Management Services

845.331.7080/255.8801/647.2443
MidWay I / MidWay II
845.339.5508 / 845.647.1346

CHILD CARE SERVICES

Child Care Council of Ulster Co.
845.331.5197

CCC of Columbia/Greene Counties
518.822.1944

Columbia Co. Child Care Subsidy
518.822.0087

HIV/AIDS SERVICES

845.331.7080

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SVS

Domestic Violence Outreach Svcs
845.338.2370

Family Shelter
845.338.2370

Evolve
845.331.7080

HOMELESS SERVICES

Darmstadt Shelter
845.331.1395

Family Inn
845.340.1847

Adult Case Mgmt Svcs.
845.331.7080/255.8801/647.2443

HOTLINE/WALK-IN CTRS

Family of Ellenville
845.647.2443/647.5700

Family of New Paltz
845.255.8801

Family of Woodstock
845.679.2485/338.2370

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Supervised Visitation
845.331.1395

Kingston Carz
845.331.1110

Homeless Services

Darmstadt Shelter	175 Individuals	5900 Nights	33.8 Days Avrg. Stay
Family Inn	61 Families	8200 Nights	42 Days Avrg. Stay
Family House	163 Youth	3200 Nights	14 Nights Avrg. Stay
Washbourne House	101 Individuals	330 Nights	32 Nights Avrg. Stay
Total Individuals	675		
Total Shelter Meals	68,496		

Long-Term Housing & Supports

HUD Housing Programs	29 Families	38 Single Individuals
- 353 households were provided housing assistance – locating security deposit, landlord advocacy, furniture, moving, and/or rental support.		
201 assisted with homeless prevention and Rapid Re-housing (joint collaboration with Rupco)		

Hotline/Walk-in Centers

Total Contacts	212,000
Key Issues	
Drug & Alcohol	1,859
Domestic Violence	2,664
Mental Health	22,938 (Includes mental health, suicide, family counseling, youth counseling, and sex abuse.
Social Services	37,932 (Includes child abuse, AIDS, entitlements, emergency housing, financial assistance, food, food stamps, fuel, SSI/SSD, Medicaid, utilities, and WIC
Education/Employment	3,755
Housing – Non-emergency	2,443
Total Pantry Meals	121,428

Non-Residential Services

Domestic Violence	155 women & 16 children
Evolve Batterers' Program	139 men participated in long-term groups
Supervised Visitation	64 families were provided 201 visits
Family Court Advocacy	341 survivors of domestic violence
Adolescent Services	
Independent Living	26 Youth
Youth Employment	67 Youth
Criminal Justice Diversion	54 Youth
Non-residential case mgmt.	125 Youth
Teen Intervene	24 Youth
Adult Case Management	224 Cases (150 Individuals, 74 families)

Child Care Services

Parent Counseling	880 families
Daycare Providers	
Centers	53
School-age	24
Family Day Care	166
Group Family Day Care	62
Exempt	330

- Goals are measured if they move on to clean and sober housing. Have had good success.
- Darmstadt Shelter serves single individuals primarily recovering from substance abuse
- Family Inn serves homeless families
- Family House serves runaway youth 12-18 yrs of age
- Washbourne House serves our domestic violence victims
- Long Term Housing Programs (HUD) serves chronically homeless as long as 18 months (most people in this program are substance abusers) Success rate is 75%.
- All residents of these programs are here voluntarily - can leave when they want
- One time offering for homeless - too many people to serve
- Some come back and work within the program to help others in need
- Collaboration w/Rupco served 201 families in 2010 \$1million grant to cover administrative as well as assistance support for homeless.
- Quality of Child Care has declined in our community - the federal government created "exempt care" which allows untrained individuals to oversee less than 3 children at home without having a license or training. Kids end up being put in front of the TV and are not prepared for 1st grade. 330 exempt providers - a concern
- Quality food preparation and distribution has grown around the county, Saunderskill, Gill and Davenport have provided. 2009 Family distributed on Tuesdays and Thursday to pantries 29K lbs. of vegetables. 2010 distributed 59K lbs. to 18 different feeding programs and food pantries.
- Evaluating feasibility to bid on the meals on wheels contract. Wants to also meet needs in Ellenville.
- Children lack a healthy meal during the summer months - available only during the school year
- Not for profit organization very important to food distribution in community
- Asked to changed pantry hours of operation to accommodate the demands of working family needs
- Housing a concern, family's starting out can not afford housing - losing our young people-asking for real help from the committee, people are really struggling
- Our average salary is the 27th lowest in the state. Our housing is the 12th most expensive in the state.

Resolutions:

- 1.) Resolution No. 87, April 26, 2011: Amending The 2011 Ulster County Budget For Investigative Services For Department Of Social Services - District Attorney

Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Harris, Seconded by Legislator Loughran, Unanimously in Favor, Carried.

Note: Commissioner Rodriguez attended mtg. to explain the back ground for funding - contract specifically designed for the Sunoco investigation noting this is an anomaly, also time sensitive. Leg. Petit would like to see a full time position be created to address these types of issues - feels it would save tax payer's money. Leg. Frey thanked the commissioner and his staff for all their hard work.

- 2.) Resolution No. 89, April 26, 2011: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract And Any Amendments To The Contract With The New York State Department Of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Program - Department Of Health

Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Parete, Seconded by Legislator Harris, Unanimously in Favor, Carried.

- 3.) Resolution No. 90, April 26, 2011: Consenting To A Subordination Agreement During The Purchasing Process For The Sale Of The County's Certified Home Health Agency License And Long-Term Home Health Care Program License - Department Of Health

Discussion ensued about the time line and delay of completion of sale - thus a Motion offered by Legislator Loughran to table resolution to provide more information for committee, Seconded by Legislator Harris, Unanimously in Favor, Carried. When time to vote Leg. Parete stated he will be a no vote. Chairman Frey will schedule another mtg. to vote the night of Session 4/26/11.

- 4.) Resolution No. 93, April 26, 2011: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature to Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement For The Preschool Special Education And Related Services Program With The Onteora Central School District - Department Of Social Services

Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Parete, Seconded by Legislator Loughran, Unanimously in Favor, Carried.

- 5.) Resolution No. 94, April 26, 2011: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Children And Family Safety Program - Department Of Social Services

Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Harris, Unanimously in Favor, Carried.

- 6.) Resolution No. 100, April 26, 2011: Requiring Healthy - Vending Options In County Buildings

Legislator Parete intention is to share this draft resolution with the committee for their input and review only at this time. Committee discussion resulted in consideration of removal of the last resolve. Leg. Parete asked committee to email him with any additional concerns. The committee will consider the resolution at next months meeting.

Attachments provided to committee:

Abstract Report for April 26th Session

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM with a motion offered by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Ronk, with all in favor, Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Walter Frey Jr., Chairman /nt
Health & Human Services Committee**