

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
APRIL 21, 2008

Present: Chairman Donald J. Gregorius, Legislators Paul Hansut, Peter Loughran, Glenn Noonan, Jeanette Provenzano, Philip Terpening, Catherine Terrizzi

Others Present: Commissioner Roberto Rodriguez, Deputy Commissioner Patricia Jelacic, Assistant Director for Services Lynn Carlson, Temporary Assistance Director Marijane Knudsen, Youth Bureau Director Krista Barringer, Head Attorney Michael Iapoce, Child Support Unit Representative, Save Them Now Program Director Ronnie Wade, UCDC Director of Business Development Patrick Sheehan, Secretary Elizabeth Hillegas

Chairman Gregorius called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. by introducing Legislator Terpening who has been appointed to serve on the Human Development Committee.

Resolution: A resolution to request authorization for the Chairman of the Legislature to enter into a lease agreement with Ulster County Community College Small Business Incubator for Youth Bureau offices to lease 1,160 square feet at One Development Court, Kingston, NY, January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 at an annual cost of \$12,180.

Motion offered by Legislator Provenzano, seconded by Legislator Loughran, and adopted.

Resolution: A resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with NYSOCFS for the Day Care Registration Grant in the amount of \$133,130.

Motion offered by Legislator Hansut, seconded by Legislator Terrizzi, and adopted.

Commissioner's Report: Deputy Commissioner Jelacic presented the Financial and Safety Net reports for Fiscal Director Hinchey. There was a brief discussion regarding Safety Net fiscal implications for towns/City. Youth Bureau Director Barringer presented the Youth Bureau report.

ACCESS Program: Temporary Assistance Director Knudsen provided information regarding contract particulars that Ulster County Community College and Department of Social Services have agreed will be included in the contract. It is expected that a contract will be signed by the May deadline.

There was a brief discussion regarding the availability of parenting skills classes.

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Employee Service Awards: Written and verbal invitations were extended to Committee members to attend a Department celebration on Thursday, May 15th, 2:00 p.m.

Legislator Discussion: There was a discussion regarding the possibility of moving forward with a statistical study of Department programs in order to project future Department/County needs.

Motion offered by Legislator Loughran to undertake Department of Social Services program statistical studies; motion was not seconded.

UCDC: Director of Business Sheehan noted that UCCC students could possibly be involved in the above-named statistical study and noted that UCDC continually strives to increase business opportunities in Ulster.

Save Them Now: Director Wade provided program information and noted that fiscal assistance is minimal for released prisoners. He noted the difficulties this population presents; however, he also noted success stories.

Commissioner announced Ulster County will receive a \$143,110 grant from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services which will be utilized to launch a Child Advocacy Center that will improve coordination of services to protect children who suffer from abuse and neglect.

Being no further business, motion offered by Legislator Noonan, seconded by Legislator Hansut, and adopted to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Gregorius
Chairman