

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**AUGUST 25, 2008**

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

Excused Absence: Legislator Peter Loughran

Others Present: Commissioner Roberto Rodriguez; Deputy Commissioner Patricia Jelacic; Preschool Programs Contractor Charles Ganim; League of Women Voters representative Lee Cane; Secretary Elizabeth Hillegas

Chairman Gregorius called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. Motion offered by Legislator Hansut, seconded by Legislator Provenzano, and adopted to enter into Executive Session regarding personnel reasons. Executive Session ended at 6:40 p.m.; no action taken.

Resolution: Commissioner of Social Services requests an amendment to the 2008 Ulster County budget—a transfer of funds in the amount of \$200,000 to provide mandated preventive and protective services for the Services for Recipients Program. (see attached)

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

Resolution: Commissioner of Social Services requests an amendment to the 2008 Ulster County budget—a transfer of funds in the amount of \$40,000 to provide mandated services regarding Emergency Assistance to Adults Services Program. (see attached)

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

Resolution: Commissioner of Social Services requests an amendment to the 2008 Ulster County budget—a transfer of funds in the amount of \$720,000 to provide mandated services for the Physically Handicapped Children Services Program. (see attached)

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

Resolution: Commissioner of Social Services requests an amendment to the 2008 Ulster County budget—a transfer of funds in the amount of \$780,000 to provide mandated services for Safety Net Program for Towns and City of Kingston. (see attached)

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

Notes of the July 21, 2008 meeting were reviewed; motion offered by Legislator Terrizzi, seconded by Legislator Noonan, and adopted to approve notes.

Commissioner's Report: Deputy Commissioner Jelacic offered clarification of the Fiscal and Safety Net reports. Commissioner Rodriguez offered clarification of the Preschool Program deficit that was indicated on the Fiscal report and noted that he will be requesting meetings with School Superintendents/County Admin regarding changes in State reimbursement.

2009 Proposed Budget Overview: Commissioner Rodriguez noted there is a 4% increase due to contractual increases; there are no new positions. Once the A-87 plan has been determined and State reductions accounted for, a realistic final figure will be available. There was a discussion regarding availability of comparison figures between the 2008 and 2009 budgets.

Family of Woodstock Hotline Services: A synopsis of the services that the County receives from Family of Woodstock and cost to the County for services was provided. It has been determined there are no service duplications between Ulster County Mental Health and Social Services contracts for hotline services.

Imaging Project: Deputy Commissioner Jelacic provided an update and noted that the coordinator for the Imaging Project, Commissioner, and she met; it was determined there is no need for temporary workers at this time. There was a discussion noting that an analysis of figures indicating the status of imaging progress would clarify the enormity of the project.

HEAP: State has not yet issued local allocations. Early enrollment applications will be issued to previously enrolled individuals over the age of 60, households with a disabled resident, and/or a child under the age of 6. The Ulster Winter Watch Plan will address emergency issues of needy residents not just clients of the Department.

DSS Contracts: As requested by Committee, a list of Social Services contracts indicating mandated/non-mandated status was provided.

DSS Contact List: As requested by Committee, a list of program contact numbers was provided; however, the list will be adjusted and redistributed.

Being no further business, a motion was offered by Legislator Terrizzi, seconded by Legislator Hansut, and adopted to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Gregorius  
Chairman

