

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**JULY 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, Fiscal Director Patricia Hinchey, Preschool Director Rita Wood, Temporary Assistance Director Marijane Knudsen, Preschool Transportation Contractor Charles Ganim, Secretary Elizabeth Hillegas

Chairman Gregorius called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Motion offered by Legislator Noonan, seconded by Legislator Loughran, and adopted to enter into Executive Session regarding personnel reasons. Executive Session lasted about one hour; no action was taken.

Resolution: A resolution to request that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to amend the agreements with programs funded through the NYS Office of Children and Family Services and authorizing the Director of the Ulster County Youth Bureau to amend said agreements as necessary in order for the Ulster County Youth Bureau to fulfill its obligations to execute the 2008 Reallocation Plan, as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney.

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

Resolution: Commissioner of Social Services requests that the 2008 Ulster County Budget be amended to accept a Federal allocation for Child Support Incentive funds in the amount of \$57,978.

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

Resolution: A resolution to request that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature enter into a lease agreement with Ulster County Community College Small Business Incubator for leasing two rooms (288 square feet), at One Development Court, at a cost of \$312 per month for the New York Connects program October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

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

Commissioner's Report: Fiscal Director Hinchey presented and discussed the Fiscal and Safety Net reports. The Youth Bureau report was distributed.

Family of Woodstock, Inc. contracts and duplication of services were discussed regarding hotline services. It was noted that Ulster County Mental Health also contracts with Family of Woodstock for hotline services. Committee requested the following information:

- what type of services does the hotline provide;
- how many people are involved in the hotline response team;
- how is the hotline managed;
- are the DSS and Mental Health contracts a duplication of services;
- what is the cost of DSS contract for hotline services.

**Imaging Project:** Deputy Commissioner Jelacic noted that the imaging project is well underway. The State is absorbing the cost to image the first year, and thereafter, there will be a local cost per page. It is expected that State-wide access to New York client records by employees of all New York counties will be beneficial to both clients and employees to ease facilitation of paperwork. Committee expressed concern regarding the timeliness of imaging during the first year and noted that it may be fiscally beneficial for the County to hire additional temporary workers while the State is absorbing costs. Deputy Commissioner Jelacic will investigate the need for additional temporary workers.

**Winter 2008/2009 Contingencies:** The County has scheduled an Energy Summit this week to initiate planning in order to assist Ulster County residents work through crises that may arise as a result of economic impacts due to oil prices. Areas of discussion will include housing, utilities, food, transportation, and safety.

Committee would like to receive and would like Town Supervisors to receive copies of appropriate contact information and instructions that can be utilized in instances when constituents contact them for various forms of assistance. Committee requested to receive the same HEAP packet information for the 08/09 season that will be mailed to the Town Supervisors. There was a discussion regarding public awareness of Social Services benefits. Commissioner noted that the subject of public awareness will be addressed at the Energy Summit. It was noted that Town Board meetings and press releases are other sources of public awareness notifications.

**CRSR:** It was decided that contracting with an outside agency for promotional/advertising purposes is not an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. The consensus of Committee is that the DSS/CRSR contract is to be terminated; however, submitted vouchers for contractual services that have been rendered are to be honored.

**2008 Budget Reductions:** Reductions of \$300,000 in local share were submitted to the County Administrator; a copy of the submission was distributed to Committee.

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2009 Budget: Committee indicated they are interested in participating in budget preparation; budget submission and approval timelines were discussed.

Legislators Discussion: Committee requested a list of program contracts, indicating if the contracts are mandated or non-mandated.

Being no further business, motion offered by Legislator Hansut, seconded by Legislator Terrizzi, and adopted to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Gregorius  
Chairman