

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**JUNE 23, 2008**

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

Others Present: Commissioner Roberto Rodriguez; Temporary Assistance Director Marijane Knudsen; Fiscal Director Patricia Hinchey; Resources Director Susan Warman; Assistant Director of Services Lynn Carlson; Preschool Programs Director Rita Wood; Medicaid Administrator Hermine Scheu; Medicaid Unit employees, Lynn Dunham, Chester Lezer, Dee Hunt; IT Tech Kirk Jones; League of Women Voters representative Lee Cane; A-87 Contractor Conrad Caruso; CRSR Designs partners Connie Snyder and Marjorie McCord; Ulster County resident Otto Scheu; Secretary Elizabeth Hillegas

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

Commissioner's Report: Fiscal Director Hinchey addressed the Fiscal and Safety Net reports. Committee requested that the Fiscal report reflect Admin costs separately from Purchase Orders and other costs. There was a discussion regarding Safety Net educational opportunities for Town Supervisors.

Resolution: A Resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Health for the Early Intervention Program for the term of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. (see attached)

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

Committee requested that a synopsis of any Resolution backup material be prepared and attached to each Resolution request, in the future.

It was noted that State reimbursement will decrease; therefore, County Departments will need to exercise budget restraints and research budgets for monies to accommodate State reimbursement decreases.

Resolution: A Resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute inter-municipal agreements for the following: Community Work Experience Program; Domestic Violence Unit; Youth Bureau. (see attached)

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

A-87 Project: Conrad Caruso, contractor for the County A-87 Plan, provided a review of the Federal 87 Regulation that provides guidelines for State and local governments for indirect costs.

Mr. Caruso noted there is a lag time in printing the plan. The appropriate information is supplied to him by the Treasurer's Office prior to his preparation of the plan. He noted the plan was just printed for the year of 2006—a two-year lag. Mr. Caruso is investigating the imbalance on both over-billing and under-billing and will be developing new billing rates that may increase reimbursements to the County. A report will be available to the County in approximately six weeks; however, the State will need to approve any new billing strategies. Committee members requested copies of Mr. Caruso's presentation/report.

CRSR Presentation: Connie Snyder and Marjorie McCord presented a brief program regarding the type of public awareness campaign they have been providing and would like to continue to provide regarding HEAP, VITA, Food Stamps, Medicaid, and Foster Care programs. There was a discussion regarding allowable and non-allowable promoting of services and contract procedures.

A motion was offered by Legislator Noonan to freeze the CRSR/DSS contract except to authorize payments for contractually-obligated activities that have taken place prior to this date. The freeze will remain in effect until the June Committee meeting at which time Committee will revisit this motion after all concerns regarding payment lines, grants, promotional activities, and contract availability to members have been addressed, seconded by Legislator Provenzano, and adopted.

Voting Yes: Legislators Gregorius, Noonan, Provenzano, Hansut, Loughran, Terrizzi  
Voting No: Legislator Terpening

RISE: Temporary Assistance Director Knudsen noted that the contract has new provisions for certificate programs that should affect the participation rates in a positive manner; Department of Social Services is waiting for Ulster County Community College to return a fully-executed copy of the contract.

Preschool Programs: Committee discussed and approved the purchase of hearings aides for two clients.

Salient: Resources Director Warman provided information regarding the use of this Medicaid provider fraud technology. Salient has provided training and will continue to plan trainings that will define the needs of various DSS units and provide same trainings.

TANF/Safety Net Statistics: Temporary Assistance Director Knudsen provided the requested statistics to Committee.

Legislators' Discussion: Brookside graduation has been scheduled June 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.

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Being no further business, motion offered by Legislator Noonan, seconded by Legislator Terrizzi, and adopted to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Gregorius  
Chairman