

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MAY 27, 2008**

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

Excused Absence: Legislator Paul Hansut

Others Present: Deputy Commissioner Barbara Sorkin, Fiscal Director Patricia Hinchey, Head Attorney Michael Iapoce, Temporary Assistance Director Marijane Knudsen, Youth Bureau Director Krista Barringer, Assistant Director Lynn Carlson, Medicaid Director Hermine Scheu, Medicaid Principal Joann Mundhenk, Ulster County resident Otto Scheu, Secretary Elizabeth Hillegas

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

Resolution: Commissioner of Social Services requests that the 2008 Ulster County Budget be amended to accept a Federal allocation from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for Needy Families for Intensive Case Services 2 Grant in the amount of \$42,131.

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

Resolution: Commissioner of Social Services requests that the 2008 Ulster County Budget be amended to accept a State allocation in the amount of \$143,110 from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the Child and Family Safety Grant.

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

Commissioner's Report: Fiscal Director Hinchey discussed the Financial and Safety Net Reports. A discussion regarding program statistics resulted in a request that Temporary Assistance Director Knudsen begin to provide data pertaining to individuals who have moved from TANF to Safety Net. Committee is interested in trends and periodically may request various forms of data. Youth Bureau Director Barringer discussed the Youth Bureau report and activities, along with a report on the Act for Youth Conference.

RISE: Reaching Independence through Supportive Education Program is formerly the ACCESS Program. Educational programs contained in the UCCC/DSS contract were explained by Temporary Assistance Director Knudsen. The certificate educational courses prepare clients with marketable skills geared for employment; these certificate courses can be applied to the required participation rate statistics.

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Salient Contract: Committee requested a status update on the Department internal activities regarding this program.

Legal Unit Staff Attorney Vacancies: Head Attorney Iapoce requested Committee support for a salary review of attorney positions because the Department is not able to attract qualified applicants to fill vacancies. He noted the vacancy rate creates a critical hardship on the Department as well as Family Court. Committee agreed that Personnel should examine attorney salaries.

Motion offered by Legislator Provenzano, seconded by Legislator Loughran, and adopted to support the request for a salary review of Social Services attorney positions.

A-87 Project: As requested by Committee, Fiscal Director Hinchey provided an informational background of the contractor's responsibilities. Committee requested a comprehensive report on current contractor activities for the June meeting.

Being no further business, motion offered by Legislator Loughran, seconded by Legislator Noonan, and adopted to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Gregorius  
Chairman