

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2010
4:30 p.m.

The Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: J. Sanfilippo, Chair, J. Garnar, S. Messina, M. Nirchi, M. Pasquale

Members Absent: None

Others Present: A. Johnson, D. Bowersox, C. Nord, C. Evans, DSS; J. Sluzar. Law; M. Kalka, M. Gerchman, Budget; B. Roberts, Youth Bureau; D. Fauci, Executive's Office; S. Reagan, WPNH; C. Edwards, Health; M. Klein, Personnel; L. Accardi, Catholic Charities; J. Mastronardi, CSEA-LRS, M. Reynolds, Retired DSS; A. Donovan, R. Jones, Public; S. Buchta, T. Cleary, D. Reynolds, G. LaBare, J. Marinich, R. Materese, E. Denk, C. Marion, J. Kamin, Legislature

The Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:30 pm. A motion was made to move the agenda by Mr. Nirchi, seconded by Ms. Messina.

The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#2 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD

Carried Ayes-5, Nays-0

#8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SUPPORT COLLECTION UNIT

Carried Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ADDICTION CENTER OF BROOME COUNTY, INC. FOR DRUG TESTING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2010

Carried Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN TIER INDEPENDENCE CENTER FOR SIGNING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE COUNTY CLERK, THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND THE WILLOW POINT NURSING HOME FOR 2010

Carried Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE FOOD STAMP NUTRITION EDUCATION PROJECT GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO SAID PROGRAM FOR 2009-2010

Carried Ayes-5, Nays-0

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE INTENSIVE CASE SERVICES FOR NON-COMPLIANT FAMILIES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2010

Carried Ayes-5, Nays-0

#15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE MEDICAID TECHNOLOGIES ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2010

Carried Ayes-5, Nays-0

#17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE CHARGE STRUCTURE TO INCREASE 2010 RATES FOR GUEST MEALS AND BEAUTY SALON SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT NURSING HOME FOR 2010

Carried Ayes-5, Nays-0

#29 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF BROOME COUNTY FOR SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2010

Carried Ayes-5, Nays-0

Numerous questions were asked of Commissioner Johnson and addressed by Mr. Johnson as well as Ms. Nord and Mr. Bowersox. Mr. Johnson stated that twenty to twenty-two employees of the Department of Social Services retired in the fourth quarter of 2009 as a result of the Retirement Incentive. Mr. Johnson stated that the nine employees currently working in Adult Protective Services will be absorbed elsewhere in the Department. The plan calls for Catholic Charities to hire ten full time employees to perform the work proposed.

The chairman recognized Mr. Ron Jones. Mr. Jones, who works in Adult Protective Services, spoke in opposition to the PSA outsourcing proposal in Resolution # 12 and the impact such a change would have on the clients that are served by the Adult Protective Services unit. Mr. Jones remarks are on file with these minutes.

During the presentation by Mr. Jones, Mr. Pasquale had to leave (at approximately 5:12 P.M.) The Chairman designated Mr. Marinich to substitute for Mr. Pasquale for the remainder of the meeting.

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BROOME COUNTY FOR PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR ADULTS UNDER CARE AND REPRESENTATIVE CASE MANAGEMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2010

Carried Ayes-3, Nays-2 (J. Garnar, J. Marinich)

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Garnar, seconded by Ms. Messina, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:17pm.