

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
MINUTES: February 23, 2010

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

COMMITTEE: Alfreda Williams, Chair, Judy Myers, William Burton, John Testa

In Attendance: CE: Katy Delgado, George Oros BOL: Tina Limengo, Mary Jackson, Larry Goldstein, Melanie Montalto Guests: Gerry McKinstry, Desta Lakew

MINUTES:

Chairwoman Williams called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m.

With a motion by Legislator Myers seconded by Legislator Burton the minutes of the February 2, 2010 Committee meeting were approved with a vote of 3-0.

George Oros, Chief of Staff to the County Executive updated the Committee on status of the Health Department with Acting Commissioner Dr. Patsy Yang leaving on March 12, 2010. Mr. Oros stated the administration has asked Dr. Yang and Dr. Mitchell, Commissioner of the Department on Community Mental Health, work together on determining the feasibility on combining the two departments at a later date. Mr. Oros further stated that they are going to conduct a nationwide search for a Commissioner who fits all of the state requirements.

The Committee asked about considering Dr. Mitchell as the Health Commissioner. Mr. Oros stated that he is welcome to apply for the job. Legislator Myers stated that it is her understanding from previous conversations that he does not meet all of the specifications with regard to having a public health degree.

Mr. Oros stated that the Administration is looking at finding an internal, interim, Acting Commissioner until a new Commissioner is found.

Chairwoman Williams asked that Mr. Oros come back in mid April to provide a status update. Mr. Oros agreed.

With a motion by Legislator Burton seconded by Legislator Myers the Committee on Community Services adjourned with a vote of 4-0 at 3:33 p.m.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST