

FAMILIES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 14, 2007

Committee Members

In Attendance: Judy Myers, Chair, Marty Rogowsky, William Burton, Ursula LaMotte and Kenneth Jenkins.

In Attendance: CEO: Andrew Neuman & Bill Randolph BOL: Christina Giliberti, Neal Rentz, Andrea Clay and Melanie Montalto. Guests: Kim Jacobs.

Items Discussed: Financial planning; Agenda item #64; Agenda item #51, a resolution in support of H.R. 326 "Medicaid County Protection Act of 2007"

Minutes

Chairwoman Myers called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

William Fallon from the Department of Labs and Research discussed agenda item number 64, a renewal of an agreement with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation to continue to provide clinical analysis, toxicological, environmental, microbiological, forensic, and public health laboratory services for a maximum of \$500,000.

Moved by Legislator LaMotte and seconded by Legislator Burton agenda item number 64 passed with a vote of 4-0.

Kim Jacobs of Community Capital Resources discussed financial planning for adults, teens, and college students with the Committee. The Committee discussed the brochure that the County Executive issued today on credit cards that are geared toward college students.

Ms. Jacobs stated that Community Capital Resources is planning a seminar and she would like to come back to ask the Board to declare that day a financial awareness day once the details are finalized.

Legislator Rogowsky briefed the Committee on agenda item number 51, a resolution in support of H.R. 326, "The Medicaid Protection Act of 2007" which is sponsored by Congressmen G.K. Butterfield of North Carolina. Tioga County, New York has already passed a resolution in support of this bill which states that the State government must fully pay for Medicaid funding as opposed to the cost being passed down to the County governments as they are able to do now. Westchester County currently pays 25% of our Medicaid costs which is a large burden on our budget, causing taxes to rise.

Legislator Rogowsky stated that Westchester County spent approximately \$190 million dollars last year on Medicaid mandates.

Legislators Rogowsky and LaMotte stated that several counties in upstate New York are spending 100% of their property taxes on their Medicaid mandates.

Moved by Legislator Rogowsky and seconded by Legislator Burton agenda item number 51 passed with a vote of 4-0.

Legislator LaMotte moved to amend the resolution to have a copy sent to the entire New York State Congressional Delegation. Legislator Burton seconded the motion and it was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Moved by Legislator Rogowsky and seconded by Legislator Burton the Committee on Families, Health and Human Services adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

A complete audio recording of the meeting is available for review upon request.