

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH INSURANCE SAVINGS
MINUTES: FEBRUARY 6, 2010**

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MEMBERS: Co-Chairs: J. Myers, L. Williams; Legislators: J. Nonna, J. Testa, A. Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: **BOL STAFF:** S. Bass; **GUESTS:** K. Jenkins

With a quorum present, the Special Committee on Health Insurance Savings Legislation was called to order at 12:37 p.m.

Chairperson Williams stated that the charge of the committee is to look at what health insurance options are available, asses whether there is something that can save the county a substantial amount of money, get recommendations from experts, express our choice to the administration of what we would like to see and let them go ahead and implement it or do something similar. We are not going to take over the administrations role.

Legislator Testa believed that the County Executive's proposal of a 15% Health Insurance contribution from non represented employees can be handled separately, before looking into the overall Health Insurance changes.

The committee prepared a four phase work plan which included organizations to solicit input and data from as well as hard deadlines.

Members requested the salary ranges of the employees who may be affected by requiring a health care contribution (Act 265-2005), a copy of the Pomco agreements, the list of providers who are licensed in the State of New York, the history of claims over the last few years, a summary of benefits the county offers, the memorandum of understand regarding how much we pay Westchester Community College, and legal opinion from last year, about raises for college employees. The Committee would also like to invite an insurance broker.

The Committee would like to ask the County Attorney for a legal opinion about what authority the Legislature has to mandate health care contributions from employees of the Westchester Community College and Board of Elections. In addition we will ask if health insurance benefits are considered salary for elected officials.

(Myers, Testa) Move to adjourn the Committee on Health Insurance Savings. Motion approved 5-0. The Committee on Health Insurance Savings adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST