

# **FAMILIES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**October 2, 2007**

## **Committee Members**

**In Attendance:** Judy Myers, Chair, Kenneth Jenkins, Lois Bronz and Ursula LaMotte.

**In Attendance:** CEO: Bill Randolph; DSS: Katherine Waluschka BOL: Olivia Rhodes, Joanne Sold and Melanie Montalto; Visitors: Kathy Halas and Susan Edelstein, Child Care Council of Westchester, Joanne Mongelli, Arts Council, Tessa Turton.

**Items Discussed:** The Child Care Council of Westchester gave an update on the Westchester County Child Care Scholarship and their goals for 2008.

## **Minutes**

Chairwoman Myers called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Susan Edelstein of the Child Care Council of Westchester provided an overview and comparison of the first three rounds of the Westchester County Child Care Scholarship. There was one round in 2006 and 2 rounds in 2007. A copy of the results and the information Ms. Edelstein provided is on file and available for review.

Susan Edelstein discussed recommended changes for next year. A discussion ensued regarding funding needs. The Child Care Council said if they were given an increase in funding, it would be spent. The Child Care Council would like to ask for 1.5 million dollars for the program during the 2008 budget process.

Kathy Halas distributed the highlights for 2007 from the Early Care and Education systems change initiative. A copy is on file and available for review.

Joanne Mongelli of the Westchester Arts Council came to the table to discuss the issue of art programs for Headstart programs that currently require at least ten families be TANF eligible.

Moved by Legislator Bronz and seconded by Legislator LaMotte the minutes of September 25, 2007 passed with a vote of 4-0.

Moved by Legislator LaMotte and seconded by Legislator Jenkins the Committee on Families, Health and Human Services adjourned at 1: 48 p.m.

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