

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

### **March 18, 2008**

#### **Committee Members**

**In Attendance:** Lois Bronz, Chair, William Burton, Judy Myers, Vito Pinto, Lyndon Williams, Kenneth Jenkins.

**In Attendance:** CEO: Bill Randolph DSS: John Befus, Carlos Moran, Iris Jenkins, Katherine Waluschka, and Donovan Beckford BOL: Olivia Rhodes & Melanie Montalto; Visitors: Kathy Halas, Susan Edelstein, and Lisa Davis of the Child Care Council, Regina Riely.

**Items Discussed:** The Westchester County Child Care Scholarship & Agenda item #16

#### **Minutes**

Chairwoman Bronz called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m.

Kathy Halas, Executive Director of the Child Care Council of Westchester and Lisa Davis, also of the Council, provided the Committee with an update on the work the Child Care Council is doing and the Early Care and Education Forward initiative. Ms. Halas provided several reports which are on file and available for review.

Susan Edelstein of the Child Care Council of Westchester gave the Committee an update on the Westchester County Child Care Scholarship and minor changes moving forward in the 2008 application process.

Donovan Beckford and Carlos Moran of the Department of Social Services spoke to the Committee about agenda item number 16, a proposed act to partner with the counties of Ulster, Orange, Sullivan, Dutchess, Rockland, and Putnam and the City of Yonkers on the Green Talent Pipeline to develop economic transformation strategies in workforce development.

Moved by Legislator Williams and seconded by Legislator Pinto agenda item number 16 passed with a vote of 6-0.

The Committee agreed to send the draft letter in support of A.06825, a bill to make it easier for physicians to provide HIV testing, to the State Delegation.

Moved by Legislator Pinto and seconded by Legislator Burton the minutes of the March 11, 2008 Community Services meeting were approved 6-0.

Moved by Legislator Pinto and seconded by Legislator Jenkins the Committee on Community Services adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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