

Minutes
Health and Human Services Committee
March 16, 2004

Members Present: Committee Chair Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Legislators Jennie Adsit, Ken Blankenbush, Robert Boice, James Nabywaniec, Barry Ormsby, and Board Chairman Robert Thomas

Others Present: Legislators Michael Behling, Kathleen LaClair, and James St. Croix, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy County Administrator Michael Kaskan, County Attorney John Hartzell, Budget Analyst Greg Hudson, Public Health Director Jean Bilow, Director of Community Services Larry Tingley, Acting DSS Director Mary Morgan, Youth Bureau Director Ginny Harrington, Office for Aging Director Steve Binion, media representative, Stenographer Kathryn Holloway

Chairman Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and offered the privilege of the floor.

Executive Director of Family Counseling Services Ralph Marcellus advised that programs for the treatment of individuals who have committed sexual offenses have proven to be effective. He added that specialized training is required of counselors who provide such treatment, and in order for Family Counseling Services to continue to provide such treatment the agency is seeking additional funding through Community Services. Committee Chair Fitzpatrick said she would talk to Community Services Director relative to bringing Family Counseling Services' request to the Community Services Board for consideration.

Chairman Fitzpatrick introduced a resolution amending the budget to reappropriate unexpended public health preparedness grant funds and entertained a motion for discussion. Such motion was made by Legislator Adsit and seconded by Legislator Ormsby. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Fitzpatrick introduced a resolution amending the budget to redistribute health benefits within Public Health Accounts, and entertained a motion for discussion. Such motion was made by Legislator Boice and seconded by Legislator Blankenbush. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Fitzpatrick introduced a resolution authorizing extension of a grant agreement with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services for the youth court program, and entertained a motion for discussion. Such motion was made by Legislator Blankenbush and seconded by Legislator Boice. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Committee Chair Fitzpatrick introduced acting DSS Commissioner Mary Morgan who said she considers it an honor to serve in the interim position.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. on a motion by Legislator Blankenbush, seconded by Legislator Adsit, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Hagemann
Clerk of the Board