

# The Legislature of Rockland County



Philip Soskin  
Chair, Multi-Services Committee  
Legislator - District 7

MINUTES  
**MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010  
**6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LEG. P. SOSKIN, CHAIR  
LEG. C. COKER, VICE CHAIR  
LEG. A. WOLFE, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE-CHAIR  
LEG. J. HOOD, JR.  
LEG. D. JOBSON  
LEG. J. MICHEL  
LEG. F. SPARACO

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

LEG. J. MURPHY  
P. BRENNAN  
M. MCCARNEY  
E. YEGER, ESQ.  
B. WHITTINGTON  
E. RODRIGUEZ

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

ROLL CALL

CHAIR SOSKIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:05PM

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2010

**MOTION TO ADOPT:  
SOSKIN/COKER**

**UNAN**

1. REF. #2417- CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. JEFFREY OPPENHEIM, SUFFERN, NEW YORK TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (C. SCOTT VENDERHOEF, COUNTY EXECUTIVE)

**ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, COKER, WOLFE, HOOD, JR., JOBSON, MICHEL**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/WOLFE**

**UNAN**

Legislator Coker stated that she is thankful that someone as talented as Dr. Oppenheim is willing to take on this responsibility. Chair Soskin thanked Dr. Oppenheim for his efforts.

2. REF. #8281- APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH ROBERT PITT PROFESSIONAL PLAZA, MONSEY, NEW YORK, FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DAY CARE PROGRAM FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON MARCH 1, 2010 AND EXPIRING ON FEBRUARY 28, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$306,174.90)  
**(S. SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES)**

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**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
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3. REF. #8634- APPROVING A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 (NCTD) WITH RESEARCH WORKS, INC. FOR EVALUATION SERVICES OF THE NEXT STEPS TANF/CHILD WELFARE COLLABORATION PROJECT UNDER RFP-RC-08-021 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$162,318 FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$109,803)  
**(S. SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES)**

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**ACTION: LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO AMEND THE CAPTION/RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:  
CHANGE RFP # TO RFP-RC-09-024 WHEREVER IT APPEARS, AND CHANGE NOT TO EXCEED  
AMOUNT TO \$109,803 WHEREVER IT APPEARS**

Ms. Munro stated that this program allows applicants to learn parenting skills and study for a GED. A federal grant was used to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

4. REF. #6546- DISCUSSION ITEM – OPTING INTO NEW YORK STATE DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM PRESENTATION BY PROACT  
**(HON. J. MURPHY, LEGISLATURE)**

**DISCUSSED**

Legislator Murphy stated that he introduced the legislation that established the current Caremark program. The ProAct program may be an improvement, and he would like to hear the ProAct representative compare and contrast. Mr. Rodriguez of ProAct stated that there are several differences, the most important being that with Caremark the average savings is 22% and with the ProAct program the average savings is 44%. ProAct markets and distributes the card without any cost to the County. ProAct will mail a card to every household in Rockland County upon inception of the program, and provide free monthly reporting to the County.

The card can also be used towards new services such as vision and the purchase of glasses. ProAct provides all of these services free of charge in order to build a relationship with the County, in case the County ever chose to be self-insured. Legislator Murphy asked to see an item by item comparison between the two programs. Legislator Hood stated that he was interested in the advertising aspect of the program, as word of the current program was not getting out. He inquired as to what other ways the program is announced besides the initial mailing. Mr. Rodriguez stated that there is a dedicated help line, and the cards are made available online. Legislator Coker asked if all pharmacies in Rockland County would be participating. Mr. Rodriguez stated that all would be given the opportunity to join. Legislator Wolfe inquired as to how else ProAct is able to make money off of the program. Mr. Rodriguez stated that a small administrative fee is charged per transaction that is paid by the pharmacy network.

**\*\*\*ADDENDUM\*\*\***  
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5. REF. #9019- APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A FEDERAL BASIC CENTER PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,000 (NCTD) FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2012 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY'S PROJECT TURNING POINT PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDES TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR AND COUNSELING TO RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH AGES 14-18 AND IS OPERATED BY THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE, INC. WHICH WILL BE PROVIDING THE REQUIRED 10% MATCH IN THE FORM OF IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS [YOUTH BUREAU] (\$180,000) (M. MCCARNEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, YOUTH BUREAU)

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Ms. McCarney stated that St. Agatha's declined to continue to run the Project Turning Point program. An RFP resulted in Children's Village being chosen as the new operator. The grant will supply the salaries for the workers at the facilities.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: (7:03 PM)  
WOLFE/JOBSON**

**UNAN**