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November 3, 2011 Meeting

**Health and Human Services Committee:**

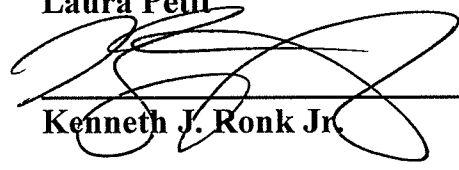
  
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Walter G. Frey Jr., Chairman

  
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Robert S. Parete, Deputy Chairman

  
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Wayne Harris

  
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Mary Beth Maio

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Laura Petit

  
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Kenneth J. Ronk Jr.

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Thomas J. Briggs

  
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Peter Loughran

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Joseph P. Stoeckeler

Today's Date: December 5, 2011

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**NAME OF COMMITTEE:** Health and Human Services Committee

**DATE:** November 3, 2011

**TIME:** 6:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Library Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

**LEGISLATORS PRESENT:** Chairman Frey, Legislator's, Harris, Loughran, Parete, Ronk

**LEGISLATOR EXCUSED:** Legislator's Briggs, Maio, Petit, Stoeckeler

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Marshall Beckman Deputy County Executive, Lee Cane League of Women Voters, Nettie Tomshaw UC Legislature Staff

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walter Frey at 6:00 PM.
- A motion by Legislator Loughran was made to accept the October 6, 2011 Committee Meeting Minutes, Seconded by Legislator Ronk, all were in favor, Carried.
- Chairman Frey reminded the committee of the upcoming budget review meeting to be held on Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, 5:00PM, COB, Library. Department heads from Health, Mental Health and DSS will present budget highlights.

ProAct, Terrance O'Neill: Update of Ulster County's ProAct Discount Card and New Initiatives

- Provided committee with current status of program, claims, savings and cards used.
- Ulster County monthly savings, claims and total card usage has been consistent month to month.
- Since program startup July 2010, 22,600 claims and \$800.7K price savings realized to UC residents.
- Statewide overall discount savings of \$64 Million filling over 2.2 million prescriptions.
- Increased foot traffic in pharmacies using the ProAct discount drug card produced increased sales for stores. Some pharmacists disagree - feel they are losing money!
- ProAct Press Releases are the most effective way to reach citizens. Still reaching out to people in Ulster County who can benefit from this program.
- Program is doing exactly what it was designed for - help residents who do not have insurance.

Resolutions:

- 1.) Resolution No. 245, November 15, 2011: Amending The 2011 Ulster County Budget - New York State Office Of Children And Family Services (OCFS), Supervision And Treatment Services For Juveniles (STSJP) And Detention Allocations - Department Of Social Services

**Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Parete, Seconded by Legislator Harris, Unanimously in Favor, Carried.**

Marshall Beckman summarized the resolution by noting the new funding encourages the use of preventive services by reimbursing the county at a higher rate. The detention funding has been capped by the state, thus every dollar exceeding the cap will be 100% county contribution. Legislator Harris noted although this is a non-mandated program, we are being state funded through the prevention program.

- 2.) Resolution No. 246, November 15, 2011: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Application For The Medicare Improvements For Patients And Providers Act Grant Program With The New York State Office For The Aging - Office For The Aging

**Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Ronk, Unanimously in Favor, Carried.**

Marshall Beckman noted the grant monies will allow for additional Medicaid and Medicare Part B drug plan eligible outreach program services and out of office services performed by the UC Office for the Aging.

- 3.) Resolution No. 249, November 15, 2011: Setting A Public Hearing On The Sale And/Or Transfer Of The Golden Hill Health Care Center To A Local Development Corp

**Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Ronk. Motion Defeated 4 -1. (5 votes are needed to pass) Ayes (4) Harris, Ronk, Loughran, Frey. Noes (1) Parete.**

Legislator Parete asked if there was a resolution to go along with this and what will be the process before and after the public hearing.

Legislator Harris responded there isn't one, however the LDC (6) member Legislative Committee formed by Chairman Wadnola will meet next Wednesday to facilitate the development and implementation of the LDC and discuss the concerns of the state comptroller's office on a general level. We needed to set a timely date for the public hearing due to budget time constraints.

Group discussion ensued.

A second public hearing will be required to adopt a local law for the public to provide input. Many questions/concerns were raised as to how the creation of the LDC bylaws will progress and how the legislature will come away with the best product for Ulster County residents. The committee expressed concern some members on the LDC committee will not be here in 2012. The LDC committee meeting next week will address these issues and more.

Legislator Parete stated he is opposed to full privatization and opposed to using the budget to bond in this manner. Also would like his recommendations heard and considered. He expressed displeasure in the creation and timing of the LDC unbeknown to the Legislature and the Legislative Golden Hill Task Force.

Legislator Loughran questioned why the full legislature is not privy to the Golden Hill RFP bid responses? Legislator Ronk explained it was the opinion of County Attorney Bea Havranek and Director of Purchasing Robin Peruso that it would be against the law.

Legislator Harris stated Legislative Counsel Ken Gilligan and County Attorney Bea Havranek are to meet and review the transcript of the recent informational meeting - concerns voiced by legislators, and discuss negative concerns the state comptroller has with LCD formations. The LDC committee will then work from the attorney's findings - draft.

Transfer of ownership deadline is believed to be 12/31/11. M. Beckman noted the longer we wait the poorer the chance to sell \$8m in bonds in 2012 - creating an unbalanced budget and knowing there isn't enough money in the contingency fund, ultimately would force services to be shut down.

4.) LATE Resolution Draft No. 1113, November 15, 2011: Supporting A Fair And Reasonable Contract For Benedictine Registered Nurses

**Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Parete, Seconded by Legislator Loughran, Unanimously if Favor, Carried.**

Legislator Loughran expressed this is a memorializing resolution supporting the nurses at Benedictine Hospital to reach a conclusion - nothing more.

Legislator Ronk noted our Sheriffs Office has operated without a contract since 2007.

Legislator Harris noted the current economic climate isn't conducive to successful negotiations.

Discussion:

Abstract of Contracts for November 15, 2011 Session was provided to all committee members.

(Chairman Frey requested to see the contract for L34-21 on the abstract to assure hot meals will continue to be served to seniors - Meals on Wheels program)

Legislator Parete asked if any of the contracts on the abstract relate to the closure of the Mental Health program. (11/5/11 - Marshall Beckman advised this office the closure of the Chemical Dependency Clinics does not affect any of the contracts)

Chairman Frey shared a memo he received today referencing the Ulster Workforce Investment Board Governance Review from the NYS Department of Labor, Office of Employment & Training conducted back in June and received a final follow up letter October 14, 2011.

Legislator Ronk asked if we were assessed a penalty. (11/08/11 - Nancy Schaefer reported no penalties incurred)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM with a motion offered by Legislator Ronk, Seconded by Legislator Loughran, with all in favor, Carried.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Walter Frey, Chairman /nt  
Health & Human Services Committee**

# Ulster County Discount Card



Month:	Total Claims	Total Cards Used	Member Rx Cost	Avg Member Rx Cost	Price Savings	Avg. Price Savings	% Price Savings
<i>July-10</i>	485	296	\$ 25,030.63	\$ 51.61	\$ 15,144.32	\$ 31.23	38%
<i>August-10</i>	966	458	\$ 37,330.53	\$ 38.64	\$ 29,661.57	\$ 30.71	44%
<i>September-10</i>	1,109	456	\$ 44,312.98	\$ 39.96	\$ 38,504.32	\$ 34.72	46%
<i>October-10</i>	1,273	468	\$ 51,304.64	\$ 40.30	\$ 42,661.41	\$ 33.51	45%
<i>November-10</i>	1,333	501	\$ 51,644.86	\$ 38.74	\$ 45,047.25	\$ 33.79	47%
<i>December-10</i>	1,475	529	\$ 54,032.73	\$ 36.63	\$ 52,577.90	\$ 35.65	49%
<b>Total 2010</b>	<b>6,641</b>	<b>2,708</b>	<b>\$ 263,656.37</b>	<b>\$ 39.70</b>	<b>\$ 223,596.77</b>	<b>\$ 33.67</b>	<b>46%</b>
<i>January-11</i>	1,483	598	\$ 50,363.44	\$ 33.96	\$ 51,152.65	\$ 34.49	50%
<i>February-11</i>	1,489	641	\$ 51,296.92	\$ 34.45	\$ 54,509.90	\$ 36.61	52%
<i>March-11</i>	1,834	760	\$ 61,448.66	\$ 33.51	\$ 69,791.85	\$ 38.05	53%
<i>April-11</i>	1,868	752	\$ 62,602.70	\$ 33.51	\$ 73,307.41	\$ 39.24	54%
<i>May-11</i>	1,985	839	\$ 67,210.07	\$ 33.86	\$ 78,767.47	\$ 39.68	54%
<i>June-11</i>	1,962	849	\$ 75,252.63	\$ 38.36	\$ 67,783.76	\$ 34.55	47%
<i>July-11</i>	1,872	791	\$ 71,502.34	\$ 38.20	\$ 61,551.68	\$ 32.88	46%
<i>August-11</i>	1,798	775	\$ 69,028.19	\$ 38.39	\$ 61,708.63	\$ 34.32	47%
<i>September-11</i>	1,728	738	\$ 65,902.01	\$ 38.14	\$ 58,528.06	\$ 33.87	47%
<b>Total 2011</b>	<b>16,019</b>	<b>6,743</b>	<b>\$ 574,606.96</b>	<b>\$ 35.87</b>	<b>\$ 577,101.41</b>	<b>\$ 36.03</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>22,660</b>	<b>9,451</b>	<b>\$ 838,263.33</b>	<b>\$ 36.99</b>	<b>\$ 800,698.18</b>	<b>\$ 35.34</b>	<b>49%</b>



ULSTER COUNTY  
Office of Employment and Training (OET)

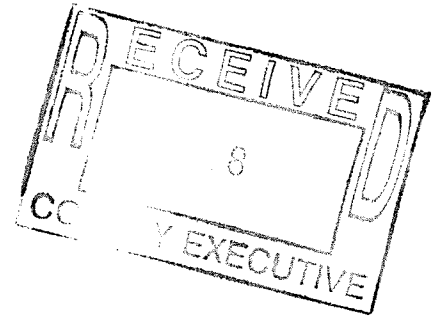
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Michael P. Hein, UC Executive

Nancy E.K. Schaefer, Director



**TO:** Adele Reiter, Deputy County Executive  
Marshall Beckman, Deputy County Executive

**FROM:** Nancy E.K. Schaefer, Director

**RE:** Ulster Workforce Investment Board Governance Review

**DATE:** October 26, 2011

Please find attached a letter from New York State Department of Labor dated October 14, 2011 regarding their Program Review for our local Workforce Investment Board and our Ulster Works OneStop Consortium.

A review of the program in June 6, 2011 revealed three Findings which to date are corrected leaving Ulster County in full compliance. Their report is attached.

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A PARTNER IN ULSTER WORKS THE ULSTER COUNTY ONESTOP JOB CENTER

# ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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**ROBERT SUDLOW**  
*Deputy County Executive*

**ARTHUR J. SMITH**  
*Budget Director*

Memo to: Walter Frey, Chair, Health Services Committee

From: Marshall Beckman, Deputy County Executive *MB*

Date: November 3, 2011

RE: Office of Employment and Training—outside review

Attached you will find a letter from the NYS Department of Labor concerning the results of a review conducted of the OET. The correspondence confirms that the department's corrective actions have been accepted by the state.

Thank you for sharing this information with the Health Services Committee.

cc: K. Binder  
N. Schaefer

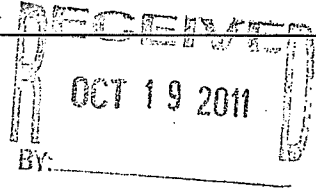
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ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE





New York State Department of Labor  
Andrew M. Cuomo, *Governor*  
Colleen C. Gardner, *Commissioner*



October 14, 2011

Ms. Nancy Schaefer  
Director  
Ulster County Office of Employment and Training  
Ulster County Workforce Investment Board  
651 Development Court  
Kingston, New York 12401

RE: Ulster Workforce Investment Board Governance Review

Dear Ms. Schaefer:

This letter serves as our final follow-up to our office's review of the Ulster County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for Program Year 2010 (July 1, 2010 through April 5, 2011). Since our report was issued on June 6, 2011, all of the Findings noted below have been corrected based on information provided in your letter to me dated October 7, 2011. No further information is needed at this time.

**Finding #1:**

The WIB structure is not in compliance with Workforce Investment Act (WIA) §117(b)(2). The WIB is missing a representative from a community based organization and lacks the required majority of members from the local business community. Board does not meet composition criteria of 51% business representatives. The Board currently has 32 members: 16 members are business representatives and 16 members are other than business representatives.

**The WIB is now composed of the required majority of members from the local business community and two representatives from community-based organizations.**

**Finding #2:**

The Ulster Youth Council structure is not in compliance with WIA §117 (h)(iii) and (iv). The Ulster Youth Council is missing both a "representative of local public housing authority" and a "parent of eligible youth seeking assistance".

**The Youth Council is now composed of the required members.**

**Finding #3:** The OneStop Operator and Consortium Agreements are not current, both having been signed for a term from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2010.

**Confirmation was provided that the Consortium Agreements and OneStop Operator Agreement are signed. Copies were received.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
Nancy E. Bell  
Workforce Programs Specialist III

cc: Cynthia Baran  
Caryann Sculley  
John Sewell  
Walter Wrobel



**Karen L  
Binder/Legislature/Ulster  
County**

11/21/2011 04:54 PM

To Nettie L Tomshaw/Legislature/Ulster County@Ulster County

cc

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Subject Fw: Health & Human Service Questions

Nettie

The response from Marshall Beckman came to me and Ken Ronk and Walter Frey were copied.

Sorry for not forwarding a copy to you.

The other two issues have been dealt with in Walter's absence.

Karen L. Binder, Clerk  
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**Karen L  
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11/08/2011 03:29 PM

To Marshall Beckman/County Executive/Ulster County

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Subject Re: Fw: Health & Human Service Questions

Thank you Marshall!

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Marshall Beckman/County Executive/Ulster County



**Marshall Beckman/County  
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11/08/2011 03:13 PM

To Karen L Binder/Legislature/Ulster County@Ulster County

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Subject Re: Fw: Health & Human Service Questions

Nancy Schaefer reports that there were no penalties.

Marshall Beckman  
Deputy County Executive  
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To Marshall Beckman/County Executive/Ulster County@Ulster  
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Subject Fw: Health & Human Service Questions

Good Morning Marshall

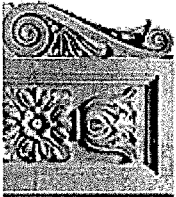
Please see the email below. I have identified a question from Legislator Ronk regarding the outside review of the Department of Employment and Training.

The question appears in red.

Thank you for your earliest response to this matter.

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11/04/2011 09:46 AM

To Karen L Binder/Legislature/Ulster County@Ulster County  
cc waltfreyjr@yahoo.com, kenronkjr@gmail.com  
Subject Health & Human Service Questions

Good morning Karen,  
Last night's meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee yielded the following questions and meeting date.

- 1.) Walter would like to see the contract for L34-21 on the November abstract.
- 2.) Ken Ronk would like to know if we were assessed a penalty in reference to the Executive's office (Marshall) letter for the Office of Employment and Training - outside review, dated 11/3/11.
- 3.) Also his committee set a date and time for their budget meeting with Marshall, being Monday 11/14/11 at 5:00 pm.