

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE

NAME OF COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: September 15, 1994

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Ulster County Office Building, 6th Floor
244 Fair Street, Kingston, N.Y.

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Alice Tipp, Chairman, Susan Cummings,
George Devine, David Donaldson, Brian
Hathaway, Richard Husted, Fawn Tantillo,
and Frederick Wadnola

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Frank Dart

OTHERS PRESENT: Terry Breitenstein, Veterans Service Agency
Patricia P. Pine, Ph.D., Office for the Aging
Barbara Short, Office for the Aging

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Terry Breitenstein, Veterans Service Agency, distributed invitations for a Surprise Retirement Party on Sept. 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 30 John Street in Saugerties, (\$10. per person) for Jim Gage, Deputy Director. His replacement, Tom Wakeman, has been hired and will be coming on board soon.

There was some discussion on budget issues.

Dr. Patricia Pine, Office for the Aging, announced new funding for programs. A Member Item from Senator Cook, was approved for \$30,000 to establish a Volunteer Medical transportation Program. The program will be subcontracted with a community organization which has transportation expertise. The funds are 100% state funds, with no county match required, and is good for one year. It was hoped that the sub-contractor for this service will be able to work towards making the program self-supporting, during the program year.

The second is a new State program, Congregate Services Initiative (CSI), enacted this year. This program will provide services and/or activities at congregate centers which will "enhance dignity, support independence, and encourage involvement in and with the community and which seeks to prevent the well elderly from requiring more intensive services . . ." This will be subcontracted to a community agency. Ulster County has been allocated \$2,028. for the initiative with a required match of \$676. The Office for the Aging will attempt to secure the \$676 from the subcontractor. Also Ulster County OFA can retain 5 percent of the total for administration (\$135.00)

Legislator Cummings asked Dr. Pine whether there was any way that the congregate site in Ellenville would be able to leave the lunch area open after lunch, to allow seniors to socialize, play cards, etc. Dr. Pine said that she would research that and let Legislator Cummings know the results.

Chairman Tipp distributed copies of the Human Relations Commission's report, for Lucy Honig, who was observing Yom Kippur. There was discussion among the committee regarding the number of complaints resolved locally by the Human Relations Commission, the number of complaints resolved by the City of Kingston Commission, and the number of complaints forwarded to the state commission.

There being no further business, George Devine moved to adjourn and Fawn Tantilillo seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alice Tipp, Chairman
Community Services Committee