

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Community Mental Health Committee
DATE: July 15, 1992
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Mental Health Complex, Golden Hill
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Busick and Legislators McConekey, Pecora, Sottile, Husted
LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislators Irwin and Bertone
OTHERS ATTENDING: Ernest J. Townsend, DPA, CSW, Director; Marshall Beckman, Deputy Director

The following items were on the agenda:

1. The Committee unanimously approved a resolution to reclassify a Resident-In-Psychology position to Psychologist II effective August 24, 1992. The Department representatives explained that the Resident-In-Psychology position was created as a vehicle to assist in recruitment of licensed psychologists. This position allows individuals who have successfully completed the internship in psychology to work at the therapy level for up to two years. The intent is that once the individual passes the licensing examination, the position be upgraded to Psychologist II. It was reported that there is prior precedence in this regard.
2. The Committee unanimously approved housekeeping resolutions covering the following matters:
 - a) Additional 1991 100% state aid for Gateway Community Industries and Multi County Community Development Corporation (MCCDC) residential programs;

- b) The addition of \$70,000 in 100% Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse funding for MCCDC's half-way house project in Saugerties;
 - c) Restoration of funds to reimburse Benedictine Hospital for its 1991 contractual services;
 - d) Modifications to the Forensic-V budget concerning purchase of service arrangements with other counties.
3. Chairman Busick gave a status report on the meetings of the Steering Committee that was established for the purpose of facilitating the implementation of the Mental Health Department's managed care proposal. He indicated that his perception is that after two meetings, the participants understood the urgency of the situation. The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 1992 at 4:15 P.M. at the County Office Building to discuss specific aspects of the proposal.
4. The meeting adjourned with a motion made by Legislator Husted, seconded by Legislator Pecora, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Busick, Chairman
Community Mental Health Committee