

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Community Mental Health
Committee

DATE: November 18, 1992

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Mental Health Complex, Golden
Hill

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Busick and Legislators
McConekey, Pecora, Sottile,
Bertone and Husted

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislator Irwin

OTHERS ATTENDING: Ernest J. Townsend, DPA, CSW,
Director; Marshall Beckman,
Deputy Director; Legislator Lyn
Bauer

The following items were discussed:

Budget Transfers:

- A. A resolution authorizing the transfer of funds to pay for Criminal Order Charges was unanimously approved on a motion made by Legislator Bertone, seconded by Legislator Husted. Passed.
- B. A resolution authorizing transfers to pay for personnel-related expenses, such as employee separation payments and overtime, was unanimously approved on a motion made by Legislator Sottile, seconded by Legislator Bertone. Passed.
- C. A resolution authorizing transfer of funds to pay for renovations to the Golden Hill Building and equipment purchases was unanimously approved on a motion by Legislator Bertone, seconded by Legislator Sottile. Passed.

Renovations Project:

The Committee unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the Mental Health Department to enter into a contract with the Ulster County Public Works Department for the purpose of renovating the unassigned space at the Golden Hill Building. Eleven clinic office spaces and day care space for the Parental Recovery Intensive Diversion Effort (PRIDE) program will be created by this project. The resolution was unanimously approved on a motion made by Legislator Bertone, seconded by Legislator McConekey. Passed.

Budget Amendment:

The Committee unanimously approved a resolution increasing funding for the Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Council of Ulster County, Inc. for their half-way house project in New Paltz. The funding for this transaction is 100 percent state aid, and is needed to allow the Council to retain an option on the property being considered for the project.

Emergency Psychiatric Services:

Dr. Townsend and Mr. Beckman updated the Committee on the department's efforts to improve emergency psychiatric services in Ulster County. They reported that they are working on establishing an on-call system that would involve County Mental Health Department employees rather than consultants. More information will be provided as the project develops.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. on a motion made by Legislator Husted, seconded by Legislator Bertone.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Busick, Chairman
Community Mental Health
Committee