

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Community Mental Health Committee
DATE: May 15, 1991
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
PLACE: Ulster County Mental Health
Building, Golden Hill
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Irwin and Legislators
Croce, Sfregola, Busick, Dwyer
LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislators McAfee and Hall
OTHERS ATTENDING: Ernest J. Townsend, DPA, CSW,
Director; Marshall Beckman,
Deputy

The following items were on the agenda:

1. The Committee unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to sign a Memorandum of Understanding, designating the Ulster County Mental Health Department for Comprehensive Out-patient Provider Status (COPS). The Department representatives reviewed with the Committee that they cannot guarantee the \$298,000 annual savings in County contribution which has been projected by the New York State Office of Mental Health. Hopefully, at the very least, the increased Medicaid rate that results from this provider status will offset the 33% reduction in State aid that is currently identified in the New York State budget.
2. The Department representatives updated the Committee members on the Department's budget status. At this point, no unmanageable funding difficulties are anticipated. However, there is concern that county-imposed cost containment measures have already generated a large State aid surplus projection for drug and alcohol

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services, which is likely to result in a loss of State aid in fiscal year 1992.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M. with a motion made by Dominick Sfregola, seconded by Charles Busick.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 1991 at 6:00 P.M. at the Golden Hill Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Irwin, Chairman
Community Mental Health Committee

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