

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE  
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
ROOM #318  
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

**Members: Chairwoman Scuccimarra, Legislators Addonizio & Gouldman**

**Thursday**

**6:30 P.M.**

**February 16, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairwoman Scuccimarra who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Addonizio and Chairwoman Scuccimarra were present. Legislator Gouldman was absent. Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated Legislator LoBue would sit on the committee in Legislator Gouldman's absence.

**Item #3 – Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2016**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Item #4 - FYI/Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan/  
Commissioner Michael Nesheiwat**

**Item #5 - FYI/Radon Concerns in Putnam County/Commissioner Michael Nesheiwat**

**Item #6 - FYI/Winter Carbon Monoxide Safety Reminder/Commissioner Michael  
Nesheiwat**

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated Acting Commissioner of Health Dr. Michael Nesheiwat was unable to attend tonight's meeting, therefore Items 4, 5, and 6 will be revisited at the March Health Committee Meeting.

**Item #7 - Discussion/Putnam County Supporting Hudson River Waterfront Alliance  
Pledge/Opposing Hudson River Anchorages**

Chairwoman Scuccimarra noted that the Legislature has discussed the Coast Guard's plan to place Barge Anchorages in the Hudson River previously and passed a resolution asking the Coast Guard to reconsider their plans. She stated the Coast Guard has received over 10,000 responses on this issue. She stated she attended a Roundtable discussion in Beacon where many riverfront municipalities, including Westchester County were represented. She stated a coalition has been started called the Hudson River Waterfront Alliance (Alliance). She stated the hope is that the more riverfront municipalities that join, the more impact it will have on the Coast Guard's decision. She then played the following video demonstrating the anchorages potential effect on the Hudson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnaAp3yjBZE> She stated she believes the anchorages are a big mistake. She stated the towns along the Hudson River have spent the past few decades building up the River to what it once was. She stated the towns have pushed for the River to be a big part of tourism. She stated joining the Waterfront Alliance would be a good

step in opposing the anchorages. She then read a piece of the Waterfront Alliance's pledge. She stated Cold Spring is the gateway to the County's tourism.

Legislator Albano noted there are many trains that transport oil along the Hudson River and adding the increased number of barges to that creates an increased chance for a potential spill.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated the oil being transported is crude oils, not refined. She stated it is very difficult to clean up and is very volatile. She stated her support for the County to join the Alliance. She stated in order for the County to sign on, the matter would have to be sent to the County Executive, MaryEllen Odell, for approval.

Legislator Castellano questioned who is in favor of placing the anchorages in the Hudson.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated the Coast Guard.

Legislator Castellano questioned where this idea for the anchorages came from. He questioned why Albany was a point of interest for oil.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated oil comes into Albany via train before being dispersed to be refined.

Legislator Castellano noted that it seems like almost everyone in the area is against the additional anchorages.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra listed some municipalities that are a part of the Alliance.

Legislator LoBue noted that most of them are along the Hudson River.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated at the Roundtable she attended, it became apparent that some northern municipalities will be joining as well.

Legislator Albano questioned if any municipalities from across the Hudson have signed on.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated Rockland County is part of the Alliance.

Legislator Addonizio questioned if cities like Milton and Kingston are part of the Alliance.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated northern municipalities like those are considering joining the Alliance. She stated the Alliance started in Yonkers and is working its way north. She stated if the Committee agrees, the matter will be sent to the County Executive's office.

Legislator LoBue noted that Yonkers has spent a lot of money and has been revitalized.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated other municipalities who have put much effort into revitalization would also be affected.

Legislator LoBue stated the Legislature has a responsibility to join the Alliance.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra questioned if a vote was needed to pass the action out of committee.

Legislative Clerk Diane Schonfeld questioned if Chairwoman Scuccimarra wanted a resolution to be drawn up and then brought back to the Committee level or if she wanted to approve a resolution in concept to go to the Full Legislative Meeting.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated she would like it to be approved in concept and then brought to the Full Legislative Meeting.

Legislator LoBue made a motion to move Putnam County Supporting Hudson River Waterfront Alliance Pledge to the Full Legislative Meeting; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

**Item #8 - Approval/Fund Transfer (16T420)/Department of Social Services/EAF-Misc./Reallocate Appropriation to Reflect Cost Through 12/31/2016**

Commissioner of Social Services Michael Piazza stated both Items #8 and #9 are fund transfers made to reflect actual costs in certain areas, along with savings. He stated for Item #8, money is moving from the Safety Net, to JD PINS, which had more expenses than anticipated. He stated there were also more expenses for special education programs this year.

**Item #9 - Approval/Fund Transfer (16T421)/Department of Social Services**

Commissioner Piazza stated the money is being transferred within Family Assistance, from Daycare to EAF-Miscellaneous. He stated EAF is Emergency Aid to Families and it is Federal funding. He stated the nu

**Item #10 - FYI/Budgetary Amendment (17A007)/Department of Social Services/Amend 2017 Mental Health Budget to Reflect Adjusted State Aid Levels**

Commissioner Piazza stated this is an addition to the State Aid, reflected in the State Budget. He stated this money is passed through to contracted agencies. He stated some of the money is to increase salaries of direct care workers.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated there is no fiscal impact, it is only revenue.

Commissioner Piazza stated that is correct.

**Item #8 – Continued**

Legislator LoBue made a motion to move Fund Transfer (16T420) to the Audit & Administration Meeting; Seconded by Chairwoman Scuccimarra. All in favor.

**Item #9 – Continued**

Chairwoman Scuccimarra made a motion to move Fund Transfer (16T421) to the Audit & Administration Meeting; Seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

**Item #11 - FYI/ProAct Report**

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated the County has been implementing the program since 2012 and has saved over \$1 million. She stated a ProAct representative offered to come give the Committee an update on the program. She stated she will invite ProAct to come give an update at the March Committee Meeting.

**Item #12 – Other Business – None.**

**Item #13 – Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 6:47 p.m. Chairwoman Scuccimarra made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Ed Gordon.