

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
JULY 1, 2008**

Members

In Attendance: Lois Bronz, Chair, Judy Myers, Ken Jenkins, Vito Pinto, Bill Burton, and Jose Alvarado.

**B & A Members
In Attendance** Jose Alvarado, Chair, Judy Myers, Ken Jenkins, and Bill Burton.

In Attendance: CEO: Bill Randolph LAW: Stacey Dolgin Kmetz, Lori Alesio DCMH: Robert Kopenhaver BOL: Tara Bernard, Bob Boland, Rick Pezzullo, Joanne Sold, Miguel Melbourne, Teresa Toscano, Olivia Rhodes, Tom O'Connell, Christina Gilliberti & Melanie Montalto; Guests: Winston Ross, WestCOP.

Items Discussed: A funding proposal for WestCOP.

Minutes

Chairwoman Bronz called the Community Services Committee meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Chairman Alvarado called the Budget & Appropriations Committee to order at 3:15 with a quorum for discussion purposes only.

Stacey Dolgin Kmetz and Lori Alesio of the County Attorney's Office discussed agenda item 22, An Act authorizing the County Attorney to compromise the County's right to be reimbursed for health care benefits expended on behalf of the listed insured's recovery from legal action or settlement.

Moved by Legislator Alvarado and seconded by Legislator Jenkins agenda Item 22 passed with a vote of 6-0.

Robert Kopenhaver of the Department of Community Mental Health discussed agenda item number 21, an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of North Salem to carry out the purposes set forth in Article 25 and Article 41 of the New York Mental Hygiene Law which would provide the County Employee Assistance Program to employees of the Town of North Salem.

Moved by Legislator Jenkins and seconded by Legislator Myers agenda item 21 passed with a vote of 6-0.

Winston Ross, the Executive Director of Westchester Community Opportunity Program gave the Committee a presentation detailing the need for \$150,000 to maintain their services as the largest not for profit in Westchester. Mr. Ross stated that many of their County contracts do not cover their administrative costs and they often have to make payments up front and wait for

reimbursements which is often difficult for WestCOP. Mr. Ross stated that he is looking to make the agency stronger and that is why he is making this request.

The Committees discussed WestCOP's programs and needs as well as how County contracts are decided and handled.

Legislator Myers requested a specific budget breakdown for the requested funding from Mr. Ross.

Moved by Legislator Alvarado and seconded by Legislator Myers the Community Services Committee minutes of April 1, 2008 and June 1, 2008 were approved with a vote of 6-0.

Moved by Legislator Jenkins and seconded by Legislator Myers the Committee on Budget & Appropriations adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Moved by Legislator Jenkins and seconded by Legislator Burton the Committee on Community Services adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

A complete audio recording of the meeting is available for review upon request.