

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2007 – 4:45 P.M.
SCOTT HEYMAN CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present: N. Shinagawa, Chair, M. Sigler, Vice Chair, M. Robertson, F. Proto, M. Koplinka-Loehr
Staff: N. Zahler, J. Johnson, Youth Services; K. Fuller, Deputy Clerk
Legislators: T. Joseph, J. Dennis
Guest: D. Frongillo, Recreation Partnership Board

Call to Order

Chair Shinagawa called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. - ADOPTION OF THE 2008-2012 INTERMUNICIPAL
RECREATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

Mr. Shinagawa reported the delay in action was to provide members of the Committee an opportunity to review the suggested amendments to the agreement. He noted that Mr. Koplinka-Loehr has a suggested amendment to the resolution as well.

Ms. Zahler reviewed amendment recommendations submitted by Ms. Kiefer that would provide further clarification and consistency throughout the agreement. She noted that the Recreation Partnership Board has not yet had the opportunity to review Ms. Kiefer's suggestions. She indicated that one amendment would clearly specify that a role of the Board is to seek additional revenues rather than alternative revenues. She said it then specifies the need to supplement core funding. Ms. Zahler said that some municipalities have approved the resolution document as specified in the one before the Committee; it would allow the chief elected official to sign the final agreement providing there are no substantial changes.

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr noted his suggested amendment would be brought forward at the Legislature level. He inquired about the formula used to determine the level of contribution made by smaller municipalities. Ms. Zahler and Ms. Johnson explained that numerous formulas had been presented to the Recreation Partnership Board and the noted formula was the one that all parties agreed was the best.

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Proto, to recommend approval of the following resolution to the full Legislature for adoption. A voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 3 (Legislators Robertson, Shinagawa, and Proto); Noes – 2 (Legislators Koplinka-Loehr and Sigler). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, the County of Tompkins is currently a member of the Intermunicipal Recreation Partnership, and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Partnership has been an excellent model of intermunicipal collaboration that enables the Towns of Caroline, Danby, Dryden, Enfield, Groton, Ithaca, Newfield, and Ulysses, the Village of Lansing, the City of Ithaca, and Tompkins County to jointly plan, finance, and share a more diverse set of high-quality recreation programs than any single municipality could offer on its own to over 2,500 youth/year, and

WHEREAS, the current Intermunicipal Recreation Partnership Agreement will end December 31, 2007, and

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WHEREAS, the Recreation Partnership Board, comprised of representatives from participating municipalities wishing to continue this innovative partnership, has reviewed the current agreement and voted on August 13, 2007, to adopt the attached, updated Agreement for the period January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2012, and

WHEREAS, municipalities in the Recreation Partnership value Tompkins County's commitment to building collaborative intermunicipal solutions to meeting needs of youth, and Tompkins County's contribution is essential in enabling smaller municipalities to participate affordably, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement must be approved by the elected board of each participating municipality to take effect, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of Health and Human Services Committee, That the 2008 - 2012 Intermunicipal Recreation Partnership Agreement is approved,

RESOLVED, further, That the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to sign the Intermunicipal Recreation Partnership Agreement on behalf of the County, provided there are no substantive changes subsequent to this approval,

RESOLVED, further, That in approving the Agreement, the County of Tompkins agrees to abide by its terms and conditions,

RESOLVED, further, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Recreation Partnership Board, care of Tompkins County Youth Services Department at 320 W. State Street, Ithaca, New York 14850.

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ATTACHMENT 1 FOR 2008

Cost Sharing Plan for Recreation Partnership Municipal Members

In the plan agreed to by all eleven participating municipalities, the cost to partners is calculated by subtracting all fees and other revenues from the cost of providing registration- based programs approved by the Partnership Board. The net cost is to be shared according the following formula:

City of Ithaca shall pay one quarter.

Town of Ithaca shall pay one quarter.

Tompkins County shall pay one quarter to underwrite the cost to all municipalities.

Smaller municipalities shall share the remaining one-quarter.

Formula for sharing one quarter of the net cost of programs among smaller municipalities:

The following figures were calculated using an index of assessed value of 2006 taxable properties in the Ithaca City School District and the percentage of participation from each municipality averaged over a three-year period (06,05,04). Property assessments are assigned a value of twice that of participation. (Detailed calculations are on file at Tompkins County Youth Services Dept.)

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City of Ithaca	\$54,262	\$55,890
Town of Ithaca	\$54,262	\$55,890
Tompkins County	\$54,262	\$55,890
Town of Caroline	\$6,305	\$6,656
Town of Danby	\$8,500	\$9,220
Town of Dryden	\$11,836	\$12,003
Town of Enfield	\$5,705	\$5,782
Town of Groton	\$ 315	\$ 418
Village of Lansing	\$13,724	\$13,523
Town of Newfield	\$ 1,793	\$1,821
Town of Ulysses	\$6,083	\$6,468
Total	\$217,047	\$222,561

Adjournment

On motion the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Fuller, Deputy Clerk