

**Public Safety Committee  
June 14, 2001  
Noon  
Community Justice Center**

Present: G. Totman, B. Blanchard, T. Joseph, T. Todd  
Excused: N. Schuler  
Staff: S. Whicher, K. Smithers, S. Robinson, L. Shurtleff, J. Miller, K. Leinthall, J. Gorovitz, J. Hughes, P. Meskill, M. Pottorff  
Agencies: D. Johnson, Drug Court; O. Mack, OAR  
Guests: Ilonga Dovhan and Yurislava Hart, Ukraina

**Called to Order**

Mr. Totman called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

**Additions to the Agenda**

Ms. Blanchard announced Yurislava Hart who is a Ukrainian intern to is part of the City's Sister City project for TC3 and the Agency for International Development, will be in attendance to observe this meeting with her translator, Ilonga Dovhan.

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Resolution No. - Program Reconfiguration Change and Fiscal Target Adjustment – Criminal Justice Services, Social Services, Mental Health, Probation, and ATI Initiatives (Revised Version)
- Resolution No. – Authorization to Accept a Grant from the State of New York Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Enhancement of Traffic Safety
- Resolution No. - Authorization for Program Reconfiguration - Sheriff

Ms. Robinson asked to provide the Committee with a grant update.

**Approval of Minutes of May 10 and 31, 2001**

It was MOVED by Mr. Todd, seconded by Ms. Blanchard, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to approve the minutes of the May 10 and 31, 2001 meetings as submitted. MINUTES APPROVED.

**Sheriff's Department**

Sheriff Meskill distributed the June, 2001 monthly report and the May, 2001 Jail statistics.

**RESOLUTION NO. INCREASE PETTY CASH ACCOUNT – SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

It was MOVED by Ms. Blanchard, seconded by Mr. Todd, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present to approve the following resolution and submit to the full Board:



## **OAR**

Mr. Mack said the agency is progressing with its work. At this time they are going through a transition period since many of the volunteers are college students.

## **Domestic Violence Update**

Ms. Robinson reported she applied for Violence Against Women Act funding a while ago. She recently learned that the earliest she will receive notification about that funding would be October.

She reported she submitted a grant request to the Park Foundation for the specific purpose of sending some local judges to domestic violence training out west to increase their knowledge base on this subject. She noted there is no County funding involved and these individuals will only attend the training if grant money is received.

Ms. Robinson said she recently learned that the protocol for sending non-County employees to training includes getting approval by the program committee. She asked that two police officers be allowed to attend training in New Paltz. The cost of the training will be paid by monies from the STOP grant. It was MOVED by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Todd, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to approve this request. MOTION CARRIED.

## **Update On PINS Program**

Ms. Leinthal introduced Jan Gorovitz from the Probation Department. Ms. Gorovitz said State legislation has redefined PINS as persons less than 18 (formerly 16). She said a working group was developed last summer and came up with several ideas of how to handle the increase in potential PINS clients that is expected in Tompkins County. This working group included representatives of the Probation Department, DSS, Youth Bureau, Law Guardian's Office, County Attorney's Office, and schools. It was noted that at this time this is another unfunded mandate from the State. Ms. Gorovitz said the Department of Social Services is working on establishing more foster homes and expects a big increase in their workload. The Probation Department has developed a community service program and is looking into electronic monitoring.

Ms. Gorovitz said the education law has not been changed to require these kids to stay in school. At the present time the law requires them to stay in school the school-year they turn age 16. They are unsure what will happen if a kid doesn't comply with the new law but expects this will have a major impact on many different service providers in the County in terms of work involved and cost.

The Committee will be kept up-to-date on this as details emerge.

## **Community Justice Center**

It was MOVED by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Ms. Blanchard, and unanimously adopted by voice vote to approve the following resolution with the \$158,645 target being reduced by two percent (\$155,472):

**RESOLUTION NO. – CORRECTION TO RESOLUTION NO. 40 OF 2001 -  
APPROPRIATION FROM ATI CONTINGENT POOL –  
FACILITATED VICTIM/OFFENDER INTERACTIONS –  
COMMUNITY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER; LIFE  
SKILLS COMPETENCY – YOUTH ADVOCACY PROGRAM;  
JAIL BASED TREATMENT PROGRAM – ALCOHOLISM  
COUNCIL OF TOMPKINS COUNTY; COMMUNITY JUSTICE  
CENTER LITERACY SERVICES – LITERACY VOLUNTEERS**

WHEREAS, Board Resolution No. 40 of 2001 appropriated funds from the ATI Contingent Pool for Community Dispute Resolution Center (Facilitated Victim/Offender Interactions), Youth Advocacy Program (Life Skills Competency), Alcoholism Council (Jail Treatment), and Literacy Volunteers (Education Services), and

WHEREAS, Total funds appropriated from the two-year pool of authorized funding for Alternatives to Incarceration Initiatives were \$158,645, and

WHEREAS, there was no stipulation in Resolution No. 40 to amend the second year of funding for these four programs by the \$158,645, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety and Budget and Fiscal Policy Committees, That the 2002 Fiscal Target for ATI Initiatives be increased by \$155,472 (\$158,645 minus 2% Target Reduction) and the 2002 Contingent Fund be reduced by the same amount, and

RESOLVED, further, That the 2001 Contingent Fund reflects a balance of \$179,528 from the original \$335,000 approved for use in the 2001 and 2002 budgets for Alternatives to Incarceration Initiatives at the Community Justice Center.

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It was MOVED by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Todd, and unanimously adopted by voice vote to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. - PROGRAM RECONFIGURATION CHANGE AND FISCAL  
TARGET ADJUSTMENT – CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES,  
SOCIAL SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, PROBATION AND  
ATI INITIATIVES**

WHEREAS, two-year (2001-2002) funding for ATI Initiatives was approved in the 2001 Budget, and

WHEREAS, this program is State and Federal Aid eligible through the Probation and Social Services Departments and revenue eligible through the Mental Health Department, and

WHEREAS, this eligibility will generate approximately \$200,000 in revenue each year through these three departments, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services, Public Safety, and Budget and Capital Committees, That effective immediately and retroactively to January 1, 2001 (for revenue eligibility purposes) Program 4450 ATI Initiatives be known as Program 3750 Alternatives to Incarceration Initiatives,

RESOLVED, further, That Program 3750 Alternatives to Incarceration Initiatives be a program within the Probation Department and maintain its own separate Fiscal Target,

RESOLVED, further, That the following positions be moved from County Administration to Probation:

- 2.0 Administrative Services Coordinators (13/754) 40.0 Hours
- 1.0 Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinator (85/185) 40.0 Hours
- 1.0 Security Officer (09-650) 40.0 Hours
- 1.0 Security Supervisor (12-756) 40.0 Hours
- 1.0 Administrative Assistant (12-535) 40.0 Hours
- 1.0 Community Justice Director (88-191) 40.0 Hours

RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be directed to reverse any payment or budget transactions made in 2001 between ATI Initiatives, Probation, Social Services, and Mental Health that is contrary to the revised program reconfiguration,

RESOLVED, further, That the following budget adjustment be made for 2001:

REVENUE: A3160.42270 ATI Initiatives \$ 98,148  
APPROPRIATION

A4311.51000 Mental Health Personnel	49,931
A4311.58800 Mental Health Fringes	12,483
A4311.54405 MH - ATI Program Support	15,989
A6010.54405 DSS - ATI Program Support	19,745

RESOLVED, further, That the 2002 Fiscal Targets be adjusted as follows:

Reduce ATI Initiatives	\$1,014,047 Program 4450
Reduce Criminal Justice Services	<u>24,491 Program 4550</u>
	\$1,038,538
Increase Probation ATI Initiatives	787,523 Program 3750
Increase Social Services	116,356 Program 2000
Increase Mental Health	<u>134,659 Program 0736</u>
	\$1,038,538

RESOLVED, further, That fiscal controls be established as follows:

- within 30 days after receipt of the certification of surplus funds by the Director of Finance, the Departments of Probation, Social Services, and Mental Health be required to report back to the Director of Finance the portion of their surplus (or deficit) that is directly or indirectly attributable to the ATI Initiatives Program
- by May 31<sup>st</sup>, an annual report of the expenditures, revenues, and caseloads relative to the ATI Initiatives Program will be presented to the County Administrator, Director of Finance, Public Safety Committee, Budget and Capital Committee and Board of Representatives

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### Report

Ms. Richmond reported the Community Justice Center has its first drug court sanctioned client. She expects another client on Monday and more are on their way. She said there is currently morning programming in place and one afternoon a week programming. Programs include anger management for men, victim offender management, and teaching life skills. They are working with Workforce Development to expand afternoon programming to center around developing skills to ready individuals for employment, looking for employment, and ways to keep a job after one is found. Community service is in place now on Thursday afternoons and they are working on a creating a parenting issues class. Ms. Richmond said they will expand programming as the client base grows.

### Appointment

It was MOVED by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Ms. Blanchard, and unanimously adopted by voice vote to appoint George Totman to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on July 12 at noon in the Scott B. Heyman Conference Room. The August meeting will be held at OAR.

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**Adjournment and Tour**

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m. At this time the Committee toured the Community Justice Center.