



Budget & Appropriations

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Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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Monday, July 18, 2022

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committees on Health and Human Services, Human Rights & Equity

This meeting will be held pursuant to Chapter 1 of the New York State Laws of 2022 and Executive Order 11, as extended, which authorize any public body to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public-in-person access to meetings and authorize such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. To access the meeting, please visit:

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With a quorum present, Chair Gashi called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

Present: Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky

Remote: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2022-97](#) ACT-Waiving Sales Tax on Home Energy

AN ACT of the Westchester County Board of Legislators exempting residential energy sources and services from sales and compensating use taxes pursuant to the authority of Article 29 of the Tax Law of the State of New York.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

B&A only.

Guests: Budget Department - Larry Soule, Director and Gideon Grande, Deputy Director
Budget Director Larry Soule appeared before the Committee to discuss item #2022-379-ACT-Waiving Sales Tax on Home Energy. He discussed that due to inflationary pressures as well as the war in Ukraine we have led to fuel prices increasing across the County. This act would exempt home energy from sales tax for the period of December 1st, 2022 through February 28th, 2023, the peak heating season. This suspension along with previous measures we have taken will help give some financial relief to the residents of the County.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by

committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky

2. [2022-366](#) **ACT-WCHCC-FACT Program-Forensic Medical Care**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation for a term commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024 pursuant to which the WCHCC shall operate its Forensic Acute Care Team (FACT) Program and provide forensic medical care for children/adolescents and adults.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, HUMAN SERVICES, HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUITY AND HEALTH

Joint with Health and HSHR&E.

Guests: Budget Department - Larry Soule, Director and Gideon Grande, Deputy Director *Budget Director Larry Soule appeared before the Committee to discuss this item. There were many questions that were unable to be answered because representatives from the Office for Women were unable to attend this meeting. All Committees agreed to continue this item and take it up at a future date.*

This ACT - Enter Into Agreement was continued

3. [ACT-2022-94](#) **ACT-WCHCC-Referral of Syphilis Patients**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2026 whereby the County will refer suspected late stage syphilis patients for diagnosis by lumbar puncture.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HEALTH

Joint with Health.

Guests: Department of Health - Sherlita Amler, Commissioner; Renee Recchia, 1st Deputy Commissioner

Commissioner Amler appeared before the Committee to discuss the item. Dr. Amler discussed that the County will pay the Westchester County Health Care Corporation on a per patient basis for any County referred patients who do not have insurance. The County will be partially reimbursed by the State.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Maher, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky

4. [ACT-2022-100](#) **ACT-WCHCC-Referral of Dept. of Health Patients**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2026 whereby the County will refer Department of Health patients in need of medical services and treatment, including emergency room services, to the WCHCC.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HEALTH

Joint with Health.

Guests: Department of Health - Sherlita Amler, Commissioner; Renee Recchia, 1st Deputy Commissioner

Commissioner Amler appeared before the Committee to discuss the item. Dr. Amler discussed that it will be an agreement between the County and the Westchester County Health Care Corporation for the period January 1st, 2022 through December 31st, 2026. This agreement will be non-exclusive and is similar to agreements the County enters into with other hospitals. There will be no payment of funds by the County to the WCHHC. The WCHCC will accept payment from patients, insurance, medicaid and medicare.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the Committee adjourned at 11:15 AM.