



Committee on Social Services

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Monday, February 25, 2019

10:04 AM

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Committee Chair: Kitley Covill

Committee Room, 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601

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CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Environment, Health & Energy

With a quorum present, Chair Kitley Covill called the meeting to order at 10:14 AM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kitley Covill	Chair	Present	
Nancy Barr	D6 Legislator	Present	
MaryJane Shimsky	D12 Legislator (Majority Whip)	Present	
David J. Tubiolo	D14 Legislator	Present	
Alfreda Williams	D8 Legislator (Vice Chair)	Absent	
Benjamin Boykin	D5 Legislator (Chairman)	Present	

Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden, Executive Director, Bernie Dean, Fiscal Advisor from the Youth Bureau

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **(ID # 11500) Act – Grant Agrmnt-Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program:**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services to accept grant funds to launch a Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program and also to enter into intermunicipal agreements with the Cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and White Plains for services to be funded with the grant funds.

Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden, Executive Director and Bernie Dean, fiscal Advisor from the Youth Bureau came before the Committee to discuss item #11500-Grant Agreement- Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program. This is an Act that would authorize the County acting through its Youth Bureau to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services to accept grant funds to launch a Sexual Risk

Avoidance Education Program to address the needs of teen pregnancy prevention, sexually transmitted disease prevention and youth engagement in the four highest risk cities in Westchester; Mount Vernon, Yonkers, White Plains and New Rochelle. The total amount of the grant will be \$225,000 for a period starting September 30, 2018 through September 29, 2019. These cities are determined by population and data from the Department of Health.

This program is evidence based on the Dibble Institute education curriculum. This program is multi layered and is an esteem building, healthy relationship program promoting self

respect and abstinence. It is a short run program that is a push in to other programs including a workforce development program. The members are concerned that this program may not be enough, and an abstinence plus program would be more beneficial to these municipalities.

This item was postponed for approximately one hour for further information from the Department.

The Committee went into recess at 10:45 AM.

The Committee reconvened at 1:23 PM to discuss the additional information from Dr. Harris-Madden. The information provided by the Department was not enough clarification of the purpose of the grant. The members decided to postpone the item for future discussion.

No Action was taken.

RESULT: PENDING

II. OTHER BUSINESS

Unfinished Business and any other agenda items to come before the Committee.

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Shimsky seconded by Legislator Barr the Committee adjourned at 1:34 PM.