

March 11, 2010

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND APPOINTING THE OSWEGO COUNTY
CHILD PROTECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

By Legislator John Proud:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Oswego County to establish lines of communication with and seek the advice, cooperation and assistance of the community in the provision of child welfare and child protective services; and

WHEREAS, such community participation is vital to the provision of child-centered, family focused, community based child welfare services; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to constitute the Child Protection Advisory Council and formalize its existence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee, that the Oswego County Child Protection Advisory Council be hereby created with the structure and duties described herein:

SECTION 1: CREATION OF CHILD PROTECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL

- a. The Child Protection Advisory Council is hereby constituted as an advisory council. The Council will advise the County Administrator's Office ("administrator"), the County Department of Social Services ("Department"), and the Oswego County Legislature.
- b. The Council shall be comprised of not less than fifteen (15) members appointed by the County Legislature. Members are to include but not be limited to:
- Education professionals
 - Services providers
 - Parents/Foster Parents/Guardians
 - Law Enforcement professionals
 - Medical Services professional
 - Child and family development professionals
- c. The Council shall also include the following ex-officio members:
- Commissioner of Social Services
 - Health Director
 - Youth Bureau Director
 - District Attorney
 - Such other ex-officio members as the County Legislature may appoint.
- d. Members shall serve for three year terms.
- e. Members may be removed at any time by the County Legislature, upon recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee.

SECTION 2: ORGANIZATION

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- a. The Legislature may appoint an interim chairperson of the Council, for the purpose of formation of the Council. The Council will establish rules for leadership positions.
- b. The Council shall, as needed, adopt rules for its internal governance consistent with the provisions of this order.
- c. The Council shall meet regularly at such times and place as it may by rule designate but no less than four (4) times per year.
- d. The Council shall develop a structure that supports communication and serves as a positive force for county-community partnership in serving children and families in need of protective services.
- e. Ex-officio members shall not have the power to vote or to initiate or second any motion.
- f. Members shall serve without salary; however, expenses associated with attendance at meetings may be reimbursed by the County.

SECTION 3: DUTIES

The Advisory Council shall perform the following duties:

- a. It shall consult with the Department on the development of the Child and Family Services Plan required by the Office of Children & Family Services.
- b. It shall assist the Department in identifying and utilizing community resources by serving as a link between the community and the Oswego County Department of Social Services.
- c. It shall advise and make recommendations to the Department, administrator, and County Legislature on matters of public policy within the scope of child welfare services.
- d. It shall assist the Department with outreach activities in order to educate the community on the mission and goals of the Department
- e. It shall advocate for the well being and protection of Oswego County children and their families by supporting the provision of quality services by the Department.
- f. It shall have the power to establish temporary task forces to research and development recommendations on specific policy and systemic issues involving child protection.
- g. It shall advise the County Legislature or the County Legislature's designee with periodic reports as necessary or requested.

SECTION 4: OTHER PROVISIONS

This order shall become effective immediately.

AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the following individuals be, and hereby are, appointed to the Oswego County Child Protection Advisory Council for a term to expire March 14, 2013.

1. Stewart Amell, Superintendent of Sandy Creek Central Schools District
2. Marshall Marshall, Superintendent of Pulaski Academy & Central School District
3. Geri Geitner, Director of Support Services, Fulton City School District
4. Michael Eiffe, Principal, Cleveland Elementary School
5. Ann Gilpin, CEO, Oswego Health
6. Orlo A. Green III, Chief of Police, City of Fulton
7. Diane Cooper-Currier, Executive Director, Oswego County Opportunities
8. Jodi W. Mullen, PhD, LMHC, Director, Integrative Counseling and Professor, SUNY Oswego
9. Melanie Trexler, Executive Director, United Way of Oswego County
10. Dr. Dennis Mullaney, Physician, Lockport, NY
11. Father John Canorro, Pastor, St. Ann Mother of Mary Church, Mexico
12. Corte Spencer, retired, former CEO of Oswego Health, Pulaski
13. Stacey Austin, Interim Director of Child Advocacy Center, Fulton
14. Jeffrey Grimshaw, SUNY Oswego Business and Community Relations
15. Melissa Parkhurst, foster parent, Oswego
16. Mary Falasco, attorney, Fulton

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1
