

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, April 10, 2008**

**4:00 PM**

**Conference Room I**

## **Committee on Health & Human Services**

*Mike Finnerty, Chair; Joan Cleary, Jim Ellenbogen, Bob Macey, Nick Futules,  
Amanda Green, Chuck McCullough, and William Robinson - Members*

**I. Call to Order**

**Summary:** *The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM*

**Invited Guests:**

**Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee**

**Dr. Bruce Dixon, Director, Health Department**

**Cindy Thomas, Executive Director of Tobacco Free Allegheny**

**Summary:** *Invited guests in attendance: Mr. Flynn; Samantha Maylack from Tobacco Free Allegheny for Cindy Thomas*

*Council staff in attendance: John Mascio and Jared Barker*

**II. Roll Call**

**Roll Call:** Present: Joan Cleary, and Chair Michael Finnerty

Absent: Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, Chuck McCullough, and William Robinson

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**3897-08** Motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2008 Health & Human Services Committee Meeting.

**Action:** **A motion was made by Cleary, seconded by Chair Finnerty, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

**IV. Agenda Items**

**Resolution**

**3890-08** A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the General Assembly and Governor to enact a statewide ban on smoking in public places with all deliberate speed.

**Sponsors:** Joan Cleary, Rich Fitzgerald and Michael Finnerty

**Summary:** *The Chair provided the Committee with a summary of the bill. He said that the Resolution urges the General Assembly and Governor to enact a statewide smoking ban that would regulate smoking in public places and workplaces in order to protect the health and welfare of Pennsylvanians.*

*He said that the bill provides information and statistics concerning the harmful effects of tobacco smoke and medical costs associated with exposure to tobacco smoke.*

*He said that the General Assembly is currently considering legislation which would enact a statewide smoking ban and therefore, this bill encourages the passage of such a law with all deliberate speed to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Allegheny County and the Commonwealth.*

*Ms. Maylack spoke in favor of the bill and said that Tobacco Free Allegheny wholeheartedly supports it.*

**Action:**      **A motion was made by Cleary, seconded by Chair Finnerty, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**V.      Adjournment**

**Summary:**      *The meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM*