

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*