

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

5:00 PM

Conference Room I

Committee on Health & Human Services

*John Palmiere, Chair; Thomas Baker, James Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk,
Paul Klein, Ed Kress, Robert Macey, Sue Means*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager or Designee
Mary Soroka, Director, Allegheny County Department of Budget & Finance
Dennis Biondo, Executive Director, Kane Regional Centers

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Dr. Hacker was present from the Health Department.

Ms. Soroka and Mr. Cox were present from the Department of Budget & Finance.

Mr. Biondo was present from the Kane Centers.

Mr. Barker and Mr. Szymanski were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 5 - John Palmiere, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, Ed Kress and Sue Means

Members Absent: 0

Members Phone: 4 - Tom Baker, Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules and Bob Macey

III. Approval of Minutes

[9592-16](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2016 meeting of the Committee on Health & Human Services.

**A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

IV. Agenda Items

Resolutions

[9584-16](#)

A Resolution of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing participation in the 2016 Nursing Home Intergovernmental Transfer Program proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services; authorizing the transfer of funds as required by the said program and further granting authorization for any and all lawful actions necessary to effectuate Allegheny County's participation in said program.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain summarized its provisions. Mr. McKain noted that the IGT program had been in place previously, and that the idea is to create a pool of revenue from the counties that have County-operated nursing homes that the Commonwealth can use to secure Medicaid additional matching funding under the terms of the Social Security Act. Mr. McKain noted that the matching

provisions would essentially result in the County receiving something on the order of \$3.5 million in additional funding when all is said and done.

Mr. McKain indicated that the amount of revenue that the County would receive about \$100,000 more in additional funding if we contribute \$12 million to the pool instead of the \$11.5 million originally contemplated by the resolution.

In response to a question from Mr. Macey, Mr. Biondo indicated that the additional funding must be classified as medical assistance revenue for the Kane Regional Centers, but that the receipt of additional revenue may allow other County revenue that would have been appropriated to the Kanes to be reprogrammed.

Mr. Klein moved to amend the bill to reflect the increase in funding to be contributed to \$12 million, and Mr. Futules seconded the motion to amend.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. Biondo noted that the procedure would essentially boil down to the County undertaking a short term transfer of County revenue to the Commonwealth in order to leverage a greater federal match, followed by a transfer back to the County of its contribution plus the formula-determined additional matching revenue.

Mr. Klein's motion to amend passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Ellenbogen, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17.