

**SUFFOLK COUNTY WELFARE TO WORK COMMISSION**  
**MEETING SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 16,2007**

**Members Present:** Kathy Liguori, Peggy Boyd, Ken Zone, Barbara LoMoriello, Nina Leonhardt, Pam Killoran, Rob Greenberger, Richard Koubek, Ed Hernandez

**Guests Present:** Gina Pelletieri, Eric Lopez, Rosemary Dehlow, Lisa Broughton, Christine Brown, Joan Noguera, Lauren Hill, Peter Barnett, Commissioner Jim Morgo

**I. Education Pilot.** An update was provided about the Commission's Education Pilot. Peggy Boyd, Peter Barnett, Kathy Liguori and Dick Koubek spoke before the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee on February 1<sup>st</sup> to explain the pilot and thank the legislators for their support. There continues to be strong legislative support for this initiative and funding is in process of being arranged. Presiding Officer Bill Lindsay asked if results from the pilot would be available prior to the next budget cycle in September since there might be interest in additional funding for the program in the 2008 county budget. Additionally, Peggy Boyd met with representatives of DSS and DOL to discuss implementation of the pilot and there was agreement by all parties that the pilot should move forward.

**II.** A report from the Childcare Subcommittee was provided. Members of the subcommittee met with Ed Hernandez to discuss issues related to child care payments to vendors. Members of the child care industry had voiced concern about the length of time between submission of invoices and payments. Ed reported that there was an approximate 50 day period between receiving invoices and making payments and that DSS was making efforts to speed the process up by hiring staff and converting to electronic billing systems

**III. Adoption of the Affordable Housing Report.**

The affordable housing report was discussed at length and an email vote to adopt will take place after this meeting. Commissioner Jim Morgo reported to the Commission about a legislative proposal to amend the 72-H program. Commission members voted not to support the proposed legislation.