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## COUNTY OF OSWEGO COMMUNITY HEALTH AND POVERTY REDUCTION TASK FORCE

May 27, 2015 – 12:00 Noon  
County of Oswego Office Building, Oswego, NY  
Legislative Chambers

### PRESENT:

Leg. Roy Reehil, Chair  
Leg. Jake Mulcahey  
Leg. Daniel LeClair  
Superintendent Stewart Arnell  
Sandy Creek CSD, John Shelmidine,  
Lisa Roman, Counselor, Oswego City CSD  
Jeff Grimshaw,

### STAFF/GUESTS:

Leg. Morris Sorbello  
Leg. Shane Broadwell  
Leg. John Proud  
Leg. Margaret Kastler  
Philip Church, County Administrator  
County Attorney Richard Mitchell  
Gregg Heffner, DSS Commissioner  
Jiancheng Huang, Oswego County Health Director  
Kathy Fenlon  
Teresa Woolson  
Dawn Metott  
Diane Cooper-Currier  
Betsy Sherman-Saunders, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM. This is the first public meeting of the Task Force.

### 1. Minutes

The minutes were approved without changes.

### 2. Power Point Presentation

Committee Chair Reehil shared a Power Point Presentation and led a discussion:

- An online survey that was completed
- There were special meetings with three school districts to discuss their poverty initiatives.
- Committee Chair Reehil reviewed the categories of poverty and results of poverty.
- Repeating themes of poverty (which were developed by the focus groups) were the lack of program coordination, programs that worked were defunded, need to fix policy problems, transportation, local delivery of some services should be considered, the fight against criminal activity should be funded, and there should be a focus on prevention.
- There are certain areas the focus groups thought should be addressed: do more programs with less money, the focus should be on kids and on prevention, policies need to be fixed, programs that work need to be restored, the county should become people centered instead of policy centered, partnerships need to be coordinated, there should be a focus on literacy and job skills, and it is important to rebuild community pride.
- czb will be back for focus groups on June 24-26
- There was discussion regarding the ways to fund initiatives, through grants and community funding?
- Job training is critically important factor to help with poverty issues.
- Legislator Mulcahey suggested a mobile vehicle to help with medical needs.
- Legislator Sorbello added that employment gives people a sense of purpose. Training people for employment is important.

### 3. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:17 PM