

**RESOLUTION NO. 824 -2012, ESTABLISHING A
TASK FORCE TO OPTIMIZE EARLY INTERVENTION FOR
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

WHEREAS, during the 1980s, special education early intervention agencies assessed children through excessive testing and recommended programs and assistance, some of which were unnecessary and expensive; and

WHEREAS, at that time, Legislator John Foley established a task force to ensure that all monies expended by the County were necessary and that children with special needs were being properly serviced; and

WHEREAS, that task force advocated for a combination of support and oversight by the County to aid families of children with special needs and ensure that all necessary and appropriate services were provided; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the task force's recommendations, the County established a network of coordinators within the Division of Services for Children with Special Needs, Department of Health Services, to work directly with families to assess the needs of their child, assist the family in selecting an agency to provide services and ensure that effective aid was provided for these children; and

WHEREAS, many of the Division's coordinators have retired or left County service and their functions are now largely performed by outside agencies with no County oversight to determine if the services provided and paid for by the County are necessary and proper; and

WHEREAS, the County should once again establish an early intervention task force to examine the state of the early intervention program for children with special needs and determine if opportunities exist to increase efficiency or optimize services provided to children with special needs; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that an Early Intervention Task Force is hereby established to study the early intervention program within the Department of Health Services and all associated contract agencies; to analyze the existing system and associated County oversight and determine if opportunities exist to increase efficiency; to optimize services and control costs while continuing to provide appropriate services to children with special needs; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that this Task Force shall consist of the following nine (9) members:

- 1) The Commissioner of the Department of Health Services, or his or her designee;
- 2) The Chairman of the Legislature's Health Committee, or his or her designee, who shall serve as chairperson of the Task Force;
- 3) The Chairman of the Legislature's Education and Information Technology Committee, or his or her designee;

- 4) A parent advocate, to be selected by the County Legislature;
- 5) A special education coordinator, to be selected by the County Legislature;
- 6) A developmental-behavioral pediatrician, to be selected by the County Legislature;
- 7) A representative of Suffolk County BOCES;
- 8) A representative of a Suffolk County School District, to be selected by the County Legislature; and
- 9) A representative of the New York State Department of Education;

and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, the Task Force shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the oaths of office of all members have been filed, which meeting shall be convened by the Chairman of the Task Force for the purpose of organization and the appointment of a vice chairperson and a secretary; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the members of said Task Force shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold regular meetings, keep a record of all its proceedings, and determine the rules of its own proceedings with special meetings to be called by the chairperson upon his or her own initiative or upon receipt of a written request therefor signed by at least three (3) members of the Task Force. Written notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be given by the secretary to each member at least four (4) days before the date fixed by the notice for such special meeting; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that five (5) members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Task Force at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that clerical services involving the month-to-month operation of this Task Force, as well as supplies and postage as necessary, will be provided by the staff of the County Department of Health Services; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may conduct such informal hearings and meetings at any place or places within the County of Suffolk for the purpose of obtaining necessary information or other data to assist it in the proper performance of its duties and functions as it deems necessary; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may delegate to any member of the Task Force the power and authority to conduct such hearings and meetings; and be it further

10th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall cooperate with the Legislative Committees of the County Legislature and make available to each Committee's use, upon request, any records and other data it may accumulate or obtain; and be it further

11th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to hold at least four (4) public hearings throughout the County of Suffolk to assemble the data and information necessary to complete the valuation, study, and report required with all reasonable efforts to be made to ascertain the views, wishes, and opinions of the residents of Suffolk County; and be it further

12th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall issue a written report after a comprehensive study and analysis of the existing early intervention program for children with special needs within the Department of Health Services, the amount of coordination work delegated to contract agencies, and the amount of oversight the County currently has over services to suggest ways the County may improve the efficiency of the program, optimize services provided to children with special needs and maintain oversight to ensure that children are receiving appropriate services based on their demonstrated needs; and be it further

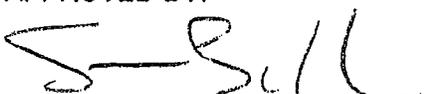
13th **RESOLVED**, that this Task Force shall submit a written report of its findings and determinations together with its recommendations for action, if any, to each member of the County Legislature and the County Executive no later than one hundred eighty (180) days subsequent to the effective date of this Resolution for consideration, review, and appropriate action, if necessary, by the entire County Legislature; and be it further

14th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall expire, and the terms of office of its members terminate, as of December 31, 2013 at which time the Task Force shall deposit all the records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

15th **RESOLVED**, that this study shall not be performed by any outside consultant or consulting firm unless explicit approval and authorization for such consultant or consulting firm is granted pursuant to a duly enacted resolution of the County Legislature; and be it further

16th **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: **SEP 13 2012**

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 9. 21. 12

SUFFOLK COUNTY
County Legislature
RIVERHEAD, NY



This is to Certify That I, TIM LAUBE, Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of said County on September 13, 2012 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk.

Tim Laube

Clerk of the Legislature

Intro. Res.

1876

Res. No.

824

September 13, 2012

Motion:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

Co-Sponsors:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R
1	Edward P. ROMAINE					
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN					
3	Kate M. BROWNING					
4	Thomas MURATORE					
5	Kara HAHN					
6	Sarah S. ANKER					
7	Rob CALARCO					
9	Ricardo MONTANO					
10	Thomas CILMI					
11	Thomas F. BARRAGA					
12	John M. KENNEDY, JR.					
13	Lynne C. NOWICK					
15	DuWayne GREGORY					
16	Steven H. STERN					
17	Lou D'AMARO					
18	William SPENCER					
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY, D.P.O.					
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.					
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Roll Call _____ Voice Vote

Tim Laube

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 828-2013, AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 824-2012, TASK FORCE TO OPTIMIZE EARLY INTERVENTION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 824-2012 established an early intervention task force to examine the state of the early intervention program for children with special needs and to determine if opportunities exist to increase efficiency or optimize services provided to children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, the task force is required to issue a written report to the members of the County Legislature and the County Executive containing its Findings and Determinations, along with any recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the task force has determined that it needs additional time to complete their report; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the 13th RESOLVED clause of Resolution No. 824-2012 is hereby amended as follows:

13th RESOLVED, that this Task Force shall submit a written report of its Findings and Determinations together with its recommendations for action, if any, to each member of the County Legislature and the County Executive no later than [one hundred eighty (180) days subsequent to the effective date of this Resolution] December 31, 2013 for consideration, review, and appropriate action, if necessary, by the entire County Legislature; and be it further

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2nd RESOLVED, that the 14th RESOLVED clause of Resolution No. 824-2012 is hereby amended as follows:

14th RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall expire, and the terms of office of its members terminate, as of [December 31, 2013] January 31, 2014 at which time the Task Force shall deposit all the records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

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3rd RESOLVED, all other terms and conditions of Resolution No. 824-2012 shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on

Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

[] Brackets denote deletion of existing language
___ Underlining denotes addition of new language

DATED: **OCT 08 2013**

APPROVED BY:



County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 10/17/13

SUFFOLK COUNTY
County Legislature
RIVERHEAD, NY



This is to Certify That I, TIM LAUBE, Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of said County on October 8, 2013 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk.

Tim Laube

Clerk of the Legislature

Intro. Res.

1722

Res. No.

828

October 8, 2013

Motion:

Krupski, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

Co-Sponsors:

Krupski, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Hahn, Barraga,
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Roll Call _____ Voice Vote

Tim Laube

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