



## **WNY REDC MEETING SUMMARY**

### **Introductory Information:**

Date and Time Meeting Commenced: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – 3:30 pm

Location: Roswell Park Cancer Institute -Center for Genetics and Pharmacology - 670 Virginia Street,  
Zebro Family Conference Room, Buffalo NY, 14263

Council Members Present: Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, Co-Chair Jeff Belt, Co-Chair Dr. Virginia Horvath, Deanna Alterio-Brennen, Robert T. Brady, Paul Brown, Dr. Katherine Conway-Turner, Dr. Michael Cropp, Colleen DiPirro, Dottie Gallagher-Cohen, Dr. Rosa Gonzalez, Michael Metzger, Jennifer Parker.

Ex-Officio: Chautauqua County Executive Vince Horrigan, Designee of the Cattaraugus County Chair Crystal Abers, Kathy Donner for Senator Michael Ranzenhofer and Sam Ferraro for Niagara County Legislature Chair.

Council Members Substitutes: Becky Gandour for Mayor Byron Brown, Tom DeSantis for Mayor Paul Dyster, Julie Barry for Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, and Alan Rosenhoch for Tom Kucharski.

State Agency/Local Government/ESD Staff: ESD Staff: Christopher Schoepflin, Michael Ball, Janet Murray, Mo Sumbundu, Lynn Marinelli, Rob Sozanski, Bryon Price, Amanda Mays and Christopher Borgatti. DOS: Chris Grant and Christopher Bauer. DOT: Jim Cuzzo. EFC: JC Smith. NYPA: Carol Sampson. DOH: Dr. Greg Young. NYSERDA: Anthony Hazzan. Executive staff: Melissa Bochenki. UBRI: Laura Quebral, Paul Ray, Brenda Stynes and Sharon Entress. RPCI staff, including Laura Krolczyk and Leah Halton-Pope.

Special Guests: Dr. Candace Johnson of Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

Time Adjourned: 4:50 pm

### **Welcome and Remarks:**

#### Call to Order:

☒ Preamble requesting disclosure of any conflicts of interest read.

☐ Conflicts noted: (Please List)

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☒ Recusals noted: (Please List)



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- ☐ No conflicts noted.
- ☒ The record of recusals was noted and acknowledged at the meeting.

### **Reports/Discussions:**

#### **3:30pm          Opening Remarks**

Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, Chair of the Regional Councils, welcomed and gave remarks.

Jeff Belt, co-chair, WNY Regional Economic Development Council welcomed members, staff and guests.

Virginia Horvath, REDC-WNY Co-Chair, introduced Candace Johnson, PhD, President & CEO of Roswell Park Cancer Institute, who welcomed the Council and thanked them for the investments in the Institute. Dr. Johnson described the impacts of the investments and the partnerships in WNY and beyond.

#### **3:50pm          Governor's Age-Friendly NYS/Health Across All Policies Initiative and Smart Growth**

Paul Beyer, State Director of Smart Growth, NYS Department of State and Greg Olsen, Acting Director, NY State Office for the Aging gave a PowerPoint presentation.

**4:13pm** Regional Director Schoepflin read the list of recusals and noted the lists on file at ESD office.

#### **4:15pm          Restore NY Communities Initiative – Round 5**

Michael Ball, Deputy Director of the WNY REDC, gave a PowerPoint presentation and upcoming dates for workshops, intent to apply letters and application submittals.

#### **4:20pm          2017 Progress Report Presentation and Adoption**

Laura Quebral, Executive Director of the University of Buffalo Regional Institute, introduced her staff and gave an overview and highlights from the upcoming WNY REDC Progress report which is due in Albany by October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Members received a draft copy via email and hard copies at the meeting.

#### **4:37pm          2017 Recommended Priority Projects**

Regional Director Schoepflin gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 25 projects from WNY. The slate was moved by Paul Brown and seconded by Colleen DiPirro. Unanimously adopted.

#### **4:42pm          Recommended Scores for All Round 7 Eligible CFA's**



Regional Director Schoepflin gave a Power point presentation of the WNY slate of 224 projects, ranked across all programs. The slate was moved by Dottie Gallagher-Cohn and seconded by Deanna Alterio-Brennen. Unanimously adopted.

**4:45pm** Co-Chairs Jeff Belt and Dr. Virginia Horvath thanked the REDC-WNY members for their service.

**4:50 pm**         **Adjourn**