

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Bergen County Board of Social Services
April 3, 2012**

PRESENT: Freeholder John A. Felice, Chairperson
Freeholder John D. Mitchell, Vice-Chairperson
Randi Duffie, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
John M. Carbone, Esq., County Adjuster (Arrived Late)
Leah Puzzo, Board Member
William E. Connelly, Jr., Board Member
Mayor Vincent Barra, Board Member
Tom Toronto, Board Member (Arrived Late)
Bob Nyman, Board Member
Frank Catania, Jr., Esq., General Counsel
Robert Calocino, Acting Director
Michele Darmochwal, Administrative Secretary

ABSENT: Deborah Viola, Ph.D., Secretary-Treasurer

A regular meeting of the Bergen County Board of Social Services was scheduled and held on April 3, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Bergen County Board of Social Services, 216 Route 17 North, Building A, Rochelle Park, New Jersey.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman John A. Felice called the meeting to order. Counsel read the notice required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows:

"Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting scheduled for April 3, 2012 has been provided in the following manner:

1. By a prominent posting of the schedule of meetings for 2012, including a notice of the scheduled time, scheduled date, and location of this meeting at the Bergen County Administrative Building, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey.
2. The mailing of this notice of the time, date, and location of this meeting to "The Record", which was published on December 10, 2011 and to the Herald News, which was published on December 10, 2011.

3. By filing of the notice of the time, date, and location of this meeting with the Bergen County Clerk, said filing having taken place on December 7, 2011.

The notice required by the “Open Public Meeting Act” was read as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, the Bergen County Board of Social Services shall now exclude members of the public from the meeting for the following reason:

1. The Board shall discuss property matters involving individuals who have received assistance from the Bergen County Board of Social Services. The identification of such individuals or their property may result in a violation of their rights to privacy and may result in the loss of public funds by this agency.
2. The Board shall discuss matters which are covered pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(1,2,3) involving individuals who have received assistance from the Bergen County Board of Social Services or who have applied for assistance. To disclose the names of such individuals would work an unwarranted invasion of their rights to privacy.
3. The Bergen County Board of Social Services shall discuss personnel matters which are specifically exempt from public meetings pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(8).
4. The Board shall discuss matters with Counsel to the Board which matters shall fall within the attorney-client privilege and are therefore excluded from the public meeting.
5. The Board may discuss other matters pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

Please be advised that at the conclusion of this session, the Board shall return to a public session and the members of the public are invited to return in order to observe. Thank you.

A quorum being achieved, the Board met in Public Session.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Flag Salute

Mrs. Puzzo led those present in a salute to the flag.

Roll Call

A Roll Call was taken for Open Session:

MEMBERS	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X	
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X	
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY-TREASURER		X

RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X	
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER		X
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X	
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X	
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X	
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER		X
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X	

Open Public Comment Period

A motion to open the Open Public Comment Period, for a three-minute limit with the option of speaking again, was offered by Vice-Chairman Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Connelly, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER				X
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER				X
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Maria Aberasturi, - Teaneck, NJ

Ms. Aberasturi commented about ten days ago one of our Social Workers was assaulted on the 1st floor in the dangerous client room by one of our customers. Ms. Aberasturi stated she was concerned about our safety protocol or lack of safety protocol. It was her understanding that a significant amount of time transpired between when a chair was thrown at the social worker and when the police department was called. There are rumors about why that 30-45 minute timeframe came about. She knows from experience, she has been here for 26 years, although it does not happen frequently, there are occasions where staff is subject to violence from customers. Personally, she has been choked, threatened with a knife, a dog was sicked on her, and she witnessed someone carve themselves up with a box cutter. It seems like nobody knows what to do or what not to do, or who to call, or what to say. That concerned her because in these situations it is really important that you know what to do and who to call. In the aftermath, it seemed that nobody knew what to do for this worker. Coming from mental health, although she was not physically harmed, having someone assault you and threaten you is a traumatic experience and trauma if it is not properly dealt with can lead to health problems in addition to more serious mental health problems. She doesn't know if we have a written policy and procedure for any of this. She believes that we should. She thought that if one was developed we should rely heavily upon our law enforcement community to guide us in how to make this safe protocol for when this happens. The rumor was and she hoped it was not true is that the security guards were not allowed to call the police department without first calling the Fiscal Officer for permission. In her opinion, the second that a piece of furniture is taken off the floor all bets are off and someone should call 9-1-1.

Chairman Felice commented the Board will address this issue. The Chairman commented that the safety of the employees is the utmost importance to this Board. Mrs. Aberasturi spoke at length about safety.

In response to Mrs. Duffie’s request, the Acting Director briefly explained the current protocol.

For the record, Mr. Carbone arrived at 5:35 p.m.

For the record, Tom Toronto arrived at 5:37 p.m.

William Oserin – Englewood, NJ

Mr. Oserin commented he is on the union side of the Health & Safety Committee. They did meet over this among other things last week over this issue. Apparently, this person had a warrant out for his arrest and by the time the police appeared the person was long gone so a little bit of hindsight maybe but 45 minutes if that is true is too long. If the police were called immediately there was a pretty good chance that they would have been able to arrest this guy for this alleged assault and whatever he was wanted for previously. At previous Health & Safety meetings, they have asked to consider having metal detectors put in and that has been rebuked in the past. Mr. Oserin stated that the County Administration building on Hudson Street has metal detectors and County Sheriffs, at both entrances, so he thought this was something to consider again.

A motion to close the Open Public Comment Period was offered by Vice-Chairman Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Connelly, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Adoption of Minutes:

(a) Open Session Minutes March 6, 2012

No discussion. A motion to approve the Open Session Minutes of March 6, 2012 was offered by Vice-Chairman Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Connelly, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X

RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Treasurer’s Report:

(a) Bills List:

The Bills List was discussed. A motion to approve the Bills List was offered by Mr. Toronto, seconded by Mrs. Duffie, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

(b) Schedule of Vouchers:

A discussion ensued regarding the Schedule of Vouchers. A motion to approve the Schedule of Vouchers was offered by Mr. Toronto, seconded by Mrs. Puzzo, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Acting Director’s Report:

(a) Monthly Reports – Statistical & Financial:

A snapshot of caseload and expenditures were provided to the members for the month of February 2012. A discussion ensued regarding the monthly reports.

A motion that the Executive Acting Director contact the Office of the Bergen County Prosecutor and the Bergen County Police Department and ask for a security review of the building. Particularly, review the existing security plan and the implementation of what is done and who is contacted, what police department, how it is done, and lack of authorization was offered by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mrs. Puzzo, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

President’s Report:

Chairman Felice spoke about recruitment services for the BCBSS for the new Director. He reported that he had a sub-committee meeting with Mr. Connelly and Dr. Viola who participated via-teleconference. The Chairman thanked Mr. Carbone for suggesting a company called Jersey Professional Management who will advertise and search for a Director. The Chairman also thanked Susan Rose because originally, the cost was \$9,500.00 with a \$1,000.00 or \$1,500.00 additional cost. Ms. Rose spoke with the firm and brought the cost down in total to \$8,800.00 so the Board saved quite a bit of money in the flat fee for this service. Chairman Felice signed the document and sent it in for processing. The sub-committee felt that it was appropriate so they are going to move forward with this search but that does not block the Board’s ability to choose or look at someone else.

Mr. Connelly commented the search will be advertised and open to all people. They will move as soon as possible on this search. When they had their sub-committee meeting, the three members decided this is something they really wanted to do. The committee felt the company was a very good company to do the search.

A motion to ratify and approve the actions of the President and sub-committee in engaging the services with Jersey Professional Management, signing a contract, when and if a statement is received that the bill be paid was offered by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. Connelly, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			

DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X (* With a comment)			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

* Mrs. Duffie commented she understood that there is a sub-committee, however, she was under the impression that procedure would call for the committee to report to the full Board and the full Board to agree to instruct the Chairman to sign on their behalf. She is uncomfortable that the Chairman went ahead and did that without them knowing who the company was, was there other companies that you compared to. We received no report at all from the committee and he has already engaged with a company without this Board’s approval. Apparently, there is nothing that can be done now; however going forward if we ever have this type of situation again she requested that procedurally it be brought to the full Board for their approval to instruct the Chairman to move forward.

Mayor Barra commented that he would endorse Mrs. Duffie’s comment about if we are going to expend monies he thinks sub-committees should operate and if time is of the essence he agreed that the committees should come back and report to the full Board.

Mr. Connelly commented he thought their charge was to go out and do this and move forward as a committee. They did not want to call an additional meeting and not be prepared.

Mr. Carbone commented, “Mrs. Duffie is asking for transparency, openness, disclosure, full participation, all of which the Board is doing”.

The Board discussed posting an announcement on the County’s website and the agency’s website that the Board is seeking a Director. At the Board’s request, the job specs for Director will be distributed to the Board Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

(a) Follow-up Discussion regarding results of RFQ’s (General Counsel, Labor Counsel, and Auditor) for 2012.

General Counsel reported on the results of the RFQ’s for General Counsel, Labor Counsel, and Auditor. General Counsel reported that all the RFQ’s were deemed qualified. With respect to General Counsel, the Board received one response from our present General Counsel Frank Catania, Jr., Esq. For the record, there were no other submissions for General Counsel. With respect to Auditor, the Board received three responses: Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva, P.A.; Holman &

Frenia, P.C.; and Louis C. Mai CPA & Associates. With respect to Labor Counsel, the Board received three responses: Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC; Roth D'Aquanni, LLC; and Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC.

For the position of General Counsel, a motion to deem as qualified the submissions was offered by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Vice-Chairman Mitchell, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

For the position of Labor Counsel, a motion to deem all applicants for the RFQ's qualified was offered by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. Connelly, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

For the position of Auditor, a motion to deem all RFQ submissions as qualified was offered by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mrs. Duffie, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

A motion to appoint Frank Catania, Jr., Esq. as General Counsel for a one-year period for the BCBSS was offered by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. Connelly, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Before the Board voted on Labor Counsel, a motion to enter into Closed Session for a discussion regarding a contract was offered by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mrs. Duffie, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

A motion to appoint Steve Wielkocz as Auditor for a one-year period for the BCBSS was offered by Mrs. Duffie, seconded by Chairman Felice, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

A motion to withdraw the motion that appointed Steve Wielkocz as Auditor until further discussed in Closed Session was offered by Mrs. Duffie, seconded by Chairman Felice, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

A motion to discuss potential contracts in Closed Session was offered by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Vice-Chairman Mitchell, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

NEW BUSINESS:

(a) **Bring Your Child to Work Day – Thursday, April 26, 2012**

Bring Your Child to Work Day is on 4/26/12.

(b) **Family Care Presentation – Written Report submitted by Adina Yacoub, Administrative Supervisor**

Mrs. Yacoub presented an overview of Family Care.

(c) **Next Board Meeting Date**

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Action Items:

Resolutions:

(a) **2012.04.03 (1) –Resolution Accepting the RFQ Submissions as Qualified for Professionals for CY2012**

A motion to waive the reading of Resolution 2012.04.03 (1) was offered by Mr. Toronto, seconded by Mr. Connelly, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

A motion to approve Resolution 2012.04.03 (1) was offered by Mr. Toronto, seconded by Mr. Connelly, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

(b) 2012.04.03 (2) –Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

A motion to waive the remainder of the reading of 2012.04.03(2) was offered by Mr. Toronto, seconded by Mr. Connelly, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

A motion to approve Resolution 2012.04.03 (2) was offered by Mr. Toronto, seconded by Mr. Connelly, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			

DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

CLOSED SESSION:

The Bergen County Board of Social Services shall now exclude members of the public from the meeting and be moved into Closed Session for the following reasons: The Board may discuss property matters involving individuals who receive assistance from the BCBSS. The identification of such individuals or their property may result in a violation of their right to privacy and may result in a loss of public funds by this agency. The Board shall discuss matters which are covered pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12B(1,2,3) involving individuals who received assistance from the Board or the Bergen County Board of Social Services or who have applied for assistance. To disclose the names of such individuals would work an unwarranted invasion of their rights to privacy. The Bergen County Board of Social Services shall discuss personnel matters which are specifically exempt from public meetings pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(8). The Board shall discuss matters with Counsel to the Board which matters fall within the attorney-client privilege and are therefore excluded from the public meeting. The Board may also discuss all other matters which are exempt from public meetings pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. The minutes from these closed sessions shall be made available to the public upon the expiration of a 45-day appeal period. Please be advised that at the conclusion of this session, the Board shall return to a public session and the members of the public are invited to return at that time.

A motion to go into Closed Session was offered by Mr. Toronto, seconded by Mr. Connelly, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

The Board went into Closed Session at approximately 6:55 p.m.

OPEN SESSION:

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at approximately 8:07 p.m.

Chairman Felice requested a Roll Call:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER				X
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

A motion to appoint Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC as Labor Counsel with an hourly rate not to exceed \$125.00 was offered by Mr. Connelly, seconded by Chairman Felice, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER				X
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

A motion to appoint Steve Wielkotz and his firm as Auditor with a fee of \$40,000.00 with an acceptable scope of work was offered by Mrs. Duffie, seconded by Mrs. Puzzo, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER			X	
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER				X
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Adoption of Minutes:

Closed Session Minutes March 6, 2012

A motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes of March 6, 2012 was offered by Vice-Chairman Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Puzzo, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
FREEHOLDER JOHN FELICE	CHAIRPERSON	X			
FREEHOLDER JOHN MITCHELL	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
RANDI DUFFIE	ASST. SEC. TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER			X	
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
WILLIAM CONNELLY	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			
TOM TORONTO	BOARD MEMBER				X
BOB NYMAN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

With no further business to conclude, a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m. was offered by Vice-Chairman Mitchell, seconded by Mayor Barra, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Calocino
Acting Director