

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 328 OF 2010

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Pitkin, Kenny, Bentley, Merlino, Strainer, Loeb and McDevitt

**AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
TO REVISE THE WARREN COUNTY SEXUAL OFFENDER HOMELESS HOUSING
POLICY AND APPROVING THE POLICY AS REVISED**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services and the Social Services Committee have reviewed the Warren County Sexual Offender Homeless Housing Policy ("Policy"), and

WHEREAS, the Committee has recommended and directed the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services to make certain revisions in the current policy which include removal of hotel names as well as the addition of a procedure to include computerized background checks for all individuals seeking temporary housing assistance , now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services to make the recommended revisions to the Warren County Sexual Offender Homeless Housing Policy described in the preambles of this resolution and approves the revised Policy as set forth in attached Schedule "A".

**WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

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| <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: February 24, 2010</p> <p>DATE REVISED: March 31, 2010</p> | <p>REVIEWED BY:</p> <p>Warren County Board Of Supervisors, Social Services Committee</p> <p>Paul Dusek County Attorney</p> <p>Suzanne F. Wheeler Deputy Commissioner</p> <p>Kelly Barker Principle SWE</p> | <p>DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:</p> <p>Warren County Department of Social Services</p> |
| <p>ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL:</p> <p>Sheila M. Weaver Commissioner</p> | <p>PREPARED BY:</p> <p>Sheila M. Weaver Commissioner</p> | <p>REFERENCES:</p> <p>NYS Correction Law 72 -c 05-INF-26 Revised 08 TA/DC 033</p> |

Placement of Sex Offenders and Families

POLICY: It is the policy of the Warren County Department of Social Services to ensure that all individuals coming to our Department for housing assistance are provided with safe accommodations for lodging.

PURPOSE: To maintain compliance and safety for all applicants and recipients when ever possible.

PROCEDURE:

1. If an eligible homeless individual identifies himself/herself as a Sexual offender to a Department employee during normal business hours or after hours, they will be placed in a hotel/motel. Staff will run a computer sexual offender check for

all persons identifying themselves as homeless. Staff will advise the hotel/motel if the person is a sexual offender.

2. If we receive a lodging/housing request of a homeless family, with children under the age of 18, we will not place them at any other facility where we have knowingly placed sexual offenders.

3. If we have any homeless single female or a family with children under the age of 18 which request information regarding sexual offenders, we will advise them of the website to access, which will inform them of the location of the sexual offenders so that they can see who offenders are should they desire to do so. If they do not have access to a computer and express an interest to view the site we will access the site to show them who the sexual offenders.