

Public Health and Social Services Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 30, 2015, 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Karen L Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Craig Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Litts, Provenzano
EXCUSED: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Lee Cane League of Women Voters, Michael Berg Family of Woodstock, Ken Crannell Deputy County Executive

Chairman Craig Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

MOTION NO. 1 To Approve the Minutes of the November 2, 2015 Meeting
Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Herb Litts
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts, Provenzano
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Chairman Lopez introduced, welcomed and thanked Michael Berg of Family of Woodstock for coming before the committee. Chairman Lopez called upon Legislator Carl Belfiglio who made the motion and seconded by Legislator Provenzano to go into "Executive Session" to discuss Washbourne House matters regarding public safety at 6:45 PM. All in favor.

The committee concluded executive session with no action taken.

The committee meeting resumed at 6:55 PM.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION NO. 3 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 408 for December 9, 2015 Session
Motion Made By: Legislator Herb Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 408 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Alliance Hospital - Department Of Mental Health – Department Of Mental Health

Discussion: This resolution is for an outpatient methadone maintenance treatment program. The hospital is the only local entity in the county licensed and certified by New York State to run this program. Health Alliance is the sole source approved by the state in our area. Program subsidy to Health Alliance is \$100K. Legislator Belfiglio noted the hours of operation are not listed in the contract. Ken Crannell noted this is a highly regulated program which requires state approval by OASIS in order to make any change to the program. Health Alliance has agreed to add an additional half day if OASIS grants approval. An additional half day over the weekend – on a Sunday will cost \$45K where 20-25 people will benefit. Ideally Mr. Crannell noted the goal should be to expand the base of the program to 250 slots and eliminate the wait list - not add another day. Our neighboring county also has a program. Health Alliance - not the county applies for the program change request with OASIS. The 2016 budget doesn't include funding for the additional service forcing a cutback somewhere internally. County representatives have met with Health Alliance to expedite the process. Counsel Guerin recommended the committee pass the resolution preventing disruption of service.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts, Provenzano

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 4 Resolve to **Block Vote** - Resolution Nos. 473, 474, 475 & 476

Motion Made By: Legislator Chris Allen

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Herb Litts

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 473: Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's *PW/DD Subcommittee*

Resolution No. 474: Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's *Substance Abuse Subcommittee*

Resolution No. 475: Confirming Re-Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's *Mental Health Subcommittee*

Resolution No. 476: Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's *Mental Health Subcommittee*

Discussion: Legislator Belfiglio noted the only oversight this committee has is the authority to confirm appointments.

Voting In Favor:	Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts, Provenzano
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	5
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Carried

MOTION NO. 5 Resolve to **Approve Block Vote** - Resolution Nos. 473, 474, 475 & 476

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts, Provenzano

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 6 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 477

Text of Motion: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Two Lease Agreements With Astor Services For Children & Families As Lessee, For Office Space to Provide Family Mental Health Services To The Community – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion Made By: Legislator Herbert Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Discussion: Chairman Lopez provided an overview of the resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts, Provenzano

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

New Business:

Legislator Herb Litts shared a proposal he received from a constituent in an effort to raise community involvement by the young adults and adolescents in the community to work for the common good. This project would bring back pride in our communities, and strengthen the bonds which hold a community together. While assisting members of the community, without insulting their pride, members of our community can volunteer to help and assist those whose health or physical condition does not allow them to complete the physically challenging chores that are required to maintain their residences in the manner they had in past years.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Legislator Litts, and seconded by Legislator Allen, all were in favor, and Chairman Lopez declared the meeting duly adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Dated November 16, 2015

Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Employee

Minutes Approved on: January 20, 2016