

Public Health and Social Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: May 4, 2015, 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Legislative Chambers, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Craig V. Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Lopez, Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts
EXCUSED: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Erica Guerin Legislative Counsel

Chairman Craig Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

MOTION NO. 1 To Approve the Minutes of the April 6, 2015 Meeting
Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION NO. 2 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 186
Text of Motion: Urging The New York State Legislature To Dissolve And Replace New York Public Health Law Section 18
Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio motioned for discussion.
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Herb Litts, 2nd for discussion.
Discussion: Legislator Allen, sponsor of this memorializing resolution, provided an overview of the resolution and his own personal experience managing his health records, medical record protocol, and New York State law. The objective of the resolution is to purge confirmed errors in one's

health record vs. leaving the incorrect data in the jacket with an addendum attached. After further committee discussion and Legislative Counsel input, Legislator Allen opted to postpone the resolution until next month to allow time for additional research and possible language modifications. No Action Taken.

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio motioned for postponement until next month.

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Jeanette Provenzano

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 3 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 222

Text of Motion: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Two Lease Agreements With Access: Supports For Living, For Office Space To Provide Mental Health Services To The Community – Department Of Public Works (Buildings and Grounds)

Motion Made By: Legislator Jeanette Provenzano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Discussion: The office spaces are located at 239 Golden Hill Dr., Kingston – 207 Sq. Ft., and at the UC Trudy Resnick Farber Center, 50 Center St., Ellenville – 126 Sq. Ft., both at \$10.00 / Sq. Ft., for a term of three years. Both locations are for office space lease agreements with Access, a not-for-profit organization who provide services for people facing the challenges of disability and mental illness. Contracts commence on June 1st and end on May 31st - the last day of the month. The office space is to provide Mental Health Services in the community.

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 4 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 223

Text of Motion: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With Family Services, Inc. For Office Space Of Ulster Prevention Council At Trudy Resnick Farber Center, Ellenville, Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion Made By: Legislator Jeanette Provenzano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Discussion: Family Services, Inc. would like to renew their lease - 108 Sq. Ft. for a one year term, July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at an annual cost of \$1,080.00 including utilities.

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

MOTION NO. 5 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 224

Text of Motion: Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Additional Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services To Implement Safe Harbor Programming – Department Of Social Services

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Discussion: Chairman Lopez explained the Safe Harbor Program funding will be used exclusively to expand and enhance services to raise awareness of the problem of sexual exploitation of children, and to provide services to address the needs of sexually exploited children. Legislator Belfiglio asked who will be providing the services for the Safe Harbor program, such as the Part-Time Coordinator and Respite Care. The committee clerk the next day posed the question to Deputy Executive Ken Crannell via email who conveyed the part time coordinator will be a contract employee with the Dept. of Social Services who are accepting applications at this time. The Respite Care will be provided by Family of Woodstock. The balance listed will be either done in house or has not yet been awarded.

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

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 6 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 228

Text of Motion: Recommending Purchase Of Additional Evacu-Trac Chairs To Provide For Safe Evacuation Of Handicapped Individuals From The County Office Building

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio for discussion.

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Herb Litts

Discussion: Legislator Allen provided an overview of how he came to the understanding of the need for additional chairs in the county building. Some committee members stepped away from the meeting room briefly to view the hallway Evacu-Trac Chair. Legislator's Lopez and Belfiglio remained in the meeting room and noted a quorum was not present and committee business could not be conducted until the committee members returned. Legislator Belfiglio for the record noted upon return of the members a quorum again was present. The meeting was suspended for 1 -1/4 minutes. After further committee review and discussion, Legislator Allen, the sponsor of the resolution withdrew the resolution for consideration at this time to allow for additional fact finding, legislative recommendations - an all encompass resolution - to include other county building locations potentially in need of the devices. Chairman Lopez offered his assistance if needed, to draft an all-inclusive/comprehensive resolution in a timely manner.

Legislator Chris Allen Withdrew the Resolution for Consideration.

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

Old Business:

- Safe Staffing Nursing: Last month, Minerva Solla, New York State American Nurses Association (ANA) Representative came before the committee last month to promote awareness, and asked for Legislative support via a memorializing resolution. Legislator Provenzano expressed her support

resulting in the entire committee agreeing to sponsor a Memorializing “Safe Staffing Nursing” Resolution. The committee will reach out to Legislative Counsel.

- Gateway Meals on Wheels Services: Earlier in the day Legislator Provenzano asked Ken Crannell who will be delivering the county meals. Ken conveyed the county invited the previous Prestige drivers – including the volunteer drivers to come back, whereas the county offered to pay the volunteers mileage. Also, Gateway has committed to sending in some professional staff along with drivers that will check in with the seniors upon delivery of meals. Legislator Belfiglio also contacted Gateway earlier in the day to inquire on behalf of a constituent that was interested in work.

New Business:

- Chairman Lopez advised the committee that former U.C. Legislator and current Highland, N.Y. Supervisor, Paul Hanset, will attend next month’s meeting to update the committee on a reported Highland, cancer cluster. A report is due out this week.
- Dr. Carol Smith, Commissioner of the U.C. Department of Health and Mental Health, will also be in attendance to discuss a new tick borne illness – antibiotic resistant.
- Committee members would like a Self- Insurance update – to explain the principles behind self -insurance and how it affects Ulster County.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Legislator Litts, and seconded by Legislator Provenzano, all were in favor, and Chairman Lopez declared the meeting duly adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Dated the 12th Day of May, 2015
Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Employee
Minutes Approved on: June 1, 2015