

Public Health and Social Services Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: August 31, 2015, 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Northeast Center for Rehabilitation and Brain Injury, 300 Grant Ave., Lake Katrine, NY

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Craig Lopez

LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw

PRESENT: Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Litts

EXCUSED: Legislator Provenzano

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Lou Klein Ex-Chairman of the UC Legislature, and current Chairman of UCAN & EMS Committee, Lee Cane, League of Women Voters

The Public Health and Social Services Committee held their monthly meeting off site at the Northeast Center for Rehabilitation and Brain Injury Center in Lake Katrine, NY to gain a better understanding of the needs of Ulster County's health care system. Administrator Seth Rinn, Occupational Therapy Coordinator Annmarie Belfiglio, Julie Cole Director Medical Records, Paula Kindos Carberry Director Social Work, LCSWR among others, welcomed and thanked the committee for taking the time and interest in their work. Administrator Rinn explained the five-star rating system devised by federal regulators and how they overlook important aspects of specialized care institutions like the Northeast Center. Also Administrator Rinn noted the state rating system included an annual survey including staff analysis, and a 17-point quality measures review. This is an eight unit, 250-bed nursing facility opened in 1999 and supports a staff of 423 people overall. The facility is 205K/SF in size, has 40 patients on ventilators at any given time, and represents the largest facility of its kind in the entire world. Approximately seven percent of patients are admitted as the result of drug overdoses, and the numbers are escalating.

The Public Health Committee presented the center with a Pride of Ulster County award for "Excellence of Care", followed by a group tour of the facility. The Hudson Valley News Network reporter Paula Mitchell, and Mid-Hudson News also partook in the tour. (Interviews Attached)

Chairman Craig Lopez called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

MOTION NO. 1	To Approve the Minutes of the August 3, 2015 Meeting
Motion Made By:	Legislator Carl Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Herbert Litts
Discussion:	None
Voting In Favor:	Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	4
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Carried

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION NO. 2 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 333
Text of Motion: Proclaiming September 2015 As Lost To Addition Awareness Month In Ulster County
Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Herbert Litts
Discussion: Legislator Belfiglio a sponsor of this memorializing resolution wanted to bring this issue to the forefront coming on the heels of the UCAN committee's work, noting heroin addiction deaths have doubled between 2010 and 2012. The committee recognized the importance of raising awareness, breaking stigmas and calling attention to this public health crisis. The UCAN committee will present their findings at the upcoming September Legislative Session.
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 3 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 334
Text of Motion: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Multi-County Community Development Corporation – Department Of Social Services
Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen
Discussion: Chairman Lopez stated this resolution is an agreement providing case management, counseling and intervention services for youth who have received Person In Need Of Supervision (PINS) or Juvenile Delinquent (JD) petitions through the Family Court system. 37% Federal, 52% State, 11% County funded. Legislator Belfiglio noted the county no longer provides these mandated services.
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 4 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 335

Text of Motion: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Social Service

Motion Made By: Legislator Herbert Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Discussion: Chairman Lopez provided an overview of this contract whereas funding for food stamp employment and training program for recipients of Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program benefits (food stamps) in accordance with the Food Stamp Act of 1977 and 1985 helping transition people back into the community – from public assistance to employment in the local labor market. 64% Federal and 36% County funded, contract term 10/01/15 through 9/30/16.

Voting In Favor: Legislators, Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 5 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 336

Text of Motion: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Discussion: Chairman Lopez noted this contract provides the support and diversion services through the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) for youth who have received Person In Need of Supervision (PINS) or Juvenile Delinquent (JD) petitions through the Family Court. 37% Federal, 52% State, 11% County funded.

Legislator Belfiglio expressed the need for this committee to be informed of the success rate /statistics of all county vendors. Noting the volume of contracts awarded to not only Family of Woodstock annually, but all county health service providers. This committee should be informed of the success rate /statistics of all county vendors. Committee discussion ensued as to the protocol of who should report to the committee.

Voting In Favor: Legislators, Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 6 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 338

Text of Motion: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Vermont Permanency Initiative, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Motion Made By: Legislator Herb Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Discussion: Chairman Lopez explained this contract is state mandated for per Diem foster care and related services. The services are provided by New York State and are paid through its Welfare Management System (WMS) at State-set rates.

Bennington School in Vermont provides individualized comprehensive services for children who have experienced complex developmental trauma. Legislator Belfiglio noted this contract is different from others offering standard academic core classes in Math, Science, English and Social Studies, along with expressive arts, horticulture, agriculture, adventure, culinary, music, yoga, tai chi, and therapeutic equine. Legislator Belfiglio wondered if these contracts were competitively bid and why aren't they being serviced locally.

Chairman Lopez noted a clerical monetary correction was made to the resolution - \$235K vs. \$250K. This contract runs from July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016. Funding - 36% Federal, 29% State, 35% County.

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 7 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 339

Text of Motion: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Participate In The Childhood Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention Program – Department Of Health

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Herbert Litts

Discussion: Chairman Lopez noted the funding will be used to support and enhance local efforts to target multi-family, non-owner-occupied, pre-1978 dwellings in the City of Kingston where children six and under reside. Legislator Litts wondered why this is for the City of Kingston only and not the whole county. The contract runs April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2020. 100% State funding.

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 8 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 345

Text of Motion: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract And Any Amendments To The Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue The WIC (Women, Infants And Children) Program – Department Of Health

Motion Made By: Legislator Herb Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Discussion: Chairman Lopez explained the Ulster County Department of Health administers the WIC program which is a special supplemental nutrition program for pregnant women, infants and children (WIC). The contract runs for five years, from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020.

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Old Business:

Legislator Litts reminded the committee Evelyn White will come before the committee in September to bring awareness of the language based learning disability regarding detection and recognition of Dyslexia in school children.

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 8:10 PM.

Dated the 20th Day of August, 2015
Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Employee
Minutes Approved on: October 5, 2015