

**Health, Human Services & Housing Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: October 7, 2022 – 9:30 AM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Eve Walter
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Corcoran, Erner (on phone), Lopez, Nolan, Petit & Uchitelle
ABSENT: None.
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Commissioner McDonald and Katrina Williams – UC Department of Mental Health, Commissioner Iapoce – UC Department of Social Services, Director Doyle & Kai Lord-Farmer – UC Planning Department, Deputy County Executive Rider – UC Executive’s Office, Alderwoman Barbara Hill – Community Services Board

Chair Walter called the meeting to order at 9:53 AM.

Motion No. 1: Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the September 7th Regular Meeting

Motion By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lopez

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Minutes APPROVED

Resolutions for the October 18, 2022 Session of the Legislature

Chair Walter turned the meeting over to Deputy Chair Lopez.

Resolution No. 200: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2022, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Evictions, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 15, 2022 At 7:15 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a public hearing to provide the public the opportunity to offer comments on Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2022 on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:15 PM

Motion No. 2: Moved Resolution No. 200 FOR DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion:

Legislator Uchitelle inquired about the reason for any recusals with a new ethics law and board. Legislator Nolan inquired whether the question had been presented to the new ethics board. Legislator Uchitelle responded that the law was clarified so only specific pecuniary interests are of conflict, and that rental property owners would not fall into the category of having a conflict of interest. Deputy Chair Lopez asked if there was a legal opinion on the matter. Legislator Uchitelle stated that if the Committee would like to ask the new ethics board to interpret the new ethics law, that could happen, but that he would like to see progress on this matter. Legislator Uchitelle also mentioned that although Good Cause Eviction has passed in the City of Kingston, he receives calls from constituents across the county asking for assistance when facing eviction, and he recommends that they call their legislators, but that ultimately, a substantive discussion on the matter is needed of the Committee. He also clarified the process of advisory opinions. Legislator Nolan stated that zy would like a fresh opinion on this legislation by the new ethics board, and if an action was taken, the previous ethics' board opinion remains on the record. Zy also stated that the novel ethics board and law did not challenge any of the members or the committee in their official functions. Legislator Uchitelle stated that he understands that individuals who are potentially in a conflict of interest and are in a state of recusal for the discussion cannot speak to their ability to take action on the matter, but that it is those individuals' responsibility to request a new ethics board opinion. He also stated that he would ensure that the affected individuals request the opinion. Legislator Corcoran stated that he would proceed with the request because he may be in conflict, and would like to clarify the matter in order to proceed further with the legislation. Deputy Chair Lopez stated that this request can be on behalf of the sponsor. Legislator Erner stated that the ethics board decision is not the only one they've made, and that when he separately inquired about his own situation, the board had a response for him in a month, allowing him to participate in this discussion with their advice. He also stated that Good Cause Eviction laws have been challenged in Albany and Kingston, and that in Kingston, the judge said he did not have the authority to decide and sent it to the state. Legislator Erner requested that the Committee consider writing a letter to the State to decide the legislation, or grant the county the right to decide on it.

Disposition:

NO ACTION TAKEN

Resolution No. 432: Establishing A Policy To Dedicate The Surplus Revenue Received From Ulster County Real Property Public Auctions

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes a policy to dedicate one-third of surplus revenues raised by any auction of real property by Ulster County to be re-allocated toward anti-displacement efforts, one-third to be re-allocated toward the following year's budget in a capital plan for emergency housing, and one-third to be re-allocated toward the following year's budget in a capital plan for low-income/affordable-housing development for at-risk or already displaced residents.

Motion No. 3:

Moved Resolution No. 432 FOR DISCUSSION

Motion By:

Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By:

Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: Legislator Nolan inquired about how the collaborative process ended up. Legislator Erner consented to postponement.

Motion No. 4: **Motion To POSTPONE**
Motion By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 492: Urging The United States Congress, New York State Governor And New York State Legislature To Codify Into Law The Right To Food As A Fundamental Human Right

Resolution Summary: This memorializing resolution urges the New York State Legislature, Governor, and the United States Congress to preserve and guarantee the right to food as a fundamental human right.

Motion No. 5: **Moved Resolution No. 492 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 493: Urging New York State Governor And New York State Legislature To Adopt Legislation Guaranteeing Universal Access To Free Meals For Students In Grades K-12

Resolution Summary: This memorializing resolution urges the New York State Governor and New York State Legislature and Governor to adopt legislation guaranteeing universal access to free meals for students in grades K-12.

Motion No. 6: **Moved Resolution No. 493 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 498: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$XXX.XX Entered Into By The County – XXX – Department Of TBD

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with the county for an amount to be determined for eviction legal services.

Motion No. 7: **Moved Resolution No. 498 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion: Legislator Nolan noted that amendments should be put in place. Chair Walter stated that the amendments included that the time period would be until 2023, the financial impact would be \$221,430.60, the department would be the Department of Social Services, and that the contractor would be Legal Services of the Hudson Valley.

Motion No. 8: **MOTION TO AMEND Resolution No. 498 to indicate the contract was awarded to Legal Services of the Hudson Valley in the amount of \$221,430**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Amendment ADOPTED**

Discussion: Legislator Erner inquired if the Area Median Income (AMI) provision would be in line with common thresholds. Chair Walter responded that it would be, creating a larger umbrella. Legislator Erner inquired if the committee would consider raising the AMI provision to 100%, and reasoned that a landlord would have more power than a tenant, even if they had the exact income. He stated that he wants to ensure that at least half of the renters in the county that earn low income be eligible for this service, and mentioned this for future consideration. Legislator Nolan stated that zy had a similar thought and that this was mentioned in a previous discussion about the potential to do a change of service. Zy also mentioned it would be appropriate to look further into this and find a cost figure for the number of people to be included. Legislator Uchitelle spoke about his experience administering services for a grant based on poverty threshold, and stated that either not enough people will qualify for the 80% AMI, and that would warrant increasing the threshold with a future amendment, or enough people will meet that threshold, meaning that low-income persons are being reached. For these reasons, and because of the potential feedback that would necessitate a provision amendment, he sees no downside to keeping the 80% provision. Director Doyle stated that AMI in Ulster County is \$90,000.00, and inquired if an adjustment

would be based on family size, as that warrants dramatic change. Chair Walter stated that this program should be viewed as a pilot, as demographic data will be expected from the organization, and that is why it will use ARPA funding to respond to situations exacerbated by COVID. She stated that for these reasons, she would be hesitant to change the AMI provision. Director Doyle stated that a chart with the AMI adjusted for family size can be provided to the Committee for review. Legislator Lopez inquired about the title of the resolution and pointed out that a landlord who qualifies could be entitled to this funding as well. Chair Walter stated that while that is technically true, the intention of the outreach is for individuals who are facing eviction and need legal protection. Legislators Lopez and Corcoran stated that the title should be amended. Legislator Lopez replied that, in the spirit of transparency, landlords should also know that they could possibly be entitled to funding if they meet the criteria, so the title of the resolution should reflect that inclusivity. Deputy Executive Rider stated that this program will go in the Department of Social Services and that if it is set up to defend landlords, or that they will receive legal services to initiate eviction proceedings, there may be conflict. Chair Walter replied that this program is supposed to serve tenants who cannot afford an attorney and retracted her previous statement. She stated that in the descriptor, it says “evictions legal services,” and asked Legislator Lopez what he would feel more comfortable being articulated in the resolution, considering that the backup information is a legal aspect of the resolution that would specify this program is for tenants. Legislator Lopez replied that he would prefer the term “rental legal services,” or include an “and/or” clause. Chair Walter asked for specificity, then stated that the Request for Proposal did not include landlords, as the services are for individuals facing eviction. Legislator Nolan stated that it would present a conflict of interest for the service-providers. Legislator Lopez stated that the resolution title did not specify that only tenants may receive services. He also requested a legal opinion on this resolution from legislative counsel. Deputy Executive Rider stated that due to time constraints, not all the backup, including a contract, was available to answer questions. Legislator Lopez asked if this resolution was time-sensitive, and Chair Walter stated that it was due to the increase in evictions associated with when the rental pause ended, and that this resolution should have been in place two years ago. She also stated that ARPA funds are almost exhausted, and that it is important to her to that this element is not inclusive in the ARPA overall model so that this program can make the list. Legislator Lopez inquired if a month of would make a difference, to which Chair Walter responded that the ARPA funds are almost depleted and that budget proceedings are occurring. She requested that Legislator Lopez move this resolution out of this Committee to the second Ways & Means Committee meeting, giving plenty of time to for the Committee to review the schedules. If the resolution does not pass Ways & Means, it can be postponed and revised. Legislator Lopez replied that he does not feel comfortable moving forward, needs questions answered, and will be consulting with legislative counsel. Legislator Nolan called the question, stating voting is preferable to postponement. Legislator Petit inquired about the current threshold for legal services and if they would be able to take on new clients. Chair Walter stated that in the RFP, the organization stated that they could not take on new clients because they are at full capacity, and that this resolution would expand the services available. Legislator Petit inquired if there was a cap for the services through 2023. Chair Walter stated that there was a cap because it is a pilot, and that if the need is so great as to require a budget

amendment, she may put one forth, but that it is currently an ARPA pilot. Legislator Petit replied that she felt this resolution was being pushed through too quickly. Legislator Uchitelle clarified that this is a contract, not a law.

Discussion ensued on the topics of the organization' assistance in determining the legality of evictions for tenants, personal experiences with property ownership and evictions, ARPA funding for small businesses, protection of tenant civil rights, scheduling a special meeting for this resolution, the clarification of whether a conflict occurs if landlords are entitled to the same services, the fundamental role of the county and fairness of representing a tenant with taxpayer money, balancing the scales for persons who may not otherwise have a fair trial, the consequences of illegal evictions in the approaching cold weather and resulting increased homelessness, the importance of informed procedural questions, the order of eviction proceedings, housing assistance resource referrals for legally evicted persons

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Amendment ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

Resolution No. 501: Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Submit An Application And Assurances To The New York State Housing Trust Fund (HTFC) As Part Of NYS Homes And Community Renewal For The Plus One ADU Program In Partnership With The City Of Kingston And RUPCO – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Ulster County Executive to submit an application, as well as any and all necessary information to the NYS Office of Community Renewal for the Plus One ADU Program, the City of Kingston, and/or RUPCO, consistent with the criteria as provided for in the Request for Applications.

Motion No. 9: **Moved Resolution No. 501 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 509: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 11 Of 2022, A Local Law Amending Local Law Number 10 Of 2007 Providing For The Administration And Enforcement Of The New York State Uniform Fire Prevention And Building Code, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 15, 2022 At 7:05 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a public hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 11 of 2022 on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:05 PM.

Motion No. 10: **Moved Resolution No. 509 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: Deputy Executive Rider stated that this was postponed the previous day and requested that no action be taken. Legislator Uchitelle stated that the reason for postponement in the Law Enforcement Committee was because of recent changes that had not yet been reviewed, and that this resolution requires a specific timeline to avoid stress due to time constraints. Deputy Executive Rider stated that the county attorney's office realized they were amending the local law, and instead needed to amend the Administrative Code. Chair Walter inquired if this resolution would be discussed the next month in the next committee to review it, to which Legislator Uchitelle confirmed it would be. Chair Walter confirmed no action would be taken. Legislator Petit a about additional amendments. Legislator Erner inquired about who recommended the changes, to which Legislators Corcoran and Uchitelle clarified that they were recommended by the state.

Disposition: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Resolution No. 512: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$285,700.00 Entered Into By The County – Trustees Of Columbia University In The City Of New York – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a fifth contract amendment in the amount of \$285,700.00 for the HEALing Communities Grant with Columbia University by the Ulster County Legislature. Amd. Term 4/1/22 – 3/31/23.

Motion No. 11: **Moved Resolution No. 512 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 513: Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Additional Allocation Of Adult Protective Services Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the budget for an additional allocation of Adult Protective Service fund from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services, in the amount of \$27,660.00.

Resolution No. 514: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$67,899.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a second contract amendment in the amount of \$67,899.00 for the Family of Woodstock, Inc. to exercise the second of its three options to extend the Agreement for one (1) additional year – Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program case management services. Amd, Term 9/30/22 – 9/30/23. 100% State.

Resolution No. 515: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$90,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Youth Advocates Programs, Inc. in the amount of \$90,000.00 for Raise the Age advocacy services to youth who are at high risk of residential placement. Term 10/1/22 – 9/30/23. 100% State.

Resolution No. 516: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$90,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Youth Advocates Programs, Inc. in the amount of \$90,000.00 for preventative services and community-based alternatives to detention for youth who are at risk of becoming or adjudicated as Persons in Needs of Supervision (PINS) or Juvenile Delinquents (JDs) as part of the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles (“STSJP”) Program. Term 10/1/22 – 9/30/23. 100% State.

Motion No. 12: Moved to **BLOCK Resolution Nos. 513, 514, 515, 516**
Motion By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Nos. 513, 514, 515, 516 BLOCKED**

Motion No. 13: Moved **Blocked Resolutions FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 517: Authorizing Execution Of An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Dutchess County Department Of Behavioral & Community Health - Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the execution of an intermunicipal agreement between Ulster County and the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health.

Motion No. 14: **Moved Resolution No. 517 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: Legislator Petit inquired about what services will be provided. Commissioner McDonald replied that this resolution regards the 9-8-8 implementation within the State, and that the State Office of Mental Health approached Dutchess County, which has a helpline, to be the responder for Dutchess, Ulster and Sullivan Counties for calls that are received by the helpline. She stated that this resolution would allow Ulster County to enter into an agreement to share resources and information to support helpline callers.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 518: Authorizing Execution Of An Intermunicipal Agreement And Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Accept Federal Block Grant Funding Through The City Of Kingston To Support The Pilot Program: Kingston Mobile Mental Health Team – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the execution of an intermunicipal agreement between Ulster County and the City of Kingston to accept federal block grant funding in the amount of \$99,311.00 to support the Kingston Mobile Mental Health Team Pilot Program.

Motion No. 15: **Moved Resolution No. 518 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion: Legislator Petit inquired if this funding would only serve the City of Kingston, to which Commissioner McDonald replied that was correct. Chair Walter inquired about how this program is different from the previous Kingston mobile mental health service. Commissioner McDonald explained that the previous service served the entire county, and it was identified that the City of Kingston had a higher volume that required additional integrated mental health service supports. The City applied for this grant to provide a service pilot that includes an EMT, mental health clinician, and focuses on the City. Chair Walter inquired if the existing funding for the previous mobile mental health service would be re-allocated. Commissioner McDonald stated that the pre-existing service still serves

the entire county, and that the pilot service would use discernment to provide the appropriate response needed to Kingston residents. Chair Walter stated that funding should be re-allocated to New Paltz to better serve the southern tier of Ulster County, and wanted specific metric information about what services are provided, who they serve, what the cost is, and where service is being provided. Commissioner McDonald stated that a document with metrics was and would be shared with the Committee members. Chair Walter stated that her inquiry is to know how the southern tier is being served, if they are served equitably, and that she wants a more comprehensive understanding of the service provision. Legislator Nolan stated zyr support for the procured pilot and existing mental health supports. Alderwoman Barbara Hill stated that she spoke to the Mayor of the City of Kingston and he mentioned that the City is overwhelmed with the number of calls received, and that she would also like to see the call volume.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 519: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$99,311.00 Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports For Living Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$99,311.00 with Access: Supports for Living Inc. to expand mobile mental health services. Term 10/1/22 – 5/31/23. 100% Federal.

Motion No. 16: **Moved Resolution No. 519 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: Commissioner McDonald that this is the funding in connection to the previous resolution. Chair Walter and Legislator Nolan remarked that this was a subcontract.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 520: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$768,239.00 Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports For Living Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$768,239.00 with Access: Supports for Living Inc. in regards to NYS Office of Mental Health pass thru funding. Term 1/1/23 – 12/31/23. 100% State.

Motion No. 17: **Moved Resolution No. 520 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: Chair Walter inquired as to whether this funding could ultimately be applied to the crisis stabilization once it is in place. XXX stated that this money pays for the base team and is fundamental to existing mental health services, and that funding for the crisis stabilization could be requested from OMH.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 521: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$355,923.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$355,923.00 with Astor Services For Children and Families with NYS Office of Mental Health pass thru funding and county share. 66% State, 34% County. Term 1/1/23 – 12/31/23.

Resolution No. 522: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,208,284.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$1,208,284.00 with Family Of Woodstock Inc. with NYS Office of Mental Health pass thru funding and county share. 77% State, 23% County. Term 1/1/23 – 12/31/23.

Resolution No. 523: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$365,297.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$365,297.00 with Family Services, Inc. with NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports pass thru funding. 100% State. Term 1/1/23 – 12/31/23.

Motion No. 18: **Moved to BLOCK Resolution Nos. 521, 522, 523**
Motion By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Nos. 521, 522, 523 BLOCKED**

Motion No. 19: Moved Blocked Resolutions FOR DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Uchitelle

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolutions ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 524: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,246,077.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$2,246,077.00 with Gateway Community Industries, Inc. with NYS Office Mental Health and Office of Addiction Services and Supports pass thru funding and county share. 99% State, 1% County. Term 1/1/23 – 12/31/23.

Motion No. 20: Moved Resolution No. 524 FOR DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Corcoran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: Chair Walter asked for a brief description of this project. Deputy Executive Rider that this funding is for housing for community residence, kitchen apartments, supported housing, and Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS) which provides vocational services, internships, and clinical transportation. Chair Walter inquired about what demographic is served by these services. Legislator Uchitelle asked for background about how individuals are eligible for this program when they are discharged from a state-operated community residence. Director MacDonald stated that this funding was identified for massive state hospitalization restructuring since the Hudson River Psychiatric Center was closed. This program is for individuals with a high level of need that need greater supports. Legislator Uchitelle asked how many people are in this circumstance. Director MacDonald stated that OMH works closely with Rockland Psychiatric Center, the regional hospital, to learn about these individuals' needs, and places them where their supports are.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 525: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$184,901.00 Entered Into By The County – HealthAlliance Mary's Campus – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$184,901.00 with HealthAlliance Mary's Campus with NYS Office Mental Health pass thru funding. 100% State. Term 1/1/23 – 12/31/23.

Motion No. 21: **Moved Resolution No. 525 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: Legislator Erner brought up concerns about Westchester Medical's violation of their state licensing obligations to provide certain mental health services, the State's provision of funding, and an answer about how Ulster County has been treated by this institution. Legislator Petit inquired about the positions that will earn this salary and the evaluations they will do. Commissioner MacDonald explained that multiple staff throughout shifts will cover this position throughout the day, and are trained to follow up appropriately. She also stated that this funding is specific for people in the emergency room. Legislator Nolan shared concerns about not disrupting contracts that provide vital services to county residents. Legislator Uchitelle stated that this contact can be terminated at any time by either party for convenience, and spoke to Legislator Erner's concern, stating that Westchester Medical's team has been met with previously. Chair Walter added that the State has engaged with the institution, and that this institution is the county's hospital, and must improve.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 526: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,272,785.00 Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$2,272,785.00 with Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. with NYS Office Mental Health pass thru funding and county share. 96% State. 4% County. Term 1/1/23 – 12/31/23.

Motion No. 22: **Moved Resolution No. 526 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: Legislator Nolan pointed out a needed amendment for this resolution. Chair Walter asked if this correction could be made by the Ways & Means Committee. Chair Walter requested that Legislative Clerk Fabella receive the correct breakdown of the aforementioned summaries to accurately reflect the allocation.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 527: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$365,155.00 Entered Into By The County – PEOPLE: Projects To Empower And Organize The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$365,155.00 with PEOPLE: Projects To Empower And Organize The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. with NYS Office Mental Health pass thru funding and county share. 97% State. 3% County. Term 1/1/23 – 12/31/23.

Motion No. 23: **Moved Resolution No. 527 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 528: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$783,758.00 Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$783,758.00 with Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. with NYS Office Mental Health and Office of Addiction Services and Supports pass thru funding. 100% State. Term 1/1/23 – 12/31/23.

Motion No. 24: **Moved Resolution No. 528 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: Legislator Petit
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 529: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – HealthAlliance Hospital Mary’s Avenue Campus – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$100,000.00 with HealthAlliance Hospital Mary’s Avenue Campus for methadone maintenance treatment services. 100% County. Term 1/1/23 – 12/31/23.

Motion No. 25: **Moved Resolution No. 529 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: Legislator Petit inquired if the this institution had to be certified or if there are only a certain amount of clinics allowed to provide this service. Chair Walter had concerns about the timeliness of a new RFP process. Commissioner MacDonald stated that a provider would go to OASAS to be able to provide methadone service, and that there are waivers for this provision. Chair Walter asked if this waiver would be sought in the future, and XXX stated that it could be a considered by the Legislature. XXX added that the state decides the life rights, and that with the county contributions, the Legislature determines where it should go. Legislator Nolan spoke about the increased use of medically-assisted therapy, and the desire to have a future discussion about it. Chair Walter asked to meet the organization when they are ready. Legislator Erner discussed communication to the state the county’s dissatisfaction with current services. Chair Walter agreed that any Committee member could reach out to the state representatives or submit a memorializing resolution regarding this concern.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Uchitelle & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Chair Walter moved on to Old Business on the Agenda and asked if there were any updates from the housing working groups, which were discussed.

Legislator Lopez provided information on the idea of a Housing Trust Fund.

Deputy Executive Rider mentioned that funding was included in the Capital Program for a \$30 million affordable housing project. Director Doyle spoke about how the Planning Department is researching and building a project to increase the supply and quality of housing.

Legislator Nolan spoke on the importance of education and information on housing services provided to county residents.

Deputy Executive Rider discussed the possibility of creating a “pallet village” as a temporary shelter for displaced residents.

Legislator Uchitelle spoke about creating housing, senior housing support, a housing fund, and creating a housing inventory. He stated that these would most likely require budget amendments.

Legislator Erner spoke about the creation of an Office of Housing Council, which is being discussed in other counties and at the state level.

Chair Walter asked the members if there was any other business and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Lopez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 11:43 AM

Respectfully submitted: Deputy Clerk Mahler
Minutes prepared by: Legislative Staff Chelsea Villalba
Approved: November 2, 2022