

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

**DATE & TIME:** December 7, 2022 – 5:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Eve Walter  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Corcoran (left 6:40), Erner, Nolan, Petit and Uchitelle  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Lopez  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Director Dennis Doyle, Department of Planning; Commissioner Mike Iapoce, Department of Social Services; Director Laura Nordstrom, Research and Operational Programs.

Chair Walter called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

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**Motion No. 1:** **Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of November 2, 2022 meeting of the Health, Human Services & Housing Committee**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Uchitelle  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Walter, Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit and Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes APPROVED**

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Chair Walter surrendered the Chair to Legislator Uchitelle.

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**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, February 14, 2023 At 7:00 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution will schedule a public hearing on Proposed Local Law 7 of 2022.

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

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Erner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Discussion:** Legislator Uchitelle reported the City of Newburgh’s good cause eviction law was recently overturned in court and indications that this is becoming a state matter. Legislator Erner suggested

writing a letter to the state. Legislator Nolan asked for an update on the committee's request to the Ethics committee.

**Disposition:** **NO ACTION TAKEN at the request of the Sponsor**

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Chair Walter resumed the Chair

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**Resolution No. 461:** Adopting Revised Ulster County Fund Balance Policy To Dedicate Funding To Housing Justice

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution will assign a percentage of the unassigned fund balance for the purpose of investment in affordable housing and protections for those harmed by the housing crisis.

**Motion No. 3:** **Moved Resolution No. 461 FOR DISCUSSION**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Erner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Uchitelle

**Discussion:** Legislator Uchitelle referred to ongoing discussions with Legislative Chair Bartels to update the overall fund balance policy and plans to include this as part of that update.

The members discussed the need more work on this proposal and how to address concerns about dedicating funds for specific projects vs. putting funds in a general bucket. A discussion ensued.

**Motion No. 4:** **Moved to AMEND Resolution 461 as follows: In the first resolved replace \$10 million with \$20 million and remove mentions of the fund balance policy including striking the second and third resolved completely.**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Uchitelle  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Walter, Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit and Uchitelle

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 6

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution AMENDED**

**Disposition:** **NO ACTION TAKEN at the request of the Sponsor**

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**Resolution No. 623:** Setting A Public Hearing On The Sale And/Or Transfer Of Five Parcels Of Land Owned By Ulster County In The Towns Of Lloyd, Plattekill, And Saugerties To The Ulster County Housing Development Corporation – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution schedules a public hearing on the potential sale or transfer of five parcels for the development of affordable home ownership.

**Motion No. 5:** **Moved Resolution No. 623 FOR DISCUSSION**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Uchitelle  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Discussion:** Legislators discussed how to ensure these properties would remain affordable and for how long. Planning Director Doyle explained the process that was used and how similar programs work.

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

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**Resolution No. 666:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,111,339.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves a contract for revenue for Public Health emergency Preparedness Program funding using 100% Federal funding for a term of 7/1/22-6/30/23

**Motion No. 6:** **Moved to Resolution No. 666 FOR DISCUSSION**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Erner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Discussion:** Legislators had a discussion regarding oversight personnel and what would happen to the position when the funding ends. They asked for additional details to be provided by Monday’s Ways and Means meeting.

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

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**Resolution No. 667:** Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution will confirm the appointment of Emma Hambright of Woodstock, NY for a term from the present to 12/31/2024 filling the unexpired term of J. Brown.

**Resolution No. 668:** Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution will confirm the appointment of Maureen Sheehan of Ulster Park, NY for a term from the present to 12/31/2024 filling the unexpired term of D. Bliss.

**Resolution No. 669:** Confirming Reappointment Of Members To The Community Services Board



Services and Preventive units utilizing funding from an allocation from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services using 100% State funding for a term of 1/16/2023 to 1/15/2024

**Motion No. 9:** **Moved to DISCUSS Resolution No. 671**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Erner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Uchitelle

**Discussion:** Legislators were given an overview of the program and how it is implemented. There was a discussion about providing the services in-house vs. using an outside entity.

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

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**Resolution No. 672** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$12,615.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the second amendment of a contract for safe shelter and supportive programing for victims of domestic violence at Washbourne House using 51% federal and 49% County funding.

**Motion No. 10:** **Moved Resolution No. 672 FOR DISCUSSION**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Erner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** Legislators discussed the payment for services Family of Woodstock provided in 2020 and why they are just being reimbursed now.

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

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**Resolution No. 673** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$7,906.34, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. – Youth Bureau

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the first amendment to a contract for long term adolescent residential, transitional living and non-residential case management for runaway and homeless youth in Ulster County Using 60% state funding and 40% County Funding

**Motion No. 11:** **Moved Resolution No. 673 FOR DISCUSSION**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Uchitelle  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Discussion:** Chair Walter expressed concern that the Director of the Youth Bureau has not attended any of this committee’s meetings this year despite several requests to them to do so. She said this was especially troubling tonight when they have a resolution before the committee. The members discussed the impacts to the vendor if the committee postpones the resolution until the Director of the Youth Bureau could attend.

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

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**Old Business:**

The committee discussed the future of the 3 housing groups, what progress they are making and how they want to proceed in the new year. Leaders and members of each group reported their plans. Chair Walter would like to see some tangible reports, recommendations and/or resolutions early in the new year.

Director Doyle gave the committee an update on the Golden Hill housing project. Legislators asked for affordability thresholds pursuant to the Penrose PILOT agreement.

Legislator Erner mentioned a letter to Westchester Medical Center he is working on.

Legislators discussed the collection of salary information through the procurement process and the salary study the county is doing for internal nonunion positions.

Legislators briefly discussed progress at 21 Elizabeth Street property.

**New Business:**

Legislator Erner asked if Legislators could expect any information on a mental health quality that resulted in a death in Wawarsing currently being investigated by the Attorney General. Chair Walters suggested asking general questions, not case specific, regarding where mobile mental health services are available. Legislator Nolan suggested requesting a formal debriefing of how the program worked that could preserve confidentiality. A discussion ensued.

Legislator Erner shared a list Office for the Aging provides on housing resources. He asked if the new case manager in that office might be a resource for senior housing. Chair Walter explained how this case manager would help seniors navigate several programs including enrolling individuals for food service.

Chair Walter wants this committee to focus on mental health services, the role of the new Mental Health Commissioner, and look at how this first year with this service model has progressed. She envisions sitting

down with the Commissioner to hear her vision and developing a 5-year plan. It may need to happen in a special meeting. Legislator Petit discussed recent information from the Crisis Stabilization Center reporting 3351 calls for the mental health unit. A discussion of potentially expanding these services ensued.

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Chair Walter asked if there was any old or new business. Hearing none:

**Adjournment**

Motion Made By: Legislator Erner  
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

No. of Votes in Favor: 5  
No. of Votes Against: 0

**TIME:** 7:09 PM

Minutes Prepared by: Legislative Staff Tantillo  
Respectfully submitted by: Deputy Clerk Mahler  
Minutes Approved: February 8, 2023