

Public Health & Social Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: February 1, 2021 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing (646) 558-8656,
Meeting ID: 925 6766 8295
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Craig Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Deputy County Executive Marc Rider, Patricia Doxey Kingston Daily Freeman

Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve Minutes & Transcript of the November 30, 2020 meeting
Motion By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes/Transcript APPROVED

Resolutions for the February 16, 2021 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 10: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Memorandum Of Agreement With Various Ulster County School Districts For Sharing Of Abbott BinaxNOW™ Test Kits For The COVID-19 Virus – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the chair of the UC Legislature to execute a memorandum of agreement with various Ulster County school districts to share COVID-19 virus test kits.

Motion No. 2 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 10

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bruno

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 11: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports (OASAS) – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a contract with the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to support chemical dependency, gambling treatment, prevention and recovery services. \$946K 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021.

Motion No. 3 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 11**
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Uchitelle
Voting Against: Legislator Petit
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 1 (Petit)
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 12: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$14,394.00, 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 execution of a contract amendment with the Family of Woodstock Inc. extending the term of agreement for PINS and JD case management. \$14.4K Amd. Amt., Revised total Amt. \$72K. 37% Federal, 52% State, 11% County. Prior term 10/1/19 - 9/30/2020, Amd. Term 9/30/20 -12/31/2020.

Motion No. 4 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 12**
Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bruno

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 13: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$70,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Alison Krause, LMSW – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Alison Krause, LMSW for CPS behavioral health clinical collaboration. \$70K, 100% State.

Motion No. 5 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 13**
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 14: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$9,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Laboratory Corporation Of America Holdings – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #1 with Laboratory Corp. of America Holdings extending the term of agreement for paternity testing for child support enforcement. Amd. Amt.\$9K, revised Total Amt. \$54K, 66% Federal, 34% County. Prior Term 1/1/17 – 12/31/20, Amd. Term 12/31/20 – 12/31/21.

Motion No. 6 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 14**
Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bruno

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 15: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$225,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rondout Legal Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Rondout Legal Services, Inc. for legal process services. \$225K, 53% Federal, 26% State, 21% County.

Motion No. 7 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 15**
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 16: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$5,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be Equal To Or In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #1 for \$5K with RUPCO Inc. extending the term of the agreement for homeless services plan and outcome reporting to include plan updating. Prior Amt. \$45K, 51% Federal, 49% County. Prior term 1/15/19 – 1/14/20, Amd. Term 1/14/20 – 1/14/22.

Motion No. 8 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 16**
Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bruno

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 17: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$5,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be Equal To Or In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #3 with RUPCO Inc., extending the term of agreement for HEAP outreach. \$4.8K Amd. Amt. Total Amt. \$80.8K, 64% Federal, 36% County, Prior Term 10/1/16 – 9/30/20, Amd. Term 9/30/20 – 12/31/20.

Motion No. 9 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 17**
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 18: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$163,000.08 Entered Into By The County – The VMC Group, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract with The VMC Group, Inc. for preschool transportation coordination. \$163K, 50% Federal, 50% State, Term 1/1/21 – 12/31/21.

Motion No. 10 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 18**
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 19: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$525,780.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocacy Programs, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Youth Advocacy Programs, Inc. for youth advocacy services. \$525.8K, 36% Federal, 29% State, 35% County. Term 1/1/21 – 12/31/21.

Motion No. 11 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 19**
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 20: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$450,839.00 Entered Into
By The County – The Young Women’s Christian Association Of Ulster County, Inc. –
Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with the YWCA, Inc. for the Families Now program. \$450.8K, 36% Federal, 29% State, 35% County, Term 1/1/21 – 12/31/21.

Motion No. 12 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 20**
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 21: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$544,000.00 Entered Into
By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family Services, Inc. for family education services. \$544K, 36% Federal, 29% State, 35% County, Term. 1.1.21 – 12/31/21.

Motion No. 13 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 21**
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bruno

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 22: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$721,664.00 Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports For Living Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract with Access: Supports For Living Inc. for NYS OMH State pass through funds. \$721.7K, 100% State, Term. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21.

Motion No. 14 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 22**
Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 23: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$287,713.00 Entered Into By The County – NYSARC, Inc. D/B/A The Arc Mid-Hudson – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract with NYSARC, Inc. D/B/A The Arc Mid-Hudson for NYS OPWDD State Aid pass through funds. \$287.7K, 59% State, 41% County, Term 1/1/21 – 12/31/21.

Motion No. 15 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 23**
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Abstention: 1 (Bruno)
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 24: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$383,393.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract with Astor Services For Children & Families for NYS OMH State Aid pass through funds. \$383.4K, 69% State, 31% County, Term 1/1/21 – 12/31/21.

Motion No. 16 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 24**

Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 25: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,109,997.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract with Family of Woodstock Inc. NYS OMH & OASAS State Aid pass through funds. \$1,109,997.00 - 75% State, 25% County, Term 1/1/21 – 12/31/21.

Motion No. 17 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 25**

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 26: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$343,023.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract with Family Services, Inc. for NYS OASAS State Aid pass through funds. \$434K, 100% State. Term 1/1/21 – 12/31/21.

Motion No. 18 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 26**
Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 27: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,724,804.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract with Gateway Community Industries, Inc. for NYS OMH, OASAS & OPWDD State Aid pass through funds. \$2,724,804.00, 96% State, 4% County, Term 1/1/21 – 13/31/21.

Motion No. 19 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 27**
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 28: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$88.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #2 for \$88.00 with Gateway Community Industries, Inc. for NYS OMH, OASAS & OPWDD State Aid pass through funds. 96% State, 4% County.

Motion No. 20 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 28**
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 29: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$173,689.00 Entered Into By The County – HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$173.7K with HealthAlliance Hospital for NYS OMH State Aid pass through funds. \$100% State. Term 1/1/21 – 12/31/21.

Resolution No. 30: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$100K with HealthAlliance Hospital for the methadone treatment program. 100% County. Term 1/1/21 – 12/31/21.

Motion No. 21 **Moved to Discuss & Block Resolution No. 29 & 30**
Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Motion No. 22 **Moved to Postpone Resolution No. 29 & 30**
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Postponed.

Resolution No. 31: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,044,663.00 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 with Mental Health Association in Ulster County, Inc. for NYS OMH State Aid pass through funds. \$2,044,663.00 96% State, 4% County. Term. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21.

Motion No. 23 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 31

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 32: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$36.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 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 amendment #3 with Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. for the increased amount of NYS OMH State Aid pass through funds. \$36.00, 96% State, 4% County, Amd. Term 7/1/20 – 12/31/20.

Motion No. 24 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 32

Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 33: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$312,976.00 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 with PEOPLE: Projects To Empower And Organize The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. for NYS OMH State Aid. \$313K, 96% State, 4% County, Term. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21.

Motion No. 25 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 33**

Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 34: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$15.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 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 amendment #3 with PEOPLE to increase the amount of NYS OMH State Aid. \$15.00, 96% State, 4% County, Amd. Term 7/1/20 – 12/31/20.

Motion No. 26 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 34**

Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bruno

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 35: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$690,191.00 Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. for NYS OMH & OASAS State Aid. \$690.2K, 100% State, Term. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21.

Motion No. 27 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 35**
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 1 (Petit)
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 36: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$23.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #2 to increase the amount of NYS OMH & OASAS State Aid \$23.00, 100% State, Amd. Term 7/1/20 – 12/31/20.

Motion No. 28 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 36**
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 1 (Petit)
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 37: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports For Living Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Access: Supports For Living Inc. for expanded mobile mental health services. \$150K, 100% County, Term. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21.

Motion No. 29 **Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 37**
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

New/Old Business:

See Transcript – Dr. Doyle Health Alliance

Chair Lopez asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:18 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

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February 1, 2021

Chairman Lopez

And if we can get a motion to approve the minutes from last year.

Legislator Bruno

I'll make that motion.

Legislator Criswell

I'll second it.

Chairman Lopez

All right. Any discussion? All in favor? Aye. Aye. Very good. All right, we'll get right into resolutions. We will start with Resolution 10. Authorizing the charity county legislature to execute an agreement with various Ulster County school districts for COVID testing kits. Move for discussion.

Legislator Petit

I'll make a motion to move it for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

I'll second it.

Chairman Lopez

Second, all right. Well, this is to distribute rapid test kits to eligible school medical personnel to deploy free of charge. Testing to the public has a focus on vulnerable and at-risk populations that may not be able to afford or have access to the kits. So

Deputy Executive Rider

This was originally when we thought we might end up in a yellow orange or red zone designated by the state. So this would have allowed the school districts to do the 20% screening test to stay open. Now that they've kind of done away with those systems, we're gonna allow them to use them now to just use for screening if they want to. They expire in the next couple months anyway. And we're not - we'll get more from the state, but we're not going to pull them back from the districts, they already have them. So let them go ahead and screen students and see what they actually have in their schools.

Legislator Bruno

How many are available? Do you know how many are out there?

Deputy Executive Rider

We gave each school district enough to test 20%. So...

Chairman Lopez

Oh you said that.

Deputy Executive Rider

There're 22,000 students of there in person students. I think we probably handed out somewhere between five and ten thousand.

Legislator Bruno

Do they actually expire? Did they really expire? Like do they become less effective. Is that you know, the same as, like other medication? Or is that just what they do?

Deputy Executive Rider

Yeah, I mean, I'm not, I don't know, the state, you know, they have an expiration date. So they're using Dr. Smith's lab designation for this. They were given to us by the state for free. We didn't pay anything for these anyway. And we were - they were given to us for this purpose. My guess is they could use them a little bit longer, but I don't know that we want to, you know, encourage your risk that...

Legislator Bruno

And they say that their rapid, like 15 minutes rapid or, or, you know, rapid, like, hours, not..

Deputy Executive Rider

Its 20 minutes.

Legislator Bruno

It is 20 minutes. Okay. All right. I got a quick question. It says the eligible schools. Who's not eligible?

Deputy Executive Rider

It's all ten districts. I don't know why it says that. All nine districts in the county and Ulster BOCES have gotten them.

Legislator Criswell

I just had that question that I'd asked before about reporting. So obviously, this is it's all going to one lab. And so then all the reporting will get through that lab back to the county?

Deputy Executive Rider

No. So these are rapid tests. So they are - so they're actually like Dr. Smith has a what's called a "CLIA", it's like a certified lab certification. So they are the lab. The school like, think of like a pregnancy test. Um, they will there's little cards, you know, they still do the nasal swab, but then they insert it and boom, 15 to 20 minutes later, it'll stay positive or negative. And then they have to report back to us the results. So they are the - that the school personnel are kind of the lab.

Legislator Criswell

And do you feel comfortable with their reporting system and structure and all that?

Deputy Executive Rider

Yes, yes.

Legislator Criswell

Okay.

Legislator Bruno

And I think it was eligible school medical personnel, so it was eligible to the people that are able to administer. I don't know if it was eligibility for the school, but to the personnel that could administer. Doesn't the school have a school nurse?

Chairman Lopez

Sure.

Deputy Executive Rider

Yes that's who does it. It's the school health personnel.

Legislator Bruno

Okay.

Legislator Petit

Now, do they need to follow the same some sort of protocol. I know, my daughter, when the school requested that they could just do like random tests, she refused. She said that that's up to her and between her and a physician and so they have to follow the same protocols. I mean, aside from the reporting, which I hope they there's it's being done accurately. What about parental consent to you know...

Deputy Executive Rider

They, they've all been trained, and they have to, they have to get consent of the parents in it in order to test the students. Now, if they are in a position where they have to test 20%, and they don't have 20% of the students that agree, then they're going to go remote.

Legislator Petit

Okay.

Chairman Lopez

Anything else? All right. All in favor? Aye. Aye. Very good. We'll move on to Resolution 11. Authorizing the chair of the legislature to execute a contract with OASIS. This is just about \$950,000 of state revenues. These are pass throughs I believe, are chemical dependency, gambling treatment and prevention and recovery services in Ulster move for discussion?

Legislator Bruno

I'll make that motion.

Chairman Lopez

Discussion.

Legislator Bruno

Um, when if you could just I know this sounds like a silly question. But can you explain exactly when you say pass through resolutions that you're referring to. Because there's a lot of those resolutions in front of us as pass throughs. I just want to clarify that.

Deputy Executive Rider

Yes. So go ahead, Craig.

Chairman Lopez

Go ahead, Marc.

Deputy Executive Rider

So the state sets aside, you know, the state funds various agencies. Well, through various state agencies, so our health department, they get funding through what's called the "O" agencies. So, the office OPWDD which is Office with People with Developmental Disabilities, OASAS, OMH - Office of Mental Health. And so they fund - they give us funding, but we, they basically choose the vendors, which is why it's called pass through. And so it kind of just passes through our hands. We don't even really, we have no saying where the money goes.

Legislator Bruno

It's more of a procedural vote than anything.

Deputy Executive Rider

Correct.

Chairman Lopez

Well, we have to execute the contract. They essentially issue the money, and we execute the contract. And that's how, yeah so.

Legislator Bruno

We're not really spending our money. No, it's state revenues. Yeah, that's why it's pass through. So just kind of... I thought - I just wanted to be clear on this. So I understood completely. Yep. Yeah, we have a number of resolutions that are passed. Yeah, there's a bunch of them I saw before.

Legislator Criswell

Just, just curious Marc. On the whole, are you seeing any difference in pass through money?

Deputy Executive Rider

This is about this. This is about the same. I mean, they did come back and they said that. They said that they were gonna reduce the withholding that they had that was 20% down to 5%. This contract is for the full amount. So if they decide to withhold next year, they'll give us a letter saying they're going to withhold 5%. We don't pay it out. We withhold it as well to the agencies that we fund this through. And then if they give us the other 5%, then we would fund the agency fully.

Legislator Criswell

Thank you.

Legislator Petit

I'm trying to scroll through all these pages. This one just simply pass through it's not actually it's, so it's going into the county. I don't see it's actually being applied to any particular (inaudible).

Deputy Executive Rider

Right. This is the one taking the money in.

Legislator Petit

Alright, well, it has it has RSS on here. And you know how much I'm not a fan of theirs. Yeah, it does actually have them specifically. They're getting a substantial chunk of it.

Deputy Executive Rider

Which resolution are you on?

Nettie Tomshaw

\$946,000?

Legislator Petit

They are getting \$523,766. And RSS AI - they used to run the Paris house and they run the April house. Nobody's ever been able to tell us why the Paris house closed down in Saugerties. So for that reason I would be a No. I mean, I am certainly all about the opioid prevention and certainly the funding from the state but I am very much opposed to giving them any funding.

Legislator Bruno

This money is going to go to an outfit to RSS you said, is that right?

Legislator Petit

In parts the funding will yeah. I mean...

Legislator Bruno

So is this an all or nothing?

Deputy Executive Rider

Yes, this, this is an all or nothing contract, there will be contracts with RSS, which I believe are later on in the packet. But this is.

Legislator Petit

This one is on page 70 of that - of the resolution that we're discussing right now.

Legislator Bruno

Now, RSS that was a - if I'm not mistaken aren't they an insurance company in Kingston?

Deputy Executive Rider

No. They're a...

Legislator Bruno

Different agency.

Legislator Petit

Yeah, with a lot of money. I mean, their CEO makes well into the six digits, closer to a half a million, you know, for not for profit that's pretty significant. And his sister is on the board, she makes she makes over six figures. And there's been complaints about there yet, because we're on No.11 right? So on page 71, it has it listed. I mean, if for some reason it wouldn't go through committee, I would vote yes to get it through committee, but I would be, you know, on the floor.

Legislator Bruno

She makes that as board member Laura.

Legislator Petit

Somehow as a bookkeeper, board member, secretary something. But yeah, we had done quite a bit of research on them. And they still show up once in a while often offering a significant amount of money property in the back. So it's lucrative for them.

Legislator Bruno

I was I wasn't aware that they had a paid board though, they have a paid board?

Legislator Petit

Um, I, let me a, let me...

Legislator Criswell

Nonprofit - is it a nonprofit organization?

Legislator Petit

It is a nonprofit, yeah.

Chairman Lopez

Yeah.

Legislator Criswell

You can't have a paid board then.

Legislator Bruno

And not for profits are two different things.

Chairman Lopez

Right.

Legislator Petit

Not for profit where it would be a profit if they didn't pay there...

Legislator Criswell

It's a non-for profit, not for profits are the same thing. And none of them can have a paid board.

Legislator Petit

Alright, so then the sisters...

Legislator Criswell

No.

Legislator Petit

Yeah.

Legislator Bruno

Okay. Yeah. Alrighty. Anything else?

Deputy Executive Rider

Guys, I'll just add that this also funds Family of Woodstock. It funds Family Services, it funds Gateway, it funds the county health department and mental health department.

Legislator Bruno

And we can't do a line item of - its not broke out. No, I think there's a number of resolutions here that also include RSS, pretty much the same as this. So only part of the bigger picture. All right.

Legislator Petit

Yeah. Which is why if it wouldn't get through committee because of my vote I'd certainly vote yes on it, and then just vote no on the floor. And I've been doing this, you know, for the last going into my fourth year, so...

Legislator Bruno

That makes sense. I understand that. All right. Well hearing nothing else All in favor? Aye. Aye. And one No?

Legislator Petit

One No. Thank you. Oh, no, it went all the way back up to the beginning.

Chairman Lopez

Very good.

Legislator Bruno

Oh! Heck up now to page 216 guys.

Nettie Tomshaw

Were on page 70 or something you said.

Deputy Executive Rider

Go to page 87. Laura 87 is Resolution 12.

Legislator Petit

Okay, that one was for Family for the PINS.

Deputy Executive Rider

Yes.

Legislator Petit

All right. I'm sorry.

Nettie Tomshaw

No problem.

Legislator Petit

I needed another one of these Chromebooks, so I could do this side by side.

Chairman Lopez

Are we good to move forward?

Nettie Tomshaw

I think we lost Al.

Legislator Petit

Don't wait. Keep going.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Nettie Tomshaw

I mean you can go ahead. It looks like Al may be having a little issue, I don't know. I mean, I don't see him.

Deputy Executive Rider

He's there. He's just on mute with no video.

Legislator Bruno

Sorry.

Chairman Lopez

We'll keep rolling along then. Resolution 12 - approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$14,394.00 causing the aggregate contract to be in excess of \$50,000 with the Family of Woodstock to extend the term of an agreement for the PINS and JD case management.

Legislator Petit

I'll make a motion.

Legislator Bruno

Second.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Legislator Bruno

Good. Any discussion, Al? Did you have your hand up? No, I was seconding it, that's all.

Chairman Lopez

Oh, Okay. All right.

Legislator Bruno

This a straightforward too.

Legislator Petit

I love family. They're great organization.

Legislator Bruno

Yes, they are. Actually, Ulster County was extremely fortunate to have them in our community.

Legislator Petit

Yes, I agree.

Legislator Bruno

I often wonder how some of the other counties deal with not having them. I've always wondered about that.

Chairman Lopez

Already. All right. All in favor? Aye. Aye. All right. The Resolution 13. Let's see, approve the execution of a contract for \$70,000 with Alison Krause. This is for CPS behavioral health clinic collaboration. And this is, again AI pass through this 100% state. Move for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

I'll make the motion.

Legislator Petit

I'll second.

Chairman Lopez

Second okay.

Legislator Bruno

Just so you know, Craig, I went through these today earlier. That's why I asked that question because a lot of them actually used the words pass through.

Chairman Lopez

Sure.

Legislator Bruno

Unlike 99% of them, so that's why I asked the question earlier so I had a clearer understanding. Yep. Yeah, very good. Any other - any discussion?

Deputy Executive Rider

There was a question at the chairs meeting on whether this was the same amount as the last contract. The last contract was a two-year contract for \$140,000. This is a one year contract for \$70,000. So this is the same amount per year.

Legislator Criswell

And it's the same person.

Deputy Executive Rider

Yes.

Legislator Petit

It's a good thing I didn't take common core, which took me a minute to figure that out. Sorry.

Legislator Bruno

All in favor. Aye, Aye.

Nettie Tomshaw

Craig, you have a caller that called in. Could you please identify yourself?

Patricia Doxsey

Oh yeah, Patricia Doxsey, Daily Freeman.

Nettie Tomshaw

Thanks, Pat. Okay.

Patricia Doxsey

You're welcome.

Chairman Lopez

Okie dokie, we will go to Resolution 14, proving the contract amendment for \$9,000. Closing the aggregate contract to be in excess of \$50,000. With Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings. Move for discussion.

Legislator Petit

I'll move it.

Legislator Bruno

I'll second it.

Chairman Lopez

Alright. This to extends the term of agreement for paternity testing.

Deputy Executive Rider

Correct.

Legislator Petit

Do the participants have to reimburse the county at all? I mean, obviously, if the father is the father with the child support, would he have to reimburse the county for these tests? And likewise, mom was wrong?

Deputy Executive Rider

No I don't believe so. These are yeah, these are required through state and the OT DOT, but we don't, we don't get reimbursed by the end user.

Legislator Petit

All right. Thank you Marc.

Legislator Bruno

Chase down the (inaudible)

Legislator Petit

Yeah. I mean, you have - maybe she has to take care of them.

Legislator Bruno

Exactly. You'd think. All right. All in favor? Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, Resolution 15. Approving the execution of a contract for \$225,000 with Rondout Legal Services. Move?

Legislator Bruno

I make a motion for discussion.

Legislator Petit

I'll second.

Legislator Bruno

All right. And this is for legal processes. Other services, I believe?

Deputy Executive Rider

Yes. It's a three-year contract for the \$225K. So...

Legislator Bruno

What exactly, what legal services exactly are we getting? This is from...

Deputy Executive Rider

Legal process service. So think of your - they serve proset and you know, they serve legal papers on on defendants. So whenever DSS...

Legislator Bruno

Is just coming from the public defender's office or from the prosecutor's office?

Deputy Executive Rider

No, no, no from our Department of Social Services. So typically in like family court, this would be for CPS proceedings. This would be for any of the type of proceedings that DSS holds in. This could be for removal, proceedings of a child, any legal proceedings, legal process. We do this RFP every few years.

Legislator Bruno

Process servers.

Deputy Executive Rider

Yes.

Legislator Bruno

This goes specifically to this process servers. Now doesn't the county have Process Servers that work for the district attorney's office, and for the public defender's office as well. Can't this be combined?

Deputy Executive Rider

We do. And it's typically it's slightly different. So we RFP them, you know, independently, but I think actually probably Rondout in my time, is always the most competitive. In the proposals, both price and with service we have, which like, there's been times when I was purchasing director, the county attorney went out for an RFP and chose - actually, I had them go out to just a straight bid. So we took the just the lowest cost, and we had several problems with service not being executed. And when we needed service within 24 hours, often the agency wouldn't be able to provide it. I know we've used Rondout Legal Services for a while and they've always been...

Legislator Bruno

That's fine. So is Rondout Legal Services, also the same organization that the public defender and the district attorney's office are using?

Deputy Executive Rider

I believe so on the DA that's a separate elected official. I'm not 100% sure. But I believe the the public defender also uses Rondout.

Legislator Bruno

I'm just saying because it could be combined, I'm just thinking for value if we could combine all three departments that use those services under one umbrella, maybe at a cheaper rate total.

Deputy Executive Rider

Yeah, I mean, they give us a rate per service. And it's pretty, pretty competitive anyway. I mean, we can always next time we go out to RFP on it, I can encourage both the DA and we can, you know, have the public defender given that it's a part of the executive's administration, we could we could add their you know, services as well as the county attorney all under one contract.

Legislator Bruno

Yeah, I just say because it makes, if we can get it, you know, it would behoove them as well, because there's that many more process they'll be serving. Volume, pricing is what I'm getting at.

Deputy Executive Rider

Yeah, the only I'd have to just double check if there's a conflict to have them all on to the contracts, because oftentimes, the DSS is serving the public defender's clients, because it might be a family court matter where there's a public defender. So if you have it all under the same contract, there may be some legal conflict, which is maybe why we don't do it, but I'll look into it.

Legislator Bruno

Yeah, I'm not a lawyer, but they're just handing them the papers. It's up to the - at that point right?

Deputy Executive Rider

Right.

Legislator Uchitelle

There's also the fact that this is like the cost breakdown here is 21% county and some of the other contracts might not I mean, it might not be pass throughs at all. And if they are, they might be a different proportion. So I don't know how that would work if we were going to consolidate the contracts, but individual. I mean, I guess we pay per service. So you could just break it down that way. But I just could, I think that's something to keep in mind as well with what you know, in terms of the breakdown here.

Legislator Bruno

If it ever gets to that point, we get to that point.

Deputy Executive Rider

Right, but DA in the public defender would be 100% county, but it would just be based on invoices. We could probably get reimbursement from the state and federal government for DSS's invoices. We'll look into it.

Legislator Bruno

I'm just throwing it out there as a way to maybe save a few bucks.

Chairman Lopez

All right, all in favor? Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All righty, a Resolution 16 Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$5,000.00 causing the aggregate contract to be equal to or in excess of \$50,000 with RUPCO. Move for discussion.

Legislator Petit

I'll move it.

Legislator Bruno

I'll second it.

Chairman Lopez

Second, this is to extend the term of agreement for homeless services plan and out-come recording to include a plan update.

Legislator Petit

So this is actual program services. This is just to update their plan. Is that a report that Kathy puts out every year?

Deputy Executive Rider

The COC.

Legislator Criswell

The continuum of care right.

Deputy Executive Rider

Continuum of care, right.

Legislator Petit

Okay.

Deputy Executive Rider

And in the chairs meeting, I've been asked to provide the legislature with the actual plan and the update which I'll send through Vicky.

Legislator Petit

Okay great.

Deputy Executive Rider

It was late last week and this is Monday on a snow day. So I don't have the report yet but i will - I'll send it through Vicky this week.

Legislator Petit

Okay. Yeah, this will be good for the discussion at the economic meeting tomorrow because the housing study is going to be shown by Evelyn Wright. It's going to be a good one.

Legislator Criswell

Just as a note in my new role as the Exec. Director of the LGBTQ plus community center will be a member of continuum of care.

Legislator Petit

Oh great, okay.

Legislator Criswell

So I can report on also just to the committee.

Legislator Petit

Thank you.

Legislator Bruno

All right. All in favor? Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Resolution 17, Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$4750.00. closing the aggregate contract to be in excess \$50,000 with Community Action Committee. And this is to extend the term of agreement with HEAP outreach and move for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

I'll move for discussion.

Chairman Lopez

Second?

Legislator Petit

I'm on the board. Am I allowed to vote on this? Or do I have to recuse myself?

Legislator Bruno

Do we have a second?

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll second.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. Yeah, I, I don't think you have to. Yeah, it's a rule of thumb is that if you have you know, monetary compensation, I guess our financial interest is one thing, but if you're just voting on the resolution. I don't know. I'm not an attorney but I always think that's...

Legislator Uchitelle

That's, that's been the advice I've gotten to really, there's really only when it's related to a pecuniary interest.

Legislator Petit

Okay. Okay. Thank you.

Deputy Executive Rider

Just so everyone's aware, this is just taking it through the end of this year 2020, that the HEAP heating season was like all of 2020 basically. It just went on and on and normally ends and we would normally RFP, this contract started in October of 16. And normally would pick up a couple months from now. So this is just again, or I should say would normally have ended in September, and we would have reset, but because HEAP season is all year, we just had to add this \$4000.00.

Legislator Petit

We certainly need it now.

Legislator Bruno

Cold out there now.

Chairman Lopez

All right. All in favor. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Alrighty. Resolution 18. Approving execution of a contract for \$163,000 VMC for preschool transportation, coordination. Move that one.

Legislator Criswell

I'll move it.

Legislator Petit

I'll second.

Chairman Lopez

Discussion? No. All right. All in favor? Aye. All right. Okay, we'll move on Resolution 19, Approving the execution of a contract for \$525,780.00 with Youth Advocacy Programs Inc. for youth advocacy services. Motion for discussion?

Legislator Bruno

I'll make that motion.

Legislator Uchitelle

Second it.

Legislator Bruno

So the Youth Advocacy Services who exactly are they? Is just like administered through Family or?

Deputy Executive Rider

No, this - it's "YAP" is the name of the organization, Youth Advocacy Services.

Legislator Bruno

It's a separate entity.

Legislator Criswell

So Al I'm going to speak to this for a second. This is one of the programs that was proposed to be reduced. And we went through that whole process of getting the funding re-applied for this program. So you remember that whole conversation? Yeah, I do very clearly. That's why I was just... That's one - there's three of them I think in tonight's conversation. Is that right Marc?

Legislator Bruno

That's what I thought I was okay. Just want to make sure.

Legislator Criswell

Is that right, Marc? There's three of them tonight.

Deputy Executive Rider

Yes.

Legislator Criswell

Yeah. It's Family. And it's Family of Woodstock and Family Services right.

Deputy Executive Rider

And YWCA as well.

Legislator Bruno

YWCA I saw that one.

Legislator Criswell

Yeah. So this is one that we got fully - they got fully refunded for the contract.

Legislator Bruno

It's a no brainer.

Deputy Executive Rider

Yeah. When we were not aware of what our budgetary outlook was going to be. We had cut the funding in half. And and now it's, you know, this contract is with the 100% restored as anticipated through the budget negotiations.

Legislator Petit

This program is through Family Services Peter?

Legislator Criswell

No, this is, this is (inaudible) called Youth Advocacy Program. It's YAP. What's it stands for Marc, it Youth Advocacy...

Deputy Executive Rider

Program? Yeah. These are youth advocacy services through YAP, which is Youth Advocacy Program.

Legislator Criswell

Exactly right.

Legislator Petit

Yeah.

Legislator Bruno

This wasn't on the list of Legislative Programs that were being cut. Yeah, I don't remember this one.

Deputy Executive Rider

This was through the executive's budget. We were proposing to cut these contracts in in half, partially because we were going to pick up some of the, some of the work in house through DSS. But again, negotiating with Legislator Criswell. And I think Legislative Walter, we looked at finding other revenue sources, so..

Legislator Petit

And this is not part of restorative justice? This is all through Social Services. Okay.

Deputy Executive Rider

Correct.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Legislator Petit

We're good. Thank you. Thank you, Legislative Criswell, for doing this. Our kids need it right now.

Chairman Lopez

All right. All in favor? Aye. Aye. Yay we are at Resolution 20, Approving the execution of the contract for \$450,839,00. with Young Women's Christian Association. This is for the Families Now program. Move for discussion.

Legislator Criswell

I'll move that.

Legislator Bruno

All right, Second.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll second.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. Any discussion?

Legislator Criswell

I'm all for funding this program. And I just want to say they were the recipients of a huge grant, but kudos to them. I don't know if you saw that in the paper. But man, it's a game changer for an organization like this. So yay!

Chairman Lopez

But already All in favor? Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Resolution 21, Approving the execution of contract for \$544,000.00 with Family Services. And this is for family education services. Move for discussion.

Legislator Criswell

I'll move.

Chairman Lopez

We have a second.

Legislator Bruno

Second.

Legislator Petit

(Inaudible)

Legislator Criswell

This is this is one of those other programs that we're talking about. That was cut in half, and then we re-allocated to its original 100%.

Chairman Lopez

All right. Any other discussion? All in favor? Aye. Aye. All right. Resolution 22, Approving the execution of a contract for \$721,664.00. with Access: Supports For Living. Move for discussion.

Legislator Petit

I'll move it.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll second.

Chairman Lopez

This is - these are pass throughs 100% state with OMH. Discussion. All in favor? Aye. Aye. Aye. Resolution 23. Approving the execution of a contract for \$287,11300 with Arc Mid-Hudson for OPWDD. And this is again, more state pass throughs. Move for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

I'll move for discussion.

Legislator Uchitelle

Second.

Legislator Bruno

So I got a question. This is for ARC, right Marc?

Deputy Executive Rider

Yep.

Legislator Bruno

So that's money comes from the state to go to ARC. We're just kind of punting it to them.

Deputy Executive Rider

Correct. Although here I mean, there is a - here there we pay 41% they the State pays 59%.

Legislator Bruno

So, again, I don't know like Laura asked earlier and Abe was able to help me here. My wife works for ARC. So should I abstain from this vote? If she works for them, I would say yes. That's what I kind of thought she works for ARC. Okay. All in favor? Aye. Aye. With one abstention (Bruno). Yeah.

Chairman Lopez

Yep. Alrighty, we will move to Resolution 24, Approving execution of a contract for \$383,393.00 with Astor Services For Children and Families. More state pass through. Move for discussion.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll move it.

Legislator Petit

I'll second.

Legislator Bruno

Any discussion? Astor is in Dutchess County isn't I thought?

Deputy Executive Rider

I believe they're based out of Dutchess.

Legislator Petit

Yeah but we have residents there.

Legislator Bruno

So where are we in this place? Since they're based out of Dutchess? Are they also located in Ulster County specifically?

Deputy Executive Rider

We may have, we have residents at their facility that are county residents that just happened to go there. We like through different programs through both health, mental health and DSS. The closest placement that fits a child may not be in Ulster County, depending on the need of the child, it may be in another county, but we're, we still have...

Legislator Bruno

They're Ulster County residents that are going there.

Deputy Executive Rider

Correct.

Legislator Bruno

Okay. Similar to the school system has to bus people from one district to the other based on their needs.

Deputy Executive Rider

Right. Although I will say I think this is actually they provide home health services. So they go into people's homes and help with a with certain like case management within they're...

Legislator Bruno

They're actually coming to Ulster County. I'm saying it's the benefit is of Ulster County. We're not sending them to Dutchess County specifically.

Deputy Executive Rider

Correct. Right. Yup.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. All right. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Resolution 25 Approving the execution of a contract for \$1,109,997.00. With the Family of Woodstock. Move for discussion?

Legislator Petit

I'll move it.

Chairman Lopez

Second?

Legislator Uchitelle

Second.

Chairman Lopez

Again state revenues pass throughs. Any discussion.

Legislator Bruno

It's Family of Woodstock.

Legislator Petit

Yeah.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. All right. All in favor? Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Resolution 26. Approving execution of a contract for \$343,023.00. With Family Services, New York State OASIS. Move for discussion.

Legislator Petit

I'll move it.

Legislator Bruno

Another pass through.

Legislator Criswell

Second it.

Legislator Bruno

Second. State revenues. Discussion?

Chairman Lopez

Right. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All Right. Resolution 27 Approving the execution of the contract for \$2,724,804.00. with Gateway Community Industries. This is for OMH, OASIS, OPWDD. Move for discussion.

Legislator Criswell

I'll move it.

Legislator Petit

I'll second.

Legislator Criswell

Marc, I just had a question. What's with the 4%?

Deputy Executive Rider

Who's paying for, which one is that?

Legislator Bruno

County's 4%.

Deputy Executive Rider

It's a good deal.

Legislator Criswell

I know it's a really great deal.

Deputy Executive Rider

I don't know their formulas are weird.

Legislator Criswell

Okay. I just wondered like, what the story was there. So.

Deputy Executive Rider

So yeah, it just I think it depends on this is supportive housing for a lot of it and various things. You know, depending on the services, the, the reimbursements are different rates.

Legislator Bruno

Right. Yeah, I know, there is a couple of ways to look at that. Originally, I saw it looked at 4% county. Now the 4% of the 2.7 or is the 2.7% the 4% of the entire contract. So it's obviously 4% of the 2.7 right?

Deputy Executive Rider

Correct.

Chairman Lopez

Right. Okay. Yeah, that's better. All right all in favor. Aye. Aye. Resolution 28, Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$88.00 causing the aggregate contract to exceed \$50,000 with Gateway Community Industries. This is with OMH, OASAS, OPWDD.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll move for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

All right? Second.

Legislator Criswell

Second. This is like the \$15.00 one that's going to come later on.

Legislator Bruno

So my question was just intentionally put in this order. So we're going to \$88.00 dollars from a \$2.7 million discussion.

Deputy Executive Rider

No, see, I would put these up front, and then I would put the more expensive ones at the bottom when, when you're tired, then you just want to get through to the next meeting. So I don't choose - no.

Legislator Bruno

Yeah. I just thought it was quite funny.

Deputy Executive Rider

Really, this is like a \$3.00 county cost right here.

Legislator Bruno

Yeah, I get it.

Deputy Executive Rider

We're paying 4% of the \$88.00 so...

Legislator Bruno

We're paying this out of petty cash right.

Legislator Uchitelle

No it's just walking around money.

Chairman Lopez

All right. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, Resolution 29. Approving the execution of a contract for \$173,689.00 with HealthAlliance Hospital. This is the Broadway campus. Move for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

I'll move for discussion.

Chairman Lopez

And a second.

Legislator Uchitelle

Second.

Chairman Lopez

Again state passing through.

Legislator Petit

I heard a conversation about where they are with reopening up the mental health beds, even though the funding is not for that. I don't know if a financial squeeze would get them to kind of stand up and listen to, you know, the petitions and Assemblyman Cahill's requests. I mean, we really need to get these 40 beds back open and Ulster County.

Chairman Lopez

Laura.

Legislator Petit

I agree completely with Laura.

Legislator Criswell

I mean, I'm in agreement too. I just it's like it's a rock and a hard place, though, because you don't want people to be suffering, you know, suffering because we they can't do the right thing. You know, so it's a lot of money, a lot of pass through money that I feel like we can't jeopardize.

Legislator Bruno

But you know I agree, Pete, but at the same time, the money's going in New York City, it's going to Westchester, I mean they're using my opinion, and it's only mine, they're using HealthAlliance Broadway campus, but it's Westchester Medical Center is who gets this money ultimately. So I kind of agree with Laura. I think anything that's from the county that's giving money to Westchester Medical Center, however it is I just, I think we should let them hang out on their own. I mean, what they're doing to Ulster County with the with the mental health beds is, it's beyond comprehension.

Legislator Criswell

I agree with you, Legislator, Bruno, I just don't think this is the right way to do it personally.

Legislator Bruno

Well, do we have - I'm gonna ask, hey, Marc here if he thinks of any other financial way we can do it other than stopping money from going to them?

Deputy Executive Rider

I, here's my answer to that. I mean, I think it's a laudable, you know, goal. I think you're, I think, thinking that way is the right way, I would only caution against it in the two contracts that we have, because I'm not really sure there's anybody else to pick up these services. And these are needed services. So for the one, the contract in front of you is for crisis intervention at the ER, when people are in, you know, full blown crisis mode, they stabilize them, and they get them to another facility. And if we don't have a contract to do that, here, I just don't know where those services are done. I don't know where our health department mental health department could refer these patients to because that level of service is not available elsewhere inside the county. And then next, maybe it's the next contract is the methadone, but

we'll talk about that when we get there. It's just we're in a rock and a hard place. I get it and I agree with you that they need to bring back the beds, both the substance abuse and the mental health beds, and we're doing everything we can to negotiate that at the same time. They are being good partners when it comes to COVID and testing and vaccinations and other things. So and we have more...

Legislator Bruno

These particular resolutions are about mental health and nothing to do with COVID. So that's what I'm saying these particular resolutions are specifically for mental health. And that's the very thing that they're not providing us.

Deputy Executive Rider

Well, but they do provide these stabilization services in the ER.

Legislator Petit

Wouldn't any ER do it? I mean when...

Legislator Bruno

Inaudible. Any nurse would do that.

Legislator Petit

I had a friend, I didn't realize that even though he was having a crisis, he was still smart enough to insist that we not take him to Benedictine, because they would have put him in for 72 hours. And we took him to Kingston. And they evaluated him and gave him some charcoal and sent him on his way. So I mean, I think in emergency room still has to take in the patient, regardless of what it is, whether it's physical, mental, or, or otherwise. And this one is specifically to evaluate for mental health and substance abuse. And that is what they should have open at the Bena - I'm sorry, the St. Mary's campus. So I, maybe the methadone clinic, you could talk me into but I don't think I mean, we're giving them money for service that there not providing any longer.

Legislator Bruno

Exactly my point. Thank you Laura.

Deputy Executive Rider

This is meant though, to divert from inpatient. So the service that they're no longer providing for this contract, they see them quickly in the ER, they, they do an evaluation, they do a screening, they try to stabilize them, and then they quickly will provide a link to another facility to help with those services. And then they follow up, as opposed to just taking them in. The beds that they had were inpatient mental health beds. Those are for people who need long term inpatient care, you know, maybe not. So I'm saying days or a week, as opposed to hours to a day where this might be.

Legislator Bruno

So Marc, if I get this straight we're gonna pay this? And basically, that's what they're doing is doing triage. They're stabilizing the look at them, and they're shipping them out of the county. That's a lot of money. Yeah, if I could jump into that. Yeah. You also have to recognize that this is these are pass throughs, this

is coming out and state, we're executing the contract. But this is state money. I don't know how that's going to be looked at if we're holding up state money. Well, maybe I understand its state money but it's the state money that gets their money from us.

Chairman Lopez

On account. Yeah, holding it up on a county level to make a point I get it. And I think it's a good point. And they have to be held accountable because they're essentially not doing the right thing. But is this the right contract?

Legislator Bruno

I mean, we're coming up on a year, a year without those beds.

Legislator Petit

Yeah. Yeah.

Legislator Bruno

And not moving at all. I mean, they haven't budged. As a matter of fact, they've dug their heels in even more, and, and Marc, and you and Pat have all the respect. And although I couldn't give you enough for everything you guys are doing to try to get those beds back. Well, maybe if they're not listening to you, maybe they'll listen to the whole legislature. Maybe they'll listen to a little getting squeezed in their pocketbook. I don't know, I'm just...

Chairman Lopez

Hey Marc. Marc, is this is this contract, time sensitive? Is it going to have an effect if we, if we hold off on it, or if we, if we voted down with an opportunity to for it to come up, you know, potentially next month, and at least maybe get them to the table does have the discussion? Is that something that you think that we could do without really, you know, causing a lot of problems for people who would be receiving the services that the monies are going to pay for?

Deputy Executive Rider

Um, you know the contract started 1/1/2021. It's hard for me to say I think they're probably operating these services in good faith, understanding that these are 100% state pass through and that they wouldn't be anticipating that we would hold them. I can't, I don't know what they would do if we held it for a month. You know, typically we have 60 days to pay invoices anyway.

Legislator Bruno

So if we could get somebody to come to our committee, and that way we can have a conversation. And if we put this off for a month, pending that conversation, at least they can explain to us where they are at the moment. You know, I think it's something that we should consider. I don't know if that...

Deputy Executive Rider

You know, I yeah, I don't know that a month is gonna be so detrimental.

Legislator Bruno

Well, maybe, maybe this will get kicked back somehow or other kicked back up to the state where the state will actually open up their eyes and see what's happening.

Legislator Petit

Yeah, yeah.

Legislator Criswell

Craig, I really like your solution.

Legislator Bruno

I think that's a good idea, Craig, personally.

Deputy Executive Rider

So can I ask if I approach Health Alliance and there's some reason why this needs to get done in February is this committee willing to have a special meeting later on in the month with and bring them aboard? Like if I find out from the state or from Health Alliance that no, this really did need to get past this month? Are you willing to do a special meeting before session?

Legislator Bruno

I think that's fair. That's fair enough. For honestly though, given what this particular - what they do, I mean, essentially, like you said Marc, they triage. They look at people that come into the ER, and they decide where they're going to send them because they're not going to keep them. They're either going to release them or they're going to send them to Poughkeepsie, or Westchester. And honestly, just that act is done by an ER doc and a nurse, maybe a case manager in there as well. But for the life of me, I can't see spending \$300,000 for a service that typically, ER Doc's and nurses are going to do anyway, regardless of that. I mean, that's their job, that's what they get paid, paid to do. And I can't, I can't see where anything could be that critical, where they have to have this money, or they're not going to do it. I mean, they're gonna do it anyway, if somebody's brought in by ambulance, they have to under the Hippocratic Oath. So I think personally, I can't vote for this as it is, because I really have a problem with Health Alliance and Westchester Medical Center on what they're doing for our drug treatment center. So I think kicking the can down for next month and see what they'll come to the table and talk. I think that's ultimately, we want to do. You guys, maybe they will talk to us, we hold the purse strings. I'm sorry, I'm a little passionate about this.

Legislator Criswell

You know, I'm passionate about it, too. But I think we have to really have a strong game plan and a real strategy. And I'm not sure that making a decision in 20 minutes at a committee meeting is the way to get them to do what we want to do, I understand. And I like - hang on let me finish. And I like what legislator Lopez came up with as a as a solution. But it makes me very nervous when all of a sudden, we're like, oh, we're not going to give a hospital \$300,000 that that makes me nervous. So I just want to put that out there.

Legislator Bruno

I understand what it's not. Well, it's the 173 I get it. We can move forward with Resolution No. 30 for the methadone treatment program, but I think holding, holding a Resolution No. 29 over isn't, well, it's not \$300,000 it's the yeah, so.

Deputy Executive Rider

I will say one is county money and one is 100% state, like it might make more sense for you all to hold the one that's actually county money.

Legislator Petit

Yeah, but that that one's for (inaudible) treatment. Um, you know...

Deputy Executive Rider

It's not for all mass services. It's for methadone, which you know, is is one form, but I'll let you go. I'll let you finish 29 before we get into 30, I just wanted to flag that. You know, one of them we actually have funds that that go towards, and when we don't?

Legislator Bruno

Yeah, I get that to Marc. I don't want to take methadone...

Legislator Criswell

Marc I'm curious, what would be your take? Sorry AI were you finished?

Legislator Bruno

That? Yeah, that's fine.

Legislator Criswell

Marc what do you think Pat's take is going to be on this action. Just curious.

Deputy Executive Rider

Um, I don't know. I mean, I know he's supported aggressive type attempts to try to get them to keep their beds. I mean, I just want to be clear that this though, has nothing to do with their inpatient beds, that that this contract is actually meant to divert people away from those inpatient beds and into other services. So not choose to send them to other hospitals, but actually divert them out of an inpatient hospital system and get them into less obtrusive type of services and interventions than in an inpatient hospital bed. So I understand how we're tying them together because it is who it is. It's Health Alliance, and they're the ones removing the inpatient beds. But this contract really has very little to do with those inpatient beds.

Legislator Bruno

Understood, yeah. But I don't have a problem holding either contract. So it's really the pleasure of the committee, you know, what you're more comfortable doing. If you want to hold it at all, if you want to move forward and approve it. It's kind of difficult, because we'd have to make a decision on 29 before we move to 30 and discuss 30. So yeah.

Legislator Petit

Can we do a motion to postpone 29?

Legislator Bruno

Or we can just, are we yeah, we could just take no action on it. And bring it up next month.

Legislator Petit

Unless other members of the committee want to move it forward, because you probably do have the votes.

Legislator Criswell

I think what I'd like to do is I'd like to, personally, I think we should postpone all the all the contracts connected with Health Alliance and hear back from Deputy Rider about whether those are time sensitive.

Legislator Bruno

I agree with Legislator Criswell. Yeah, we can do that. And then if need be, we can have a meeting. You know, prior to. If there's a critical situation where necessary.

Chairman Lopez

Sure.

Legislator Bruno

I don't see these services being a critical situation. So yeah, that means that we're not picking one over the other. We'll just hold over.

Legislator Criswell

And maybe we can also have some communication through the county executive to say we've done this and support or not support this kind of methodology.

Legislator Bruno

Sure. Okay, are these the only let me see, are these the only two contracts with Health Alliance? Yeah, look, there's 29 and 30. Okay. Well, then, um, well, then we'll actually get what we will... I don't think we have to vote to postpone, we could just take no action on this one.

Legislator Uchitelle

If they - may I suggest if they if they have the same -if postponement and take no action has the same impact. I, I would suggest we postpone it. If we can still come back either way. So that way, at least we're sending the message.

Legislator Bruno

Sure, okay. And that way, we have a vote on it, you know that that's fine, too. So then go on record postponing it. Yeah, I'd like to make a motion that we postpone this officially.

Legislator Uchitelle

Second.

Legislator Bruno

Both Resolution 29 and 30. All right, well, we'll block 29 and 30. Well, then let's, let's have a motion to block 29 & 30.

Legislator Uchitelle

I moved to block 29 and 30.

Chairman Lopez

And a second. A second on the block.

Legislator Bruno

Okay. And then all in favor on the block.

Legislator Criswell

I'll second on the block.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All right. And then a motion to postpone.

Legislator Bruno

I'll make that motion.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll second.

Chairman Lopez

A second. And on the postponement.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. All in favor. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Very good. Okay. We will move to Resolution No. 31. Approving the execution of a contract for \$2,044,633 with the Mental Health Association, and Ulster County for the Office of Mental Health. Move for discussion.

Legislator Petit

I'll move it.

Legislator Criswell

I'll second it.

Legislator Bruno

Okay. For state revenues pass through any discussion.

Legislator Petit

I mean, this has a (inaudible) drop off center too. Is that similar to that's not a triage so. That's okay. Before we go any further is possible to get the CEO or the Executive Director of the Health Alliance - the one who made the decision not to reopen the campus after the initial COVID outbreak in April, which was the reason they closed it in the first place. In case the state had to come in. But is it possible - do you think he would come in?

Deputy Executive Rider

Dr. Doyle? I'm sure Dr. Doyle would come in I don't know that you're gonna get the CEO of Westchester Medical.

Legislator Petit

Right but Dr. Doyle...

Deputy Executive Rider

But Dr. Doyle's in - he's the head of Health Alliance. I'm sure he'll come in. I mean, just for everyone's awareness, one of the reasons they didn't open up Benedictine again, is because it's under construction currently. They are they are. They're reconstructing that to be the medical campus, and then they're gonna get rid of the other side.

Legislator Bruno

Hey, honestly, Marc... I just want to kind of bring the committee back in here a little bit. The discussion is on Resolution No. 31. I don't know maybe we can hold that off for a new business at the end. We'll just finish resolutions. Is that okay?

Committee Members

It's fine. Okay. All right.

Chairman Lopez

Very good. All right. Well, then all in favor of Resolution No. 31.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. We will move on Resolution No. 32, Approving the execution of contract amendment for \$36 causing the aggregate contract amount to be in excess of \$50,000. with the Mental Health Association, Ulster County, to increase to increase the amount of New York State OMH. Move for discussion.

Legislator Criswell

I'll move that.

Legislator Petit

I'll second.

Legislator Bruno

Okay, discussion on \$36.00.

Legislator Criswell

It's like Al said there's a \$2 million contract and then a \$36.

Legislator Bruno

Yeah. We're two away from \$15. All right. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Resolution No. 33, Approving the execution of a contract for \$312,976. With PEOPLE. This is projects to empower and organize the psychiatrically labeled for OMH state aid. Move for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

I'll move it for discussion.

Legislator Petit

I'll second.

Chairman Lopez

Second.

Legislator Bruno

Psychiatrically labeled. PEOPLE - I believe this is a politically correct statement, or terminology. So someone cares to...

Nettie Tomshaw

It's the name of the company.

Legislator Bruno

Pardon me?

Nettie Tomshaw

That's the name of the company.

Legislator Petit

Oh is that what PEOPLE stands for?

Deputy Executive Rider

Yes.

Legislator Petit

Oh, thank you. Okay.

Legislator Bruno

Thanks for the clarification Nettie.

Legislator Petit

I always thought up with people in my mind. Yeah.

Legislator Bruno

I didn't see the correlation at all. But yeah, I didn't realize it was an acronym.

Legislator Petit

Thank you, Nettie.

Legislator Criswell

Okay, me neither.

Legislator Bruno

No. Very good. All right all in favor. What exactly -can I ask what exactly these people do?

Chairman Lopez

Well they...

Legislator Bruno

People (inaudible)

Legislator Uchitelle

No, I know people. I'm saying PEOPLE, the acronym PEOPLE.

Legislator Bruno

Yeah, exactly what exactly does PEOPLE do.

Deputy Executive Rider

This contract in particular is for peer advocacy and support of 125 individuals over the age of 18. So it's, and I believe this is OASAS funds, right? Or sorry, OMH. So this will be you know, providing peer to peer support for...

Legislator Bruno

So this is \$300,000 is peer to peer support.

Deputy Executive Rider

For one of the programs and then they have consumer advocates, which is support at the various health department or at the various emergency departments. So they go advocate for patients. And that's for 250.

Chairman Lopez

Nah - go ahead.

Deputy Executive Rider

Sorry, go ahead. Number 250 individuals, and then they also provide supportive housing for 16 individuals under this contract.

Legislator Bruno

So these 350 some odd when you add it all up individuals, how do they get referred to this particular group?

Deputy Executive Rider

From our Office of Mental Health?

Chairman Lopez

Okay. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All right. Resolution No. 34 Approving execution of contract amendment for \$15 causing the aggregate contract to be in excess of \$50,000. With PEOPLE. This is to increase the amount of OMH state aid. Move for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

So this is for the milk and the sugar for the coffee I'm assuming. Basically.

Deputy Executive Rider

Probably increase some rate that we paid by like two pennies. And so...

Legislator Criswell

I'll move it for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

I'll second it. This is...

Legislator Petit

The procedure AI if it goes over \$50,000 we gotta...

Legislator Bruno

I know I get it. I understand but I can still chuckle at it.

Legislator Petit

(inaudible) the Ways and Means...

Legislator Bruno

Oh, I get it. I'm sorry.

Chairman Lopez

All right. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All right, Resolution No. 35 Approving the execution of the contract for \$690,191. with Rehab Support Services. 100% state. Move for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

I'll move it.

Legislator Uchitelle

Second.

Legislator Bruno

No brainer. Finally.

Chairman Lopez

No brainer AI. Any comments, all in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Legislator Petit

I'm a no.

Chairman Lopez

Oh that's RSS...

Legislator Petit

Yeah. And I'll pull up there last 992. I really wish we could find another organization to come into the area. Maybe we could talk Family in...

Legislator Uchitelle

Yes, it is.

Legislator Bruno

Resolution No. 36, Approving the execution of the contract amendment for \$23.00 causing the aggregate contract to be in excess of 50,000 with Rehabilitation Support Services, and this is to increase the amount of state aid.

Legislator Criswell

Move for discussion. I'll move that.

Legislator Uchitelle

Second.

Chairman Lopez

All right, discussion? Hearing none all in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All right, final Resolution No. 37 Approving the execution of a contract for \$150,000. with Access Supports for Living to expand mobile mental health services. Move for discussion.

Legislator Criswell

I'll move it.

Legislator Uchitelle

Second.

Legislator Petit

Second.

Legislator Criswell

Is this the mobile mental health services that the county executive was talking about to help offset the lack of inpatient mental health beds.

Deputy Executive Rider

I mean, this is our current Access Supports for Living currently operates our mobile mental health team through the hotline. This will expand the hours of that team. They actually have two teams, they have one in Ellenville, and one in Kingston. And what they have been doing is staggering. You know, I think one would open at 10am, and the other one would open at noon, and then one would close at six, and the other would close at eight or something like that might be 10pm. But um, but the busiest time is always when they first get there in the morning because people are waiting in the morning to call them. So it drops way off in the overnight. And then starting in the morning, people look to start making a phone call. So this increases the hours of the I think Kingston team, which did start at noon back to 10am. And it also allows for that extra two hours where they have two teams on which is really helpful because sometimes when they have a team out responding to a crisis, the phone's not getting picked up. So typically, if they have two phones or two teams, they can always pick up the phone. The other thing this does is it adds a social worker or a - you know, a counselor to our 911 center and has someone with those kinds of skills answering 911 calls, and they'll know who to send right. You're not always going to send a law enforcement agency now. You might send a mental health person.

Legislator Criswell

That's great. I'm so happy that we're doing that.

Legislator Bruno

This is the mobile crisis unit then right?

Deputy Executive Rider

Yes.

Chairman Lopez

Yeah, just making sure only because I've only ever seen it or heard of it as the mobile crisis unit I never heard of it as just the mobile mental health services. So yeah, okay.

Legislator Criswell

Legislator Petit should refund them as much as we can. This is really something that needs funding.

Legislator Bruno

Absolutely. Otherwise, they used to go to the ER, and this is really taking a lot of that burden off of...

Legislator Criswell

This could make a real difference if we can confirm a (inaudible)...

Legislator Bruno

It's a great program.

Legislator Petit

I had a worker who is a fire chief. Tanner, I mean, sometimes it would be 30-year old adult male mental health crisis, and they would call and then they would put out a second call and the third call and you know, getting someone that was difficult. So I think this is really a program we should be investing in.

Legislator Criswell

Agreed.

Chairman Lopez

Yeah. Very good. Well, all in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All right. Well that's it with the resolutions. Do you want to discuss in new business? Making some invites.

Legislator Bruno

Let's see what happens next month.

Legislator Petit

Yeah. I mean, see if Dr. Doyle, if he would be willing to come in. You know, otherwise, I would prefer the state money pass through to the county mobile health units to Access.

Legislator Bruno

I agree completely.

Legislator Petit

Now, in this way, if they have the ability to transport if they're doing a triage and somebody needs to get to Westchester, then they can transport them down. Instead of going - transporting them to Kingston and bringing them to Westchester.

Legislator Bruno

Every stop generates an income for somebody.

Legislator Petit

That's well, that too. Yeah.

Legislator Bruno

So that being said, No, I'm agreeing with you completely Laura. Because, you know, if we don't stop, if they pick somebody up, and they don't stop at Kingston, and they go straight to wherever they have to go, then that'll let Westchester know to use your phones. Honestly, I really believe that the only way

Westchester Medical is going to understand and that we're serious, and that we need these beds, and that they're essential to Ulster County, is if we hit them in the pocketbook, because that's all they care about. The truth of the matter is all medical centers, and I'll say that kind of like a blanket, whether it be restaurants or medical or Nuvance or whoever they're run by bean counters, they're run by accountants, unfortunately. And that's the way things are. And that's the only language they understand sometimes. Sorry, but it's true.

Deputy Executive Rider

Yeah, I'll be reaching out to Dr. Doyle this week to make sure that I understand the time meaning of this contract and let him know that you are all anxious to hear from him and whether that's not likely later on this month, unless he says that it's absolutely necessary and they'll stop services. But likely next month of this committee meeting, that you request his attendance. You know, the one tricky thing is that nobody wanted to operate that hospital before Westchester Medical came in and that that's the that's the hard I mean, I like I said, I agree that they should leave these beds in place. Um, but they're all looking at it, as you said out there looking at it as a monetary you know, they make more money if they if the beds are, are in Poughkeepsie as opposed to Kingston. And they're making those choices. Not sure we'll be able to stop them at this point. But we are continuing to try from the executive side.

Legislator Bruno

I also if I can say this, we're under new business right Craig?

Chairman Lopez

Yep.

Legislator Bruno

I also wonder if, as a county, we can look to other vendors besides the Westchester Medical Center for those services, since they're obviously really not coming forward. I kind of tossed it around kidding around or we need space for these people. And county owns buildings now. And I think if we can find a way to staff them, we can provide them to ourselves. You know, take them - take Westchester right out of the loop if we have to. Including all the funding. Nettie was gonna say something.

Nettie Tomshaw

I just want to remind you I don't know if you remember but there was a period where they didn't take our insurance.

Legislator Bruno

Yeah. Yeah. They're okay like this to take our money though.

Nettie Tomshaw

Yeah, so I mean, there's so many...

Legislator Bruno

I mean, I have no problem with the county investigating an alternative like, you know, sounds crazy but maybe using the old IBM building as a, as those beds you know, they were going to use them for COVID beds, why not use them for mental health beds for substance abuse treatment center, if we can find an organization that could operate it such as Family Woodstock, or somebody like that, who has the ability to actually pull it off. Maybe we don't even need Westchester Medical Center at the end of the day, or Dr. Doyle or any of them, you know, I mean, the county really ought to look into that avenue. At the end of the day, we have residents here in Ulster County who need those services. And it just, I think it behooves us to find alternatives. And let's think outside the box.

Chairman Lopez

Hey, look it's been a David versus Goliath week, you know, with GameStop. And also versus the hedge funds, you know it, but sometimes you got a fire shot, you never know.

Legislator Bruno

Exactly. And honestly, that's, I mean, I don't think that it's so insurmountable to do that. I mean to come up we have a lot of talented people in this county who have the ability and have the experience and the education to operate facilities, something like that. We just got to back them financially in a way that they can do it. You know, maybe the county can cut them a break on some space in over at Tech City or something like that. I'm just, I'm thinking outside of the box here, but it's all for the end result. I hope you guys all understand that. It's fair point. All right. Anything else? All right, hearing no other business. motion to adjourn. I would be happy to make that motion Craig for adjournment.

Chairman Lopez

All right. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Legislator Bruno

Very good. Good night.