

Public Health and Social Services Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: January 20, 2016, 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Karen L Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Craig Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts
EXCUSED: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Lee Cane League of Women Voters, Kenneth Crannell Deputy County Executive

Chairman Craig Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

MOTION NO. 1 To Approve the Minutes of the November 30, 2015 Meeting
Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen
Discussion: Legislator Roberts motioned to abstain from the vote as he is a new committee member, however the Chair expressed he could sign off on the minutes if he desires.
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Chairman Lopez introduced and welcomed all committee members along with former Legislative Chairman John Parete. Chairman Lopez moved to take Resolution No. 19 out of order, second by Deputy Chair Legislator Allen, all were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION NO. 2 Resolve to Amend and Approve Resolution No. 19 As Amended for The January 26, 2016 Session
Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 19 – Establishing A Policy To Support The County’s Efforts To Combat Substance Abuse Prevention And Dedicate Revenue Received Through The New York State Medical Marijuana Excise Tax For Programs And Services To Further Address Narcotics Addiction

Discussion: This resolution sponsored by Legislator John Parete and Legislator Jonathan Heppner spoke passionately before the committee supporting the effort to combat substance abuse with the vision to dedicate all revenue received as the result of the NYSDOT approved medical marijuana dispensary in Ulster County be used for the prevention and treatment of narcotics dispensary in Ulster County - to be used for the prevention and treatment of narcotics addiction.

Legislator Belfiglio asked Ken Crannell if the county would realize a 7% percent sales tax for the sale of medical marijuana. Ken Crannell followed up the next day with an outline showing the allocation summary:

- There is a State 7% excise tax on every sale of medical marijuana. Proceeds from the excise tax will be allocated to counties in the following manner: 22.5% to the county where the medical marijuana was manufactured and 22.5% to the county in the State where the medical marijuana was dispensed. The balance is for State purposes.

Ken Crannell provided the committee with a history – rendition starting from late last year leading up to today. When pressed for an estimate, tax revenue, Ken guesstimated \$20K-30K/year – eventually \$100K/year.

The final resolved, was amended to state: RESOLVED, that the funds shall be used to support programming consistent with NYS regulation and such other programs approved by the Ulster County Legislature.

Comprehensive discussions ensued and can be heard on the audio tape.

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

MOTION NO. 3 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 9 for January 26, 2016 Session

Motion Made By: Legislator Kevin Roberts for Discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 9 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Berkshire Farm Center & Services For Youth – Department of Social Services

Discussion: This resolution provides life skills case management services for out-of-home placements of at-risk youth whenever safely possible. It provides two case aides for Coordinated Children Services Foster Placement Intervention Team. The company principal offices are located in South Canaan, New York.

Chairman Lopez asked if county employees could provide this service. Ken Crannell noted these are highly specialized services and this new vendor provides quality care at a competitive rate. Some of the staff from the previous provider has been picked up by this company. Committee discussed funding obligations. Federal 36%, State 29%, County 35%.

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 4 Resolve to **Block Vote** - Resolution Nos. 10, 11 & 12

Motion Made By: Legislator Kevin Roberts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen
Text of Motion: Resolution No. 10: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources, Inc. – Department of Social Services
Resolution No. 11: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources, Inc. – Department of Social Services
Resolution No. 12: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources, Inc. – Department of Social Services
Discussion: Resolution No. 10 – Multi-Systemic Therapy Unit (MST) which delivers prevention services to “high risk” adolescents who are clients of DSS’s Coordinated Children’s Services – Federal 36%, State 29%, County 35%.
Resolution No. 11 – Trauma Specialist Case Manager to provide assessment and placement prevention services of youth at risk of out-of-home-placement – Federal 36%, State 29%, County 35%.
Resolution No. 12 – Intensive Family Care Specialist and Case Mgmt. Services to severely mentally ill and psychiatrically impaired children and their families which are clients of DSS’s Coordinated Children’s Services, and whose lives are affected by such illness at home, school and in the community. Federal 36%, State 29%, County 35%.
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts, Provenzano
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 5 Resolve to **Approve Block Vote** - Resolution Nos. 10, 11 & 12

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 6 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 37

Text of Motion: Amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Discussion: This resolution allows Ulster County to accept additional NYS Mental Health funding without an increase in county contribution. State revenue dollars \$5,368.00.

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 7 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 38

Text of Motion: Authorizing The Commissioner Of Health To Sign An Annual Renewal Provider Agreement And Profile With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue Participation In The Vaccines For Children Program – Department Of Health

Motion Made By: Legislator Kevin Roberts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Discussion: The Commissioner of Health is requesting authorization to sign an annual renewal provider agreement and profile with the NYS Dept. of Health to continue participating in the “Vaccines for Children’s Program.”

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 8 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 39

Text of Motion: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Memorandum Of Agreement With Various Ulster County School Districts For The Operation Of Point Of Dispensing Sites – Department Of Health

Motion Made By: Legislator Kevin Roberts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Discussion: The Commissioner of Health requests that the Chairman of the UC Legislature be authorized to execute a memorandum of agreement with various Ulster County school districts for the operation of “Point of Dispensing Sites” per the Dept. of Health’s requirements to be able to process residents for mass vaccinations, dispensing of medications, or in the event of a chemical, biological or radiological attack or accident.

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

MOTION NO. 9 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 66

Text of Motion: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – James McGuinness & Associates Inc. – Department of Information Services

Motion Made By: Legislator Chris Allen

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Discussion: This resolution extends the term of the agreement – Amendment No. 5 for one additional year for continued support and maintenance of the Preschool software helpdesk support, software modifications, and consulting services for DSS pre-school program by the Department of Social Services for children between 3-5 years of age. Legislator Belfiglio qualified this is an annual maintenance fee.

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

MOTION NO. 10Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 72

Text of Motion: Amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget To Accept Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services To Fund A Collaboration Of Behavioral Health And Child Protective Services – Department Of Social Services – County Cost \$25K .

Motion Made By: Legislator Chris Allen

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Discussion: Chairman Lopez and Ken Crannell explained this resolution amends the pilot program, Ulster County 2016 budget to accept \$138K additional funds from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to support salary and benefits of a Behavioral Health Clinician for a two-year program. The funds will be used exclusively to contract with a Behavioral Health Clinician to work alongside caseworkers in the County’s Child Protective Services Unit. This is pass- through funds.

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

MOTION NO. 11Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 73

Text of Motion: Amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Additional Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services To Continue Safe Harbor Programming – Department Of Social Services

Motion Made By: Legislator Kevin Roberts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Discussion: This Resolution is a 2016 budget amendment required, as the UC Department of Social Services received notification from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to provide funding for the continuation of the “Safe Harbor Program” for 2016, allocating \$120K used exclusively to expand and enhance services to raise awareness of the problem of sexual exploitation of children and to provide services to address the needs of sexually exploited children.

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

MOTION NO. 12**Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 83**

Text of Motion: Confirming The Reappointment Of The Medical Examiner For The County Of Ulster

Motion Made By: Legislator Chris Allen

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Discussion: This resolution reappoints Dr. Douglas Heller as the Medical Examiner for Ulster County to another four year term on the recommendation made by the UC Commissioner of Health. Legislator Belfiglio inquired as to the difference between a medical examiner and a coroner. As per our county website, our medical examiner investigates deaths of persons dying from criminal violence accidents, suicide, sudden death without a physician present, in prison or in any suspicious or unusual manner. A medical examiner is also responsible for certifying and determining the cause of death. The Medical Examiner must be a resident of Ulster County and licensed to practice in the New York State.

A coroner performs the autopsy at a hospital such as Health Alliance. Ulster County does not appoint a coroner.

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

New Business:

The committee discussed and confirmed 6:00 PM will be the start time of the meetings going forward.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Legislator Belfiglio, seconded by Legislator Allen, all were in favor. Chairman Lopez declared the meeting duly adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Dated February 3, 2016

Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Employee

Minutes Approved on: February 9, 2016