

Public Health & Social Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: October 4, 2021 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom / Dial in by phone: (646) 558-8656
Meeting ID: 842 3390 4039
PRESIDING OFFICER: Legislator Craig Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Bruno, Criswell, Petit (arrived 5:12 PM), Uchitelle
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Commissioner DOH Dr. Carol Smith, Deputy County Executive John Milgrim, Commissioner DSS Michael Iapoce, Hank Gross Mid-Hudson News

Chairman Lopez called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve Minutes of the August 30, 2021 meeting
Motion By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Bruno, Criswell, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes APPROVED

Resolutions for the October 19, 2021 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 424: Establishing A Policy Requiring An Ulster County Crisis Stabilization Center, And Requesting The Initiation Of The Procurement Process To Secure Services For Individuals Experiencing Mental Health And/ Or Substance Use Crisis

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes a policy requiring an UC Crisis Stabilization Center, and requesting the initiation of the procurement process to secure services for individuals that experience a mental health and /or substance use crisis.

Motion No. 2 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 424
Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bruno

Discussion: See 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. 425: Establishing A Policy Requiring Respite Houses In Ulster County, And Requesting The Initiation Of The Procurement Process To Secure Services For Individuals Seeking Mental Health And / Or Substance Use Recovery Assistance

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes a policy requiring respite housing in Ulster County and requesting the procurement process to secure services. Financial Impact to be determined.

Motion No. 3 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 425
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bruno

Discussion: See 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. 433 : Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's Substance Abuse Subcommittee

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the appointment of Jon Brown to the Community Services Board's Substance Abuse Subcommittee.

Motion No. 4 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 433
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: See 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. 476: Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For The Veteran Peer To Peer Support Pilot Program – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2021 UC budget accepting additional funding from NYS OMH for the Veteran Peer to Peer support pilot program. \$46.3K 100% State

Resolution No. 477: Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For A Cost Of Living Adjustment – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2021 UC budget to accept increased funding from NYS OMH for COLA. 100% State \$527.00

Resolution No. 485: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$74.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – ACCESS: Supports for Living Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #2 for \$74.00 with ACCESS Supports for Living Inc. for crisis intervention services utilizing a mobile treatment team for children and adults in the community who have behavioral health concerns and who are in crisis situations. 100% State. Amd. Term 4/1/21-12/31/21.

Resolution No. 486: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$16.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract amendment #2 for \$16.00 with Astor Services for Children & Families. 69% State, 31% County. Amd. Term 4/1/21-12/31/21.

Resolution No. 487: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$38.00, 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 Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract amendment #2 for \$38.00 with Family of Woodstock, Inc. 75% State, 25% County. Amd. Term 4/1/21-12/31/21.

Resolution No. 488: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$59.00, 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 a contract amendment #2 for \$59.00 with Gateway Community Industries, Inc. 96% State, 4% County. Amd. Term 4/1/21-12/31/21.

Resolution No. 489: 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 – Mental Health Association in Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract amendment #3 for \$88.00 with Family of Woodstock, Inc. 96% State, 4% County. Amd. Term 4/1/21-12/31/21.

Resolution No. 490: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$20.00, 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 a contract amendment #3 for \$20.00 with Family of Woodstock, Inc. 96% State, 4% County. Amd. Term 4/1/21-12/31/21.

Motion No. 5 Moved to Block and Adopt Resolution Nos. 476, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490

Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See 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. 491: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$65,340.00 Entered Into By The County – Cornerstone Family Healthcare – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract amendment #1 for \$65.3K with Cornerstone Family Healthcare for outreach, harm reduction education, syringe exchange access, linkage to medication for opioid use disorder, naloxone distribution, case mgmt., and transportation to intake/admission appointments for high risk individuals with substance and opioid use disorder in Ulster County. 100% Federal. Amd. Term 4/1/21-12/31/21.

Motion No. 6 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 491
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: See 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. 492: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$249,589.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #1 with Family Services, Inc. for \$249.6K to engage and guide students in the creation and implementation of an integrated and multi-media substance use prevention campaign. 100% Federal, Amd. Term 8/1/21 – 7/31/22.

Motion No. 7 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 492
Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bruno

Discussion: None

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

Resolution No. 493: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$4,100,381.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$4.1 million with Health Research Inc. for the PHEP ELC School reopening. Revenue 100% Federal, Amd. Term 7/1/21 – 7/31/22.

Motion No. 8 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 493
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: See 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. 494: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$172,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$172K with Health Research, Inc. for the Overdose data action plan. Revenue 100% Federal, Amd. Term 9/1/21 – 8/31/22.

Motion No. 9 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 494
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See 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. 495: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$72,000.00 Entered Into By The County – PEOPLE: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #2 with PEOPLE for \$72K for work with the UC High Risk Mitigation Team to identify and provide comprehensive guidance and support services for persistent high-risk opioid/substance users in Kingston. 100% Federal, Amd. Term 9/1/21 – 8/31/22.

Motion No. 10 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 495
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: See 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. 496: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$112,500.39 Entered Into By The County – Samadhi Center, Inc. – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Samadhi Center, Inc. for \$112.5K for the expansion of Samadhi Inc. recovery outreach program to increase the hours of operation to include twenty-four-hours, seven day a week peer services for UC residents struggling with opioid use disorder. 100% Federal, Term. 8/1/21 – 7/31/22.

Motion No. 11 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 496
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: See 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. 497: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$71,235.00 Entered Into By The County – Berkshire Farm Center And Services For Youth – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$71.2K with Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth residential foster care assessment. 36% Federal, 29% State, 35% County. Term. 9/29/21 – 12/31/22.

Motion No. 12 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 497
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: See 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. 498: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$226,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Children’s Village – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract amendment #1 with Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie for foster care services for \$100K. 100% State, Amd. Term 9/29/21-6/30/22

Resolution No. 499: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Children’s Home Of Poughkeepsie – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract amendment #1 with Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie for foster care services for \$100K. 100% State, Amd. Term 9/29/21-6/30/22

Resolution No. 500: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract amendment #1 with Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial for foster care services for \$100K. 100% State, Amd. Term 9/29/21-6/30/22

Resolution No. 501: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$151,000.00 Entered Into By The County – MercyFirst– Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract amendment #1 with MercyFirst for foster care services for \$151K. 100% State, Amd. Term 9/29/21-6/30/22

Resolution No. 502: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$200,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rising Ground – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract amendment #1 with Rising Ground for foster care services for \$200K. 100% State, Amd. Term 9/29/21-6/30/22

Resolution No. 503: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Saint Anne Institute – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract amendment #1 with Saint Anne Institute for foster care services for \$250K. 100% State, Amd. Term 9/29/21-6/30/22

Resolution No. 504: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – St. John Bosco Child And Family Services – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract amendment #1 with St. John Bosco Child And Family Services for foster care services for \$100K. 100% State, Amd. Term 9/29/21-6/30/22

Motion No. 13 Moved to Block Resolution Nos. 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, & 504
Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bruno

Discussion: See transcript

Motion No. 14 Moved to Adopt Resolution Nos. 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, & 504

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

Discussion: See transcript

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

New Business: 2022 Non-County Contract Agency Funding – see transcript

Old Business: PLL No. 6 of 2021 – see transcript

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle
No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:37 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved: November 1, 2021

Ulster County Legislature
Public Health and Social Services Committee

Meeting Transcript

October 4, 2021

Nettie Tomshaw

You're on Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Lopez

All righty. Oh, welcome, everybody. Um, let's see. We'll, we'll start by asking for a motion to approve the minutes.

Legislator Bruno

I'll make that motion.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll second that motion.

Chairman Lopez

Any discussion? All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All right. Very good. We will get into resolutions, then. Well, we have Dr. Smith and Commissioner Iapoco here. Yeah. Was there anything that you wanted to share with the committee? Are you here just if we have any questions?

Nettie Tomshaw

John Milgrim, just joined.

Dr. Carol Smith

Only be had questions, I believe, Marc asked me to sit in in case you did on some of the resolutions. But beyond that, I don't think I have anything to add.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. All right very good. We got a full house with everybody then. All right. Um, we will start with 424. Now this is: Establishing a policy requiring the county stabilization center, requiring a county stabilization center requesting that the initiation of procurement process for people experiencing mental health and or

substance abuse crisis. Now, this is a this was recommended from the Criminal Justice Reform Task Force.

Dr. Carol Smith

No, it's from the Behavioral Health Task Force.

Chairman Lopez

Oh this was behavioral, oh okay. I don't know where I

Legislator Criswell

I can, I can speak to this also.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Legislator Criswell

If you want to, because this is a what Eve and I have been working on for quite some time now. So this initiated with the, you know, the call for the ways to spend the American rescue plan funds. And so Eve and I went down and we visited the Crisis Stabilization Center in Dutchess County, had good conversations there, we did a lot of back and forth with them in terms of what it takes to build up a center what the finances would be, and then ultimately, you know, my initial impression of how we were supposed to spend this money was to, to give seed money to something that could then become self-sustaining. And so that's what we asked a lot of questions about that about how would you do future billing? How would this work? So I felt very satisfied that this would be a one-time large investment on the stabilization Center, which would then be able to sustain itself through billing to the state. And so, we went back and forth, created the budget, submitted that in with the other proposals. John, you can speak to this, but the executive's office saw that I think they were very happy with a lot of a lot of the pieces of that. And so that's why we're you see these resolutions before you today.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'd like to move to discuss Resolution 424.

Legislator Bruno

I'll second that if it wasn't already.

Legislator Uchitelle

I figured I get that formality done.

Legislator Criswell

Thank you. Sorry about that.

Deputy Executive Milgrim

Somebody second that.

Nettie Tomshaw

Yep, Al.

Chairman Lopez

Al you got it.

Deputy Executive Milgrim

Super. Craig can I get

Chairman Lopez

Sure.

Deputy Executive Milgrim

A little (inaudible). The mindset this is one of several resolutions that were postponed last month that were originally proposed by Eve. Under the premise it was postponed on the premise, we will see what's in the budget. We've since presented the budget, Pat presented it late last week. This is the centerpiece of the mental health part of the budget. It does include a capital project for a mental health and addiction recovery center, which I think as Peter kind of rightfully said, the idea is to create through capital, a center, a brick and mortar facility that can contain all the services that the county is looking for on a sustaining, revenue sustaining basis. So this is in the budget, it is a capital project, it is hoped to be funded through the ARP program. And I'm not sure how the resolution fits in now if it's still postponed pending how the budget turns out or, or what but that's that was just some of the context from the last meeting and where we stand.

Chairman Lopez

And this is just the begin the process - the procurement process. So and do you do you know what those numbers look like?

Deputy Executive Milgrim

A, Carol if you know offhand, I think it was three something million for the center that I shouldn't be speaking.

Legislator Criswell

That's correct, actually, that's stated in the resolution.

Legislator Lopez

All right. Any other questions, Comments?

Legislator Bruno

Yeah, I got a question about this. So, in Executive Ryan's budget release, he revealed the other day in New Paltz. He brought this up as well, part of the budget process. My question is, is there a specific location plan, and it's a brick and mortar building, I liken this to the head trauma center only in a different way. And I mean, no pun and with that, but a location like that, is there something or are we going to end up hooking up with another local facility and using them - I'm being as political correct with this as I can.

Nettie Tomshaw

Chairman, John Milgrim has his hand up?

Chairman Lopez

Yeah, I don't see it. Yeah, if you can just give me a heads up when somebody's hand up. Yeah. Everybody at once you actually have to - yeah, let me know how you get everybody into the same screen. But um, anyway, yeah. If you could, if you see somebody with their hand, they'll just give me a heads up.

Legislator Bruno

Craig, if I can just for a second look to the upper right corner of your screen with your thing, and it will say gallery view.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Legislator Bruno

Click on that and you'll see everybody.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. Thank you.

Deputy Executive Milgrim

If you want to see everybody Craig. (inaudible)

Legislator Lopez

Yeah. Go ahead John.

Deputy Executive Milgrim

Now there's the - to answer or through the chair to answer Legislator Bruno's question. We've been considering some sites, I don't think one has been solidified at his point. The intent is to have a central main site for these, these services, however, so nothing is - no site has been selected ready for build out.

Legislator Criswell

And if I could just add on, I know that we'll talk about this in the next resolution. But the concept is to have the central site in Kingston or close to probably in Kingston itself, and then the respite houses farther afield so that we can be really servicing as much of the county as possible.

Legislator Bruno

That makes sense. I just wasn't sure because a lot of times he sees come up. There's always a plan in the background, but we don't hear about it until after it's already happened. So I'm being blunt about this, I kind of brought this idea up in meetings previously, when we had Dr. Doyle on here, I said well, why don't we build our own place. I said that many times and now I'm just curious is if this is part of that now, if we're going to we had a specific place in mind, whether it be Tech City, whether it be Health Alliance

or Ellenville Hospital. I mean, is there something - is there a plan that we're not all seeing it? That's what I want to know.

Chairman Lopez

But I yeah, in other words, are there discussions? Or is the executive's office having discussions or have an idea?

Deputy Executive Milgrim

We, we are absolutely, we're absolutely having discussions - we don't have anything finalized by any stretch. Legislator Bruno we did look at - we have looked at as a potential concept, the Broadway corridor concept, because there is some space being vacated by Health Alliance. And we're looking at some other medical facilities, other facilities that are on the market, but nothing has been finalized yet. So yes, there are discussions but nothing. No Deal has been locked in.

Legislator Bruno

Okay.

Deputy Executive Milgrim

But just in terms of the resolution, since it was postponed, pending the submission of the budget, I would ask that this resolution is carefully reviewed, so that it doesn't create a non-intended redundancy with what's in the budget. So I haven't looked at it that closely in the last few days, but I think it's aligned with what we had in the budget presentation. I just don't want it to conflict in any way.

Legislator Bruno

Understood.

Legislator Lopez

Is this going to another committee?

Legislator Uchitelle

It'll go to Ways and Means. It's got financial impact.

Legislator Lopez

Well it's yeah, it's from Ways okay.

Nettie Tomshaw

Legislator Petit joined us, Chairman.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Legislator Criswell

If I may, so I read it pretty carefully. John, and I don't think it has any conflict with where you're headed. I think it's actually very much in a dovetail.

Nettie Tomshaw

Um, it's going to Law Enforcement and Public Safety and Ways and Means.

Legislator Lopez

Okay, yeah. All right. Well, so that gives a little bit of time if there are potentially any conflicts, but yeah, Pete I trust that considering you work closely with this. Yeah, that if you're comfortable with it, then I'm comfortable with it. And yeah, if the rest of the committee is as well then yeah, I think we should vote.

Legislator Bruno

Yeah, if I can, can we like to make a motion that we block resolution 424 and 425, because he essentially are the same thing, or similar to it.

Legislator Lopez

Is, yeah, and if you want to do that, and then we can have a discussion. Well, we can vote on it right now just go right into it - that way everybody has an opportunity to speak.

Legislator Criswell

I'd actually prefer to not block them personally because I just think they should stand on their own.

Legislator Lopez

Okay. Do you want to withdraw your motion?

Legislator Bruno

I'll withdraw the motion.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. All right. Well, then, if there's no further discussion on 424, then all in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Nettie Tomshaw

Laura are you in favor?

Legislator Bruno

Laura, are you here?

Legislator Petit

I'm here. What was the title on the resolution?

Legislator Lopez

This was for 424. It's establishing a policy or requiring a county stabilization center?

Legislator Petit

Oh, absolutely. Yes, yeah. Thank you.

Legislator Lopez

Via the recommendation of the behavioral taskforce, and not the law enforcement, got it. So okay, so we will go into 425. Establishing a policy requiring people requiring respite house's in Ulster County requesting the initiation procurement process to secure services for individuals in need of substance use recovery assistance.

Legislator Criswell

Move this for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

Second it.

Legislator Lopez

Second, discussion.

Legislator Criswell

So if I may, as I mentioned, before, we really looked at the model in Dutchess and, you know, the whole concept of this is that there's a central location that can then funnel people to where they need to go, whether they need to actually go to an emergency room, whether they just need a couple hours to kind of cool out and have a little bit of support, and then they can go back home. Or they might need actually a respite house where they can spend a few days up to I think we said up to seven days, I can't remember exactly. But, um, you know, the concept, I think, is a really, really strong concept. And it's important, again, that we have these locations, and as wide as possible in the county, so we, you know, kind of talked about Ellenville kind of talked about somewhere, you know, kind of up in the northern section of the county, so that we're really able to serve as many people as possible with these. And they've done it really successfully. In Dutchess, we heard a lot of amazing tales, you know, conversations about people who, who had, you know, they were really seriously in crisis. And then just after a few days having the support around them, they were able to kind of go back into their lives and create a game plan about how they were going to kind of move back into it. And, and so really successful. And I don't know if Dr. Smith or Mike, if you have any stories about how respite houses work, but everything I heard was very positive about them.

Legislator Bruno

I got a question.

Nettie Tomshaw

Chairman, Legislator, Bruno has a question. You can just speak up.

Legislator Lopez

Yeah, yeah no - right go ahead. That's ok.

Legislator Bruno

So through the chair to Legislator Criswell. My question is, the respite house's aren't the triage center, that would be 424 would become like a triage center. Is that right? And I'm a little confused of the way you.

Legislator Criswell

So what happens is somebody presents with a with a problem, right? So they show up at the crisis stabilization center. The center then acts as a hub, to help them get to the place they need to get to. So either they go to an emergency room, or the stabilization center itself will have kind of a cool out area for a certain amount of time. I believe it's up to 23 hours at that point. And then

Legislator Bruno

That's where I was confused.

Legislator Criswell

If it's deemed necessary, then they can get funneled to one of these respite houses for a longer stay to kind of stabilize and figure out then what the next step would be.

Legislator Bruno

My follow up question to that and because I know you, me, Legislator Eve, have done an incredible amount of work with this thing. First of all, thank you. That being said, if somebody let's say, for example, say in Ellenville shows up at a respite house because that's the closest place that they get when they're in crisis. Will that respite house act as like a satellite to the stabilization center as well? I mean, that's what I'm kind of getting at. Because it's something that people who can't travel to go to get back. You know what I mean?

Legislator Criswell

Yeah, that's not the function of the respite house. And I have not heard respite houses used as stabilization centers. I think they're two really different things. I'd have to look into that further. That's a really great question. But that, to my knowledge, a respite house is not used as a stabilization center.

Legislator Bruno

I just curious if there would be some kind of an arm of that either somehow or other like a local

Legislator Criswell

That wasn't what was presented to us at any of the locations that we looked at. It was strictly a respite house that was a second location to after going to a stabilization center.

Legislator Bruno

Gotcha. Thank you.

Legislator Criswell

You're welcome.

Commissioner Iapocce

I would just (inaudible). Good evening, everyone. And thanks for the invitation to join the meeting. I think both of the proposals in each resolution are really vital components of trying to restore responsive mental health services. It was mentioned that it's part of the county's larger budgetary proposals. I mean, I can't speak enough to the need for a crisis stabilization center. We often have clients that arrive at our building on a daily basis, that are not able to meet the thresholds for mental health intervention in order to get admitted into a psychiatric facility for involuntary observation. They are frequently assessed by our mobile mental health and deemed to have capacity, but they still present with behaviors that don't make them appropriate to place in a hotel or motel, or shelter. We also have clients that don't have acute medical needs that fall into that same category. And I think Peter indicated, you know, accurately that to have a location that we could refer those individuals to for 23 hours to assess their needs, stabilize their circumstances, and then they may end up in a more traditional placement or respite placement, while some of their more involved needs are being addressed. But I would just, you know, saying very significantly, and very gratefully, I think that both of those proposals are going to better equip us to be able to, you know, meet needs of individuals in crisis, who present and have to have somewhere to actually physically go. So I'm very encouraged that these are part of the proposals that have been arrived at by the various task force and committees who are addressing these issues.

Legislator Bruno

Thank you.

Chairman Lopez

Anything else? Anyone else? All right, hear none all in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, we'll move on to 433. Confirming appointment to the community service board, this is the substance abuse subcommittee. Move for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

I'll make that motion for discussion.

Chairman Lopez

Second.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll second that.

Nettie Tomshaw

Laura did.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. Any discussion for John Brown one year appointment? Would assume the resume is attached as it usually is.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yeah, it is.

Chairman Lopez

Any discussion? Okay, hearing none all in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye, Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, we have 476 477 and 485 through 490 are all increase in state funding. if everybody's agreeable, we can block them.

Legislator Bruno

I'll make a motion we block resolutions 476 through 490.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll second that motion.

Chairman Lopez

Discussion on the block? On the block all in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, on the resolutions?

Legislator Uchitelle

It's passed - it's a kind of a mandatory increase that's funded from the from the funding entity. So I don't know what else there is to say about it.

Chairman Lopez

Yep. Well we need a motion on the resolutions then right.

Legislator Uchitelle

No, no, I know. I just was I'll make I was trying to encapsulate all the discussion I could have in one pithy statement.

Legislator Bruno

I'll make that resolution - that motion sorry.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. a second.

Legislator Uchitelle

Second.

Chairman Lopez

All right discussion. Hearing none all in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All right. Very good. 491, Approving contract amendment for \$65,340 with Cornerstone Family Health Care.

Legislator Bruno

Move for discussion.

Legislator Petit

I'll second.

Chairman Lopez

These, this is 100% federal substance abuse services. Any questions? Hearing none all in favor?

Chairman Lopez

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

492, Approving contract amendment for \$249,589 with Family Services.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll move it.

Chairman Lopez

Alright.

Legislator Bruno

Second it.

Chairman Lopez

Second, same as well, similar 491 100% federal substance abuse services. Alright any, discussion? All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

493, Approving a contract for \$1.4 million with Health Research.

Legislator Bruno

You got that backwards Chairman?

Chairman Lopez

I'm sorry.

Legislator Bruno

Not 1.4

Nettie Tomshaw

4.1

Chairman Lopez

4.1

Legislator Bruno

You said 1.4

Chairman Lopez

Oh I did. All right. Well, yeah if it wasn't 100% federal, then yeah, the 1.4 would have been better. But no, we're good. 4.1, approving a contract \$4.1 million with Health Research. A move for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

I'll move.

Chairman Lopez

Second.

Legislator Petit

I'll second.

Chairman Lopez

All right.

Legislator Bruno

So a what um health -what exactly are we. I don't have the whole resolution in front of me.

Chairman Lopez

This is (PHEP). What is that, Public Health Emergency Preparedness I think, if I remember correctly.

Dr. Carol Smith

Yeah, it's funding that's coming from the state to support school reopening. And Health Research Incorporated is actually the funding arm of the New York State Department of Health. And that's why those two terms or names are in the resolution. But it is money that's coming to us to support school reopening, to support the testing and whatnot, that we're doing across the county, for the various school districts. And basically, that's about it. And no county dollars are involved. It's literally grant funding through the state.

Legislator Bruno

Thank you, Dr. Smith.

Chairman Lopez

Great, any other questions? All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

494, Approving contract for \$170,000 with Health Research for overdose data election action plan.

Chairman Lopez

Well, no plan. Is that right? Or is that a mistake on my part?

Dr. Carol Smith

It is against the funding from originally I believe from SAMSA through the state OD2A, it's the overdose to action funding line.

Legislator Lopez

Oh to action. That's what it was. Gotcha.

Dr. Carol Smith

And yup \$72,000 of that. That's why it speaks to the next two resolutions. \$72,000 of that money is going to PEOPLE Inc. in order to support their peer to peer activity. \$100,000 is being kept as restricted in reserve. So that \$100,000 isn't going to be spent outright, but so that funding has been divided into two. The \$72,000 portion of it will go to PEOPLE Inc.

Chairman Lopez

Got it. And again, that's 100% federal.

Dr. Carol Smith

Yeah, and Peer to Peer for opioid dependent individuals and substance abuse disorder recovery.

Legislator Lopez

Okay. Sounds like a no brainer right AI?

Legislator Bruno

Pretty much. That's my line yup.

Chairman Lopez

All in favor.

Nettie Tomshaw

Somebody has to move it.

Chairman Lopez

Oh we missed the move.

Legislator Bruno

I'll move it.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll second it.

Chairman Lopez

Second all right. All right. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. 495, Approving contract amendment for \$72,000 with PEOPLE projects.

Dr. Carol Smith

That's just what I referred to prior.

Legislator Bruno

I'd say move it for discussion but we already had the discussion. So

Nettie Tomshaw

AI motion to adopt.

Chairman Lopez

We got a second?

Chairman Lopez

496, Approving contract for \$112,500 with Samadi Center to increase hours operation for the recovery outreach program to 24 hours seven days a week for residents with opioid use disorder. A move for discussion?

Legislator Criswell

I'll second that.

Chairman Lopez

All right, all in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Legislator Criswell

I'll move that.

Legislator Bruno

Yup.

Chairman Lopez

Yeah there was a question in chairs committee meeting prior to this, and what is the operational hours now? If anybody may know Dr. Smith, or

Deputy Executive Milgrim

No sorry. Yeah, I got it here if you want, both of us do. Tara says they operate now 8am to 9pm I believe they're closed on Sundays.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Legislator Criswell

If I can just mention Legislator Uchitelle and I and Legislator Walter took a tour of their new facility and it's pretty, it's impressive. And the advancements that they want to make from where they currently are, it's going to really serve our community well.

Chairman Lopez

Where are they located?

Legislator Criswell

Right now they're on Clinton Street, but they've got a space on Broadway that is probably at this point now almost finished with their rehab. And Abe do you remember what their intended opening date was? I can't remember now.

Legislator Uchitelle

Sometime later this year they were making fast progress.

Legislator Criswell

Right I remember it was fall I think it was fall. Yeah so

Legislator Petit

Legislator Criswell were they also planning on having respite housing there as well?

Legislator Criswell

There, there's I can't remember now, how many units that are short term housing for folks. Three or four? I can't remember Abe can you remember?

Legislator Uchitelle

Something in that ballpark? Yeah.

Legislator Criswell

Yeah.

Legislator Uchitelle

But they were like very, they were somewhat one of the apartments, basically that apartment and you can you can see when you walk in, and you can kind of see where they have the support facilities, the the kind of medical side, and then you go upstairs, there's the residential side. It made a lot of sense.

Legislator Criswell

The other piece of this that I think you want to keep in mind is that this is specifically for substance abuse, whereas we're talking when we're talking the crisis stabilization center, that's the broader mental health community. Although, obviously, there's often lots of overlap, but the Samadhi work is really specific.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. All right. Anything else? All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

497, Approving a contract for \$71,000 with Berkshire Farm. And this is for residential foster care assessment. Moved, motions? Yeah.

Legislator Bruno

Move it.

Chairman Lopez

Second?

Legislator Petit

Second.

Chairman Lopez

Discussion? Questions? All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Alright, so on 498 through 504. are all 100% state funded contract amendments for foster care. I don't know if the committee want to block those together?

Legislator Uchitelle

I moved to block 498 to 504. Since they all come actually from the same statute anyway, like, yeah,

Legislator Bruno

I'll second that.

Chairman Lopez

All right. Discussion on block. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

On the resolutions move for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

Move it.

Legislator Petit

I'll second.

Legislator Lopez

Discussion. Hearing none. Oh,

Legislator Bruno

No, Legislator Uchitelle just said they're all the same. It's all good. I'm good.

Chairman Lopez

Alright. Well, hearing none all in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All right very good. Now, we had and was that new business? Nettie? I don't have that in front of me. I'm missing that. The new business. Let me see.

Legislator Uchitelle

Want me to bring it up Craig?

Chairman Lopez

Yeah, if you could, yeah I

Legislator Uchitelle

Yep. Yep. New Business 2022 noncounty contract agency funding. Consider preparing a list of recommendations based on community needs.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. Nettie you had a lengthy discussion, right with who was it, Amber?

Nettie Tomshaw

Right? She said that this year's budget has a lump sum in it, and then we don't have to address individual needs until next year.

Nettie Tomshaw

But the chairman of the Ways and Means, John said, Gavaris wanted the committee's to - if you have something in mind to create a list and share it with Amber.

Chairman Lopez

Yeah. So basically, if there's anything that's important to you, you got you want to make sure that, yeah, it gets out there, you know, potentially and into the budget. So create a list and share it.

Legislator Criswell

I may, is this the resolution that we passed that what came out of the Legislative Programs committee asking for the lump sum? Yeah, I just wanted to make sure we were clear on that. And it was actually above what we had requested, if I'm remembering this correctly. Is that right Nettie?

Nettie Tomshaw

That's what I'm told. I don't know if we know though.

Chairman Lopez

That's yeah, that's what this is in reference to.

Legislator Criswell

Yep. Okay. Thank you.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Legislator Petit

So you want us to forward names or is there a proposal that should be attached to that?

Nettie Tomshaw

I believe John had on like, a list. Like he wanted more, more than just a name, but some information about them?

Legislator Lopez

No, I think a proposal would be helpful. No, definitely more than a name. At least they have something to reference.

Nettie Tomshaw

If it's somebody that you've already some

Legislator Petit

Somebody for previous years.

Nettie Tomshaw

Yeah, they have it on file, but just let them know that you're still interested in those people receiving funds, and trying to find his wording. I can't find it.

Chairman Lopez

I think that's pretty that's explained well. Okay. (inaudible) Very good. Does anybody have anything else to bring?

Nettie Tomshaw

Craig on the old business, um, Laws and Rules amended, Proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2021.

Chairman Lopez

That's right. That was mostly clerical. There was some language that was clarified. So they had amended it, we had passed it out of our committee, with the idea that it would go through Laws and Rules and that they would adjust whatever had to be done in order to be acceptable. So that was done and they just wanted to let us know, and report back to Health committee that it was taken care of.

Nettie Tomshaw

You already voted on this last month, but they just wanted heads up that they changed. You know, it's not just school resource officers, they added staff, psychiatrists, clinicians, counselors, mental health, nurse practitioners, to the list. That's all that I

Chairman Lopez

It was just specifics. So yeah. Was there anything else? Anyone else?

Legislator Bruno

I'd like to make a motion for adjournment?

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll second that.

Chairman Lopez

All right very good. Well, it was good seeing everybody. Hope everyone stays healthy. Thank you, Dr. Smith and Commissioner Iapoce for joining us.

Legislator Uchitelle

Thank you for being here.

Legislator Bruno

Thank you both.

Chairman Lopez

Of course yeah. All right, Deputy Executive as well. So everybody be well, have a great night.

Legislator Uchitelle

We see Milgrim all the time. But yes, we don't see Mike Iapoce (inaudible)

Legislator Criswell

No respect John, no respect, (laughter).

Chairman Lopez

John doesn't often join us here. So yeah, it was good to see you.