

**Public Health & Social Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: October 3, 2016 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, K. L. Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Craig Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Ken Crannell Deputy County Executive, Lee Cane League of Women Voters

Chairman Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the October 7, 2016 meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes approved

Resolutions for the October 18, 2016 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 418: Supporting The Requirement Of Certification Or Training And Programs Targeted To Better Serve Individuals With Dyslexia

Resolution Summary: This memorializing resolution sponsored by Legislator Belfiglio supports the Commissioner of Education to prescribe the necessary regulation and establish programs and training related to the needs of children with Dyslexia. Assembly Bill 4330-A and Senate Bill S5439 supports these programs.

Motion No. 2: **Resolution No. 418 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

Legislator Belfiglio reminded the committee that although he already submitted a previous version of this memorializing resolution to NYSAC, this new and improved resolution will be considered pending legislative approval on October 18th. NYSAC protocol dictates resolutions must pass at the local level before they can be considered. Albany will be back in session February 2017.

Chairman Lopez asked the committee if they would like to sponsor the resolution by adding their names – all agreed.

Motion No. 3: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 418**

Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 419: Establishing A Policy To Provide Onsite Seasonal Flu Vaccinations To County Employees

Resolution Summary: This resolution sponsored by Legislator Peter Loughran offers employees seasonal flu vaccinations administered at designated county buildings. The rationale being, minimize employee absenteeism, instill good health practices and onsite convenience for all employees. \$8,997.00 100% County

Motion No. 4: **Resolution No. 419 moved for discussion**

Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell noted although the county expressed concern about the cost to implement the program – minimum requirements, \$30/person vaccine cost, etc. ultimately worked out to be budget neutral. The county has approx. 100 employees signed up and added an additional day due to high turnout. Flu Shot county locations include; county office building, DPW, DSS, Health/Mental Health, UCAT and UC Jail. Ken also noted even if you're not covered by county insurance you can still receive a flu shot. Also county insurance covers offsite flu vaccinations with no deductible as well.

Motion No. 5: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 419**
Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner
Voting Against: Legislator Roberts
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 422: Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the appointment of Karla Peterson as a member of the Community Services Board pursuant to the Ulster County Charter and Ulster County Administrative Code. Ms. Peterson was recommended by the board and appointed by the County Executive to satisfy the term vacated by Rose Jambrone. Term will begin on 11/1/16 and expires 12/31/16.

Motion No. 6: **Resolution No. 422 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

Chairman Lopez explained Ms. Peterson will complete Ms. Jambrone's term. Legislator Belfiglio confirmed with Ken Crannell they hold monthly meetings.

Motion No. 7: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 422**
Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 423: Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's PW/DD Subcommittee

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the appointment of Karla Peterson as a member of the Community Services Board pursuant to the Ulster County Charter and Ulster County Administrative Code. Ms. Peterson was recommended by the board and appointed by the County Executive to satisfy the term vacated by Suzanne Sarr. Term will begin on 11/1/16 and expires 12/31/16.

Motion No. 8: Resolution No. 423 moved for discussion
Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

None

Motion No. 9: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 423
Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 429: 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 – Jewish Board Of Family & Children Services Inc. - Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution increases the not to exceed amount by \$10,000.00 for foster care services, to accommodate the need for additional children placed in the agency's foster care programs. Contract dates 6/1/16 through 6/30/16. 36% Federal, 29% State, 35% County

Motion No. 10: Resolution No. 429 moved for discussion
Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

County Deputy Executive Ken Crannell explained the funds will cover an additional child.

Motion No. 11: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 429
Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 430: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – North American Family Institute Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract with North American Family Institute Inc., a voluntary foster care agency authorized by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services to provide foster care services. This contract for professional services may not exceed \$3 million dollars. Contract dates 9/1/16 through 6/30/18. 36% Federal, 29% State, 35% County

Motion No. 12: Resolution No. 430 moved for discussion
Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

Ken Crannell noted this new contract will save \$12K-\$15K/yr. of taxpayer money. This company specializes in the transition of foster care children back into the community as responsible adults. Children are eligible up to 21years of age.

Motion No. 13: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 430
Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

New Business

Legislator Belfiglio shared with the committee his friend's experience requiring rehab upon release from Vassar Brothers hospital. The man requested his rehab be completed at the Northeast Center in Lake Katrine. He was told his request was denied as there wasn't a bed available and would instead be transferred to Golden Hill. Legislator Belfiglio confirmed the Northeast Center had a room ready and waiting. Legislator Belfiglio wonders how many other families are being misled – expressing patients are just a commodity being cherry picked. Legislator Belfiglio reminded the committee when Golden Hill was sold, the county was assured there would not be cherry picking.

Legislator Allen shared a similar experience with a different hospital, however came away with the impression social worker's try to locate a rehab facility close to the patients home. Legislator Allen expressed uncertainty for their motivation, however noting for-profit facilities try to maximize profits and minimize their liabilities. Legislator Belfiglio plans to research further.

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Roberts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved: November 7, 2016