

Public Health & Social Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 29, 2021 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom / Dial in by phone: (646) 558-8656
Meeting ID: 867 7311 8905
PRESIDING OFFICER: Legislator Craig Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw, Jay Mahler
PRESENT: Legislators Bruno, Criswell, Petit, Uchitelle
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Mary Wawro, Legislator Elect Joseph Maloney, Deputy County Executive Marc Rider, Mid-Hudson News, Deputy County Executive Johanna Contreras, Dr. Smith Dept. Health, Tara McDonald Mental Health

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

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

Resolutions for the December 21, 2021 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 550: Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2021, A Local Law Repealing Local Law Number 2 Of 2013, And Establishing The Ulster County School-Based Mental Health And Safety Act Of 2021

Resolution Summary: This resolution adopts PLL No. 6 of 2021, , A Local Law Repealing Local Law Number 2 Of 2013, And Establishing The Ulster County School-Based Mental Health And Safety Act Of 2021

Motion No. 2 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 550
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: See transcript

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

Voting Against: Legislator Uchitelle

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 1

Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 559: Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the reappointment of Robert Gelbach.

Resolution No. 560: Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's Mental Health Subcommittee

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the reappointment of Robert Gelbach.

Resolution No. 561: Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's Mental Health Subcommittee

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the reappointment of Terrance Conklin.

Resolution No. 562: Confirming Reappointment Of Member To The Community Services Board's Mental Health Subcommittee

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the reappointment of Brandon Beachamp.

Motion No. 3 Moved to Block and Adopt Resolution Nos. 559, 560, 561 & 562

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. 567: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Memorandum Of Agreement With Various Ulster County School Districts For Sharing Of Test Kits For The COVID-19 Virus – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizing the Chair of the UC Legislature to execute a memorandum of agreement with the Wallkill Central School District.

Motion No. 4 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 567
Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
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. 621: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$532,913.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research Inc. – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment for \$533K with Health Research Inc. to extend the term of agreement and increase revenue for the ELC COVID-19. 100% Federal, Amd. Term 8/25/21 - 3/31/23.

Motion No. 5 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 621
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. 622: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$80,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Bonadio & Co. LLP – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$80K with Bonadio & Co. LLP for public assistance case review. Federal 50%, State 50%. Contract dates 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Motion No. 6 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 622
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. 623: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$75,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$75K with Family of Woodstock, Inc. for independent living program. Federal 35%, State 29%, 35% County. Contract dates 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Resolution No. 624: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,665,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$1,665,000.00 with Family of Woodstock, Inc. for the Darmstadt and Family Inn Homeless Shelters. Federal 51%, County 49%. Contract dates 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Resolution No. 625: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$73,511.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$73.5K Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. for Title XX Domestic Violence Assistance. Federal 51%, County 49%. Contract dates 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Resolution No. 626: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$120,328.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$120.3 K Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. for emergency services hotline and walk-in aid. Federal 36%, State 29%, County 35%. Contract dates 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Resolution No. 627: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$139,787.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$140 K Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. for day care registration and inspection. State 100%. Contract dates 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Resolution No. 628: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$162,600.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$163 K Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. for family house shelter for youth. Federal 36%, State 29%, County 35%. Contract dates 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Resolution No. 629: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$333,448.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$333.5 K Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. for the Washbourne House Domestic Violence Shelter. Federal 51%, County 49%. Contract dates 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Motion No. 7 Moved to Block and Adopt Resolution Nos. 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628 & 629

Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

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. 630: 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 for \$544 K Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. for family education services. Federal 36%, State 29%, County 35%. Contract dates 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Motion No. 8 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 630

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit

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. 631: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Industrial Medicine Associates, P.C. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #1 for \$100K with Industrial Medicine Associates, P.C. to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for client substance abuse screening. Federal 51%, County 49%. Amd. Term 12/31/21 – 12/31/22.

Motion No. 9 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 631
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. 632: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$70,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Nicholas Kamen – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract \$70K with Nicholas Kamen for child protective services clinical mental health collaboration. State 100%, Contract Term 1/16/22 – 1/15/23.

Motion No. 10 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 632
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. 633: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$70,480.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #1 with United Way of UC Inc. for \$70.5K to extend the terms of agreement and increase funding for the life skills case aide. Federal 36%, State 29%, County 35%. Contract Amd. Term 10/1/21 – 12/31/22.

Motion No. 11 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 633
Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
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. 634: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$171,391.92 Entered Into By The County – The VMC Group, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #1 with The VMC Group, Inc. extending the term of agreement and increase funding for preschool transportation management services. Federal 50%, State 50%. Amd. Term 12/31/21 – 12/31/22.

Motion No. 12 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 634
Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
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. 635: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$450,839.00 Entered Into By The County – The Young Woman's Christian Association Of Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$451K with the YWCA of Ulster County, Inc. for the Families Now Program. Federal 36%, State 29%, County 35%. Contract Term 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Motion No. 13 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 635

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit

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. 636: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$525,780.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$256 K with Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. for youth advocacy services. Federal 36%, State 29%, County 35%. Contract Term 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Motion No. 14 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 636

Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell

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. 637: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$728,879.00 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 \$729K for NYS OMH state aid. State 100%, Contract Term 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Resolution No. 638: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$386,026.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Astor Services for Children & Families for \$386K for NYS OMH state aid. State 69%, County 31%. Contract Term 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Resolution No. 639: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,118,290.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock Inc. for \$1,118,290.00 for NYS OMH state aid. State 75%, County 25%. Contract Term 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Resolution No. 640: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$346,581.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Astor Services for Children & Families for \$346.6K for NYS OMH state aid. State 100%. Contract Term 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Resolution No. 641: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,973,388.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Gateway Community Industries, Inc. for Gateway Hudson Valley for \$1,973,388.00 for NYS OMH state and OASAS State Aid. State 96%, County 4%. Contract Term 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Resolution No. 644: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,089,646.00 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 the Mental Health Association in UC Inc. for \$2,089,646.00 NYS OMH State Aid. State 96%, County 4%. Contract Term 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Resolution No. 645: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$324,161.00 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 for \$324K NYS OMH State Aid. State 97%, County 3%. Contract Term 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Motion No. 15 Moved to Block and Adopt Resolution Nos. 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 644 & 645
Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

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. 642: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$175,428.00 Entered Into By The County – HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus– Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus for \$175.4K – NYS OMH State Aid 100% State. Contract Term 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Motion No. 16 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 642
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Uchitelle
Voting Against: Legislators Bruno, Petit
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 2
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 643: 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 Broadway Campus for the methadone maintenance treatment program. County 100%. Contract Term 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Motion No. 17 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 643
Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: See transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Uchitelle
Voting Against: Legislators Bruno, Petit
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 2
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 646: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$709,337.00 Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc.– Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$709.3K with Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. for NYS OMH and OASAS State Aid. State 100%, Contract Term 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

Motion No. 18 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 646
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See transcript

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

Resolution No. 648: Opposing Government Mandated COVID-19 Vaccination

Resolution Summary: This memorializing resolution opposes a government mandated COVID-19 vaccination requirement.

Motion No. 19 Moved to Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 648
Motion Made By: Legislator Bruno
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: See transcript (Add Legislator Albert Bruno as a sponsor)

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Bruno, Petit
Voting Against: Legislators Criswell, Uchitelle
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 2
Disposition: Resolution adopted.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

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: 6:18 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved: February __, 2022

Ulster County Legislature
Public Health and Social Services Committee

Meeting Transcript

November 29, 2021

Chairman Lopez

Call the meeting to order. And if we can get a motion for the meeting - for the minutes from our last meeting.

Legislator Criswell

I'll move that.

Legislator Bruno

I'll second it.

Chairman Lopez

Any discussion? All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All right, we'll go right into resolutions. We will start with Resolution 550. Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 6, repealing Local Law No. 2 and establishing school based Mental Health and Safety Act.

Legislator Bruno

I'll move that for discussion.

Legislator Criswell

I'll second that.

Chairman Lopez

Any discussion? This came through committee and went to the floor. Obviously, there was a public hearing on this. Abe.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yeah, I was hoping that we could hear I don't know, either from the sponsor, or if anyone can speak to the reaction that we've gotten from any of the school superintendents since we sent that letter to them.

Chairman Lopez

Yeah, I haven't heard anything personally. I don't know if anybody else from committee has had any feedback.

Committee Members

I haven't. Haven't heard any negative feedback either. Yeah.

Chairman Lopez

John would definitely be the right one to reach out.

Nettie Tomshaw

Chairman, Jay, can share some information with you.

Chairman Lopez

Oh, okay sure.

Jay Mahler

Hi all. There was a letter from the Rondout Valley Central School District that should have been circulated to the entire body maybe three weeks ago. And then the only other communication that I'm aware of is former Legislator, Mary Sheeley reached out to Legislator Parete directly offering support. And there were questions but no commitment in support or opposition from the Wallkill School District.

Legislator Bruno

I do remember the Rondout Valley letter as a matter of fact and they were in support of it.

Legislator Criswell

So I just want to say in in general, I'm hugely, hugely supportive of bolstering our mental health resources in schools - hugely. My one sticking point that I still have, and I don't feel like we've gotten clarity is on the school resource officer question of whether a school must in fact hire a school resource officer if this law is passed. The language that I keep looking at it sort of includes a lot of different possible supports and school resource officers in there. But I just am not clear. Does it mean that a school without one would have to actually hire one? Does anybody know the answer to that?

Legislator Bruno

I don't think, I don't remember it being a condition of this law.

Chairman Lopez

I don't either.

Legislator Criswell

It looks, it looks like it to me, in the in this language. Where it says I think it's Section 3. So schools will use - it's Section 3, Subsection B. Schools will use an allocation of .50% as prescribed in 4.1. B for additional staff, including, but not limited to psychiatrist, clinicians, counselors, mental health nurse practitioners and school resource officers. And to me that language does not say or it says all it says included but not limited to. So what does that actually mean? The reason I'm pushing this is because there's a lot of controversy right now, about the effectiveness of school resource officers. There was just some interesting conversations going on in the Kingston school district. And it's a conversation happening nationally. And I just think we need to be really aware of that if we are in fact, mandating that schools hire a school resource officer. We need to know that's what we're saying.

Chairman Lopez

Sure, Al.

Legislator Bruno

I don't honestly, I don't interpret it being as a mandation for school resource officers. I think that's up to the schools to decide. And I think they've actually made that pretty clear that the schools are the ones that are saying yes or no to that.

Legislator Criswell

But it doesn't say that in this document.

Legislator Bruno

I don't think we have the authority to mandate a school's policy like that. This is just - from the way I'm looking at it as we're enabling the county to provide mental health school based mental health services to the schools, but I don't think we're mandating anything.

Legislator Criswell

This language is clear. Schools will use an allocation. Schools will do A, B and C. That's what this language says right here.

Chairman Lopez

It's a really small percentage. I don't know how that would be spread equally over the over the positions that you had mentioned, like, I don't even know how that would work.

Legislator Criswell

I don't actually either.

Legislator Bruno

Has this gone through legal already?

Legislator Criswell

.50% is yeah, I exactly see what you're saying Craig.

Chairman Lopez

Yeah. So,

Legislator Criswell

Marc, do you have any idea about that?

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

I mean, the read that I would take of it is that they can hire additional staff that includes any of those, but they wouldn't that you're not requiring them to pick one or the other. So if they wanted to hire clinicians, counselors, nurse practitioners, they could. If they don't have school resource officers, they wouldn't. I do want to just point out that this is a higher allocation of our sales tax than we give via a sales tax agreement to all of the towns and villages. As you're evaluating the law, I mean, I just think that you, you're probably aware of that, but it's a considerable amount of our sales tax money going to in perpetuity to these districts who already have a higher property tax per, you know, intake, then the counties and the towns. Everybody is supportive of mental health in schools. This just seems like, I mean, the reason none of the superintendents - the reason they all support it is because you're handing them a large sum of money with not a lot of restrictions.

Chairman Lopez

Yeah, I kind of agree with that interpretation that, that small percentage could be applied not not, could be but will be applied. Not to one or all, but maybe, you know, one of them within that list of positions.

Legislator Criswell

It's interesting, though, because that that is not actually the way that it reads. I mean, it says very specifically, that the funding of additional staff, including, but not limited to, so the words including but not limited to means you are including, but not limiting it, too, so you include this body, but you don't limit it, you could add additional to it. That's the way that language reads in my interpretation. If somebody else has a different take on those words, the way that they're put down on this paper, I'd be happy to hear it.

Legislator Bruno

If I can.

Chairman Lopez

Yeah, sure.

Legislator Bruno

I actually, I understand what you're saying Legislator Criswell. You know, given that I kind of kind of agree a little bit, I think it needs to be looked at a little bit. Has a legal done through this already?

Chairman Lopez

Which legal?

Legislator Bruno

Which legal, our lawyers.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

The county attorney's office is currently looking at it. I don't know about your sorry. I don't know about the legislative attorneys. The county attorney's office is looking at it now.

Legislator Bruno

And I think that that's going to be key whether or not we even have that kind of authority to mandate schools. The way it's worded right now, to have those people like Peter said.

Chairman Lopez

This has to go through at least ways of mean still right.

Legislator Uchitelle

I think it's going to go through Ways and Means and Laws and Rules. Yeah. Also law, with a financial impact.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Legislator Criswell

I don't mean to nitpick. But I think that that's what we're charged to do is look at these documents in a very nitpick way and, and see what the what the language is saying. So that's what I'm doing. Right?

Chairman Lopez

No, definitely I I'm just I'm just wanting to that. If kind of tightening up that language or making a more specific or just clarifying it is worth holding it up in this committee, if it can be done. If somebody could reach out to John and, you know, let him know what our concerns are. And and it can be, you know, tweaked in Laws and Rules and our Ways and Means.

Legislator Bruno

I understand what you're saying we want to move this forward. And actually also to stem what Peter's saying because the financial impact could be even greater if this law is mandating those other services for every school that the school may not have or may not want. It could be huge, huge financial impact. I think that does need to be clarified personally before we move forward.

Chairman Lopez

And then you also have to consider if this is going to change the law enough where it'll have to go back to another public hearing that way people are aware exactly what that means, you know, because then

Legislator Bruno

I just hate to see it go down that path...

Chairman Lopez

Go down that path as well.

Legislator Bruno

As we push it forward, and then it gets kicked back to committee again, anyway. And we're back in the same boat. Why don't we do it right the first time. Honestly, in this case, I agree with Legislator Criswell. The language really, that does throw up a red flag.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Can I just point out one thing? And maybe it looks like Jay left or Nettie, but my belief is, if this doesn't pass this month, it's basically starting over. You're going into the last month of a two year session. So it's not like if you postpone this, it gets picked up, where you left off? I'm pretty sure it starts it at the very beginning of the process again.

Nettie Tomshaw

Didn't the previous proposed local law, just have the officer, and then you modified it, you amended it to include all the others, I thought, No?

Chairman Lopez

Not in this committee. I don't know. Maybe if that was in Laws and Rules. I don't remember.

Nettie Tomshaw

Wasn't that one of the amendments? If we include more than just the resource officer?

Legislator Petitt

Yeah, there was a breakdown of the differences. And that was one of them Nettie you're correct. And I tend to disagree. I mean, generally, when you write something, including but not limited to offers examples, but you don't want to limit it to just those examples. If you just said, you know, to be spent on mental health, that that's so big, that it probably wouldn't be allocated where the sponsor of this resolution would like to see it allocated to. But that's pretty common legal terms in contracts.

Jay Mahler

Craig, just if I may to Marc's point - to Marc's question about the adoption of the law with the new body. My understanding from the clerk is that, I mean, generally your process traditionally, is the introduction of a local law, the holding of a public hearing, and then the adoption thereof, however, you're not obligated to put in legislation to adopt any local law that you've held a public hearing on in the same session. So in her explanation, it was the holding of the public hearing. That shouldn't be, that shouldn't transgress a new body. But once the public hearing is held, the adoption of the law can happen at any time, and you have had local laws that have been introduced. You held a public hearing, and then months and months and months went by, before you put in the legislation to adopt the local law. So I can circle back to Vicky to get clarification, but I believe it is her opinion that the law in its form now as Proposed Local Law No. 6 ish of 2021 will exist in that state. Notwithstanding action on the resolution in front of you to adopt or not the local law. So whatever action happens on that resolution will dictate what happens, moving forward amending the law, defeating the law, adopting the law, however you do on the resolution, but that it should transgress to the next body, or can - not should.

Chairman Lopez

Now, is that, is that a question that you'll have clarified now? Can we move on take no action, come back to this after you speak with Vicky. Are you pretty - or is this,

Jay Mahler

I'm pretty confident in that response. But I don't- I wouldn't want that to dictate what should you all do if you're not comfortable with the law in its form, then you should make that decision. And it will go to both Ways and Means and Laws and Rules. And it will be in that order. I know it was in a different order previously, and we had there were just some technical issues on the clerical side with this law. So it should be Ways and Means next week? And then Laws and Rules the night before session.

Chairman Lopez

Sure, Al.

Legislator Bruno

So if we were to pass this to move it to Ways and Means that terminology could be corrected and in fixed and we could take care of business.

Legislator Bruno

So we wouldn't actually be creating a bad situation by moving this forward or a financial hardship. I'm just looking at the money that could be involved in this. It could be huge.

Chairman Lopez

Right and so

Legislator Bruno

And that's the thing that I'm really concerned with. I mean, I would, I would be okay to moving forward with the conditions that Laws and Rules and Ways and Means actually look at that particular clause that's in there somehow, if we can somehow make that happen.

Chairman Lopez

No, I'm comfortable with that as well.

Legislator Uchitelle

I just, you know, personally I'm not. Like, I hear that, and I'm, you know, happy to vote in the minority on, you know, on that question. It just seems like we're, we're kicking the can to another committee, knowing this the same committee has already kicked it back to us once, you know, when it was going up for, for public hearing. So, you know, I'm, I understand and wouldn't hold it against anyone for voting for it, I just won't be supporting that.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, sure Marc.

Chairman Lopez

So just to give everybody kind of a ballpark figure of what each district would look at. Based off of student population, Kingston would get about a million dollars a year and a year on this local law, and each of the other districts roughly get about 300,000. So if you look at 4.1 B, which the section that Legislator Criswell, or 3. B kind of points you back to 4.1. B, the idea that all of those things could be purchased by a district for \$300,000, psychiatrist, clinicians, counselors, mental health nurse practitioners and school resource officers. I mean, this legislation wouldn't go nearly that far to provide all those staff. I think it's a menu of schools of things that the schools can choose from.

Legislator Bruno

That's why we should had a lawyer to help us with that.

Legislator Petit

We have one. (inaudible) laughter

Legislator Criswell

Yeah, and again, I'm, again, sorry for, you know, causing this consternation, but it's a lot of money. And we want to make sure that it's being spent correctly. And, you know, language is important, because it's going to become a law. And that's when there's problems, you go back to the exact language of a law, and I just want to make sure we're getting it right. So. So what you just said, Marc actually gives me a little bit of comfort. I'd be I'd be happy to support this. I mean, again, I'm hugely supportive of mental health programs in the schools. I think that that's where we have to actually do all the intervention when we're working with young people so that we keep them out of the prison systems and, you know, help them thrive as best they can. So I'll all support this, if I can feel like we can actually get clarification on that language.

Legislator Bruno

And that's where I'm at as well.

Chairman Lopez

Yep. And, and I'm comfortable, and I have the confidence that, you know, we can tweak that language and get an answer and reach out to John. Yeah through what is it Laws and Rules and Ways and Means - one or the other so. Okay, is there any other discussion before I call the question? All right, all in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Legislator Uchitelle

Just to be clear I'm voting in opposition.

Nettie Tomshaw

Okay, so four in favor, one opposed. Passes.

Chairman Lopez

Alright, we'll move on. The next four resolutions 559, 560, 561, 562 are all reappointments to the Community Services Board. If the

Legislator Uchitelle

Yeah, can I move to block 559 - 562.

Chairman Lopez

Yep that's what I was going to ask.

Legislator Bruno

And I'll second that block.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. Discussion on the block.

Legislator Bruno

I'll make a motion to move it.

Chairman Lopez

Yeah. Well motion was already made motion on the floor. So all in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. And then move resolutions.

Legislator Uchitelle

I move to approve. Yeah.

Legislator Bruno

So moved.

Chairman Lopez

On the resolutions as blocked. Any discussion? All in favor? Are you guys jumping the gun here?

Chairman Lopez

All right. (laughter)

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All right. Good. Yeah. All right. Very good. We'll move on.

Legislator Criswell

Craig, you got to crack the whip on us tonight.

Chairman Lopez

That's it gotta stay on top of things. Resolution 567, is authorizing the chair to execute an agreement with various high school districts for the sharing of COVID test kits.

Legislator Petit

I'll make a motion.

Chairman Lopez

Got a second?

Legislator Bruno

I'll second it.

Chairman Lopez

Discussion.

Legislator Petit

I just have a question through the chair to county executive - Deputy County Executive Marc Rider. Have you considered other school type institutions sharing that I'm thinking specifically Ulster County Community Action, which runs the Head Start program? Would they be eligible for something like this?

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

We do provide them to private schools. We could probably, I see no reason why we couldn't provide them to Ulster County Community Action if they requested it. These IMA's are required because as school districts there inter municipal agreements with a private school or an organization like Ulster County Community Action. We could just do a regular contract, you know, giving them test kits. But if they reach out, and if there's a need, I don't see why we couldn't provide some tests for that, they would have to have nursing staff that would get trained and added to - we would have to train them and Dr. Smith would be have to be comfortable that they were, you know, using them for the right purposes because they would be done under herclia.

Legislator Petit

Okay, thank you.

Legislator Criswell

I also have a question for Deputy Executive Rider about noninvasive testing, I've been seeing a lot of chatter about folks who are uncomfortable with deep the deep nasal swabs. And I just wondered if you had any information on availability of non-invasive testing kits.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Yeah, so um, as far as nasal swabs go, the BinaxNOW are about as noninvasive as it comes. They go about quarter of the way up the nose, a quarter of an inch, which is not like actually up into - in the early stages with the COVID testing, it felt like they're kind of tickling your brain. These ones are much less invasive than that. We do not have saliva kits. That's what a lot of people refer to in pool testing. We don't have the setup with the lab currently. And we already have the providers providing the nasal swabs. So people are able if you're a teacher, who let's say is required to go through this testing, because you're not vaccinated. And that's what the state has said that you have to do is go through weekly testing, or, or get the vaccine or if you wanted to do a screen testing but didn't want to do nasal swab, you do have the ability to go elsewhere and get the test done. Just not here.

Legislator Bruno

So just as a point of clarity, this is not for the school children, this is for the staff.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

It's for the staff and any parent who signs up to have their kids tested weekly. They can opt in to the screening program if they choose.

Legislator Bruno

So it's their choice. It's not - the school's not going to randomly or mandate

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

You can it's a medical procedure.

Legislator Bruno

Well, I get it I understand that

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Without parental consent, right. Yeah. I hear you. I hear that concern, though Legislator Bruno.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, anything else? All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Resolution 621. Is that where we're at?

Nettie Tomshaw

Yes.

Chairman Lopez

Approving execution of the contract amendment for Health Research in the amount of \$530,900. Move for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

I'll move for discussion

Legislator Criswell

I'll second that.

Chairman Lopez

Second.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Want me to just give a quick -so this is our ELC1 grant. This is what we've used for testing case investigations. It started at \$500,000 they had one million dollars in as an additional appropriation in case it was ever needed. Now they're coming back and adding 500,000. So it brings the total amount, up to 2 million. This is where a lot of our acute care nursing contract nursing stuff come from, and some other testing, test kits and other resources. This will definitely be needed because we're, we're almost through the other money. So.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Any other questions? All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Resolution 622. Approving the execution of a contract for \$80,000 - Bonadio & Co. This is for public assistance and case review. Motion?

Legislator Petit

Al's making a motion. I'll second.

Chairman Lopez

Any discussion?

Legislator Bruno

Yeah for the case of Marc, you want to give a little bit on this?

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Yeah. So Bonadio is an auditing firm. They come in and we have responsibility for since public assistance is state and federal money. We have to contract out auditors that come in and make sure that the funds that we're giving out through public assistance, were done correctly. This is an external auditor to come in and do that.

Legislator Bruno

On top of our own auditors.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Correct.

Legislator Bruno

And we still pay for them.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Correct. Yeah, I guess it's actually 50% Federal funds, 50%. State. So yes, the taxpayers do pay for it, but not the county. Right.

Legislator Bruno

They pay for it twice?

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

In - sure. This is a more specific audit than then your general

Legislator Bruno

I get it. But I'll be pragmatic here. I'm sorry Marc.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

I hear you.

Legislator Petit

Does it work Marc like other audits where you know, they have their standard bookkeeping audit, and then periodically, they have to do more in depth paid audit.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

They definitely drill down on specific cases and case work to make sure - they do get into detailed audit.

Legislator Bruno

So do we deduct this money from our auditors? Or how's that work?

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

No because it's not in the scope of the external audit.

Chairman Lopez

Abe.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yeah, it seems we'll spare no expense to make sure that no one receives the benefit that they don't deserve.

Legislator Bruno

Thank you. Thank you.

Chairman Lopez

All right. Anything else? All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All right. Resolution 623. Approving an execution of a contract, is this Family, is this Family of Woodstock for the independent living program.

Legislator Petit

I'll move it.

Chairman Lopez

Second?

Legislator Uchitelle

Well, I was just gonna say before that, does anyone have any objection to blocking all the Family of Woodstock resolutions? Are there any specific ones that anyone wanted to discuss?

Legislator Bruno

I think that's probably a good idea.

Chairman Lopez

Yeah, we could do that.

Legislator Uchitelle

So Laura, do you mind before you get a second that we have to consider that if I make a motion to block 623 through a 629?

Chairman Lopez

I'll second that.

Nettie Tomshaw

630?

Legislator Uchitelle

No 630 is for Family Services. Yeah.

Nettie Tomshaw

Right my bad.

Chairman Lopez

Oh, yeah, that's fine.

Legislator Bruno

I'll second that motion to block.

Chairman Lopez

All right. Discussion. On block. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Then move. Motion for

Legislator Petit

I'll make the motion.

Chairman Lopez

All right. A second.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll second that.

Chairman Lopez

All right. Discussion. All right. Hearing none all in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All right, carried. And that brings us down to what 630?

Nettie Tomshaw

Yes.

Chairman Lopez

Approving the execution of a contract for 544,000 with Family Services, for family education services.
Move for discussion.

Legislator Petit

I'll move it.

Legislator Criswell

I'll second it.

Chairman Lopez

Discussion.

Legislator Petit

I didn't take a look at the contract how many families will this be covering?

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

I'll have to circle back with you on the number. It's a similar sized contract than we did last year. Remember, this is one of those contracts that Legislator Criswell helped, and others in this committee helped to restore back in the budget after looking at some cuts. Helps keep families together. I'll follow up with you, Laura, on the number. Thank you.

Legislator Bruno

That was one of those necessary services that we all felt (inaudible)

Chairman Lopez

Any other comments or questions? All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Resolution 631. Approving a contract for \$100,000 with Industrial Medicine Associates. Move for discussion?

Legislator Bruno

I'll move it.

Legislator Petit

I'll second.

Chairman Lopez

Is to extend the term agreement increased funding for clients substance abuse screening. Any discussion.

Legislator Bruno

This is for substance abuse. Correct?

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Screening. Yeah for CPS and other court ordered

Legislator Bruno

Right.

Legislator Petit

Do they bill back the clients? Or is this a free service, so to speak?

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Um, I don't think we bill back yet this is, I guess, a free um, I don't know if it's a service, but it's it is no cost to the individual.

Legislator Petit

To the individual. Okay. All right that was the question.

Legislator Bruno

It only cost to the taxpayers to worry about it Laura.

Legislator Petit

Well, you know, in family court, if they mandate mental health evaluation, you could have to pay for that. Or, you know, a DNA test. Whatever they yeah, yeah. Depending on your income, which is unfortunate, because the court command a quite a bit, but I was just Yeah. And I guess we won't go there.

Legislator Bruno

I was being sarcastic I apologize.

Legislator Petit

I know. Yeah. It is. It is a lot for services.

Chairman Lopez

Yeah. All right.

Legislator Petit

Not as much as the lawyers.

Legislator Bruno

But you can't stop judges from doing it so

Committee Members

It's true.

Chairman Lopez

All right. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

This is Resolution 632. Approving the execution of contract \$70,000 with Nicholas Kaman for child protective service clinic and mental health collaborations. Move for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

Moved.

Chairman Lopez

Got a second?

Legislator Criswell

Sure I'll second it.

Chairman Lopez

Discussion, questions?

Legislator Bruno

I don't have a problem with this. (inaudible)

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

It is a new contract so

Legislator Bruno

What it's again, it was for Child Services -Child Protective Services.

Legislator Petit

Was this one grant funded?

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

100% state funding. So reimbursable state funding not through a grant?

Legislator Bruno

Kind of a pass through.

Chairman Lopez

All right, all in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Resolution 633. Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$70,480 with United Way to extend the term agreement and increased funding for life skills for the life skills, case aid.

Legislator Petit

I'll move it.

Legislator Criswell

I'll second.

Chairman Lopez

Discussion? No? All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye, Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Resolution 634. Approving the execution of contract for 171,000 with VMC Group to extend the term agreement and increase funding for preschool transportation, management services. Move for discussion.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll move it.

Legislator Petit

I'll second.

Chairman Lopez

Any discussion?

Legislator Criswell

Is this just one of our many bus options?

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Yeah, so this one actually, they oversee all of the preschool bus transportation. So we also I think, have a separate contract with them. We're actually busing some of transporting some of these students. These are the preschool education, preschool special education through DSS or those who don't necessarily go to their home school within the district, or they might and they might need somebody who rides with them on the bus. And so this is just this contract for the management, making sure that everybody who's in need gets picked up and taken to where they go. And then again, we have like three I think preschool transportation contracts with (inaudible) VMC the other.

Chairman Lopez

They coordinate with the nursing agency that provides like an LPN or somebody who's gonna ride with the (inaudible), they do. Okay. Any other questions? Hearing none, all in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Resolution 635. Approving the execution of contract for \$450,839.00 with Young Women's Christian Association for the family SNAP program.

Legislator Petit

I'll move it.

Legislator Bruno

I'll second it.

Chairman Lopez

Questions, comments? Hearing none, all in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All right. Resolution 636. Approving the execution of a contract for \$525,780.00. Yep 636. Approving the execution of a contract for 525,000 with Youth Advocate program, for advocacy services. A motion.

Legislator Criswell

I'll move it.

Legislator Uchitelle

Second.

Chairman Lopez

Discussion.

Legislator Criswell

This is one of the one of those programs also that was refunded after had been cut during COVID. So y'all know that.

Chairman Lopez

I missed you. Kind of tail off at the end of that. Could you just repeat that?

Legislator Criswell

I said, this is one of those contracts that I put in an amendment to get refunded after being cut during COVID.

Chairman Lopez

Gotcha.

Legislator Criswell

This is specifically one of the programs - youth advocacy program.

Chairman Lopez

Good. Anything else? All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Now, resolutions 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 644, 645 & 646 are all OMH and Oasis pass throughs. So maybe we can block them?

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Probably not 646. Although maybe I could be wrong.

Nettie Tomshaw

No through 646.

Legislator Bruno

I got an I have a little issue with 642 and 643.

Chairman Lopez

As I Okay, all right, well,

Legislator Bruno

I'm sorry. But as I've had in the past, and I'm going to sell you a broken record, but I have to stand my ground on this. I can't see give it a dime to Health Alliance Broadway campus. I don't care what it's for. I think we should divorce ourselves from them. From Health Alliance completely. They're the ones that

pulled our mental health beds away. And they told us to go pack salt. That being said, I can't agree with sending them a dime. I'm sorry. They screwed the county for two years or three years now. And I have a very bad taste in my mouth about anything Health Alliance.

Legislator Uchitelle

So if I may, Chairman Lopez, I'd like to move that we that we block 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 644, 645 & 646.

Legislator Bruno

I'd be okay with that.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

646 is RSS.

Legislator Petit

Yeah, I can be no.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yeah so - let's sorry, I just read - I'll amend my motion to omit 646.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Legislator Petit

Thank you. I'll second that then.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. Discussion on the block. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. Now a motion on the resolutions.

Legislator Bruno

Second or whichever works for you Laura.

Chairman Lopez

Second.

Legislator Petit

Second.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Legislator Bruno

Whoever you want to put there.

Chairman Lopez

Discussion on the resolutions. All right, all in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Now, we will go back to

Legislator Bruno

Now was that both blocks if I can ask?

Legislator Uchitelle

That was just one block, which was this whole list of resolutions except for the Health Alliance ones and the RSS ones which remain as standalones.

Chairman Lopez

Right. Those will just will do individually. So. So we have what 446 What number was...

Legislator Uchitelle

So the first Health Alliance one is 642.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, so 642. Approving the execution of contract for 175,000 with Health Alliance, Broadway campus. Alright move for discussion.

Legislator Bruno

I'll move that for discussion.

Chairman Lopez

I'm sure you will.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll second that.

Chairman Lopez

All right.

Legislator Bruno

Like I've previously said, I can't support anything that has given any money to Westchester Medical Center Health Alliance after what they've done with the county. And that's I know, it's for mental health, and I support mental health and Ulster County, to the nth degree. But I really believe that we should be looking elsewhere, other than WMC. And that being said, they told us like I said, to go pack salt, and we're just giving them more money. It's just beyond my comprehension, how we could do that. I did for on both of those. I'm just like, so disgusted with them it's not even funny. But they told us it's not financially viable. They said it in this meeting, Dr. Doyle did with all the same people that are here now. Well, most of them that well, I'm sorry, you guys Ulster County is not worth it. Well, I don't think they're worth making any money off of this at all. In that case, I'm sorry, I can't vote. I cannot vote yes, for either one of those two, because of who was going to. Not because of what it's going for. But who was going to!

Chairman Lopez

Okay, your objection is duly noted. Anybody else. Oh, Marc.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Just on this one in particular, I just cautioned the committee that this is OMA state aid, we have very little to say in how the aid is spent. And so, you know, if this resolution in particular, were not to pass you know, it's not like we can take that state aid and go anywhere else. It is for mental health services that are being done at the hospital.

Legislator Bruno

Somewhere else. I'm sorry, we have a lot of other places we could have done these things. So that being said, I know it's probably gonna pass anyway. But I still have to be no. I have to stand on my on my convictions and what I believe.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

I did see Tara just pop on. So I don't know if she wants to add anything to what I just said.

Tara McDonald

I didn't necessarily want to add anything just in terms of I don't necessarily disagree with you a Legislative Bruno - just know at this point, the services are ongoing. And to not fund them means that they're, you know, at this point wouldn't be available to assist those folks that are depending on for right now. I don't know if it's a matter of us looking to be able to do something different with the money in the future. But for right now, it's they're actively providing treatment, and it just makes it really difficult.

Legislator Bruno

I understand that, and I appreciate it. I still feel that Westchester Medical made their bed. And I think that and I mean, no disrespect to anybody that's being treated by and I really support the people who need the treatment, I just don't feel that as a county, we should be giving money to an entity if a company who is abusing us. And that's the way I feel they're doing. Yeah, they may be providing us with some services. But at the same time, they're cutting off the most important services that we really need and refusing to give them back and forcing the county into spending millions of dollars to supply the services by ourselves by building our own standalone which was in according to the task force and the executives plan, which I don't disagree with. But at the same time, I can't in good conscience give them any money. Hope everybody hope you understand that. It's just - I know it's gonna pass but I still have to I have to object to this.

Chairman Lopez

Okay Laura.

Legislator Petit

I totally agree with Legislator Bruno. In fact, I have those numbers written on my hand to make sure I didn't vote yes on them. And it's not for the mental health services. And I'm not even sure what mental health services are providing because if someone is in any kind of distress, you're going to be transferred over to Mid-Hudson Regional and if it's bad enough, sent down to Westchester, so I am not in favor of giving Westchester any money for any of their programs, because they're not truly supporting the medical and mental health needs of Ulster County.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, anybody else? All right. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All right.

Nettie Tomshaw

All right 3-2.

Legislator Petit

Opposed.

Chairman Lopez

And what are we on?

Nettie Tomshaw

643.

Chairman Lopez

Okay approving the execution of contract for \$100,000. Oh, yep. With Health Alliance Broadway campus.

Legislator Uchitelle

Move it for discussion.

Legislator Criswell

I'll second it.

Chairman Lopez

Discussion?

Legislator Uchitelle

Yeah, I'd love to have Marc, if we could have Marc explain it because I this was not a pattern. This was like 100% County and I would love that background on this.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

I will, I'll take a quick stab at it. And then I'll probably just turn it over to Tara because she is far more knowledgeable on this than I am. But um, this is, I think one of the only methadone maintenance that MAT programs that are in the county, currently. Again this is 100% county funds that are for those that's, you know, substance abuse, addiction services. You want to go deeper than that, feel free.

Tara McDonald

And unfortunately, it's the only methadone maintenance clinic within I think, three to four county regions. So in addition to serving Ulster County residents, they do have the ability to serve Greene County, Putnam you know whomever it is, that is in need as prioritization is set, by OASAS which is the licensing body that does the methadone. It's a long-standing support that I believe that the county had an agreement that we went into when we turned over our chemical dependency unit are licensed for that. And so in order to

ensure that the services remained in the county, because as I said, not every county has a methadone clinic remained here to allow for ease of access for our residents of the agreement was (inaudible) support. And we've maintained this agreement, I believe, for the eight years or 10 years plus since we haven't provided the services directly.

Legislator Bruno

So my question is, based on what Ms. McDonald just said, the \$100,000 we're spending is going to also go into a pot that's going to serve other counties as well. It's going to be administered through Health Alliance or Westchester Medical Center ultimately. This is a bigger no than the first than 642 In my eyes.

Tara McDonald

If I can just say Legislator Bruno just to know that because of the way in which that the methadone clinics are licensed and operated throughout the state, there are other Ulster County residents that are in Westchester or they're in Putnam, that's just sort of the nature of the beast. So the majority of the individuals that are being served at the Health Alliance on the Broadway campus at the methadone clinic are Ulster residents. And so we are getting our- the bang for our buck. I'm just also cautioning that because of how rare methadone clinics are, that there may be other resident other county residents that intimately utilize the service.

Legislator Bruno

So I have a question, I'm sorry, through the Chair, I have a question. Are the plan and Marc might be able to help us with this more as well. So the plan of Ulster County building their own standalone clinic, their own standalone facility, is this methadone clinic included in that facility.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

No.

Legislator Bruno

Along with that

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

So the facility is more think of a brick and mortar facility where other providers would be in providing the services, not so much county employees running clinics, like in, you know, a decade or more ago. This is really putting together a hub for providers to come in and provide these services. Right now, I don't know whether one of those providers would be a methadone maintenance treatment program.

Legislator Bruno

So my question argument to that is, if we're going to spend all this money to do this, it only seems logical that we would include that in it since that is, methadone is a huge treatment for substance abuse. I mean, that mean, just because the other counties do it doesn't mean that we have to. And that's and that's part of

my issue, we're spending millions of dollars. But where are these millions of dollars going? And I think that this would be a great thing to add to it. So Ulster County may be different. We may be the only one in to have the methadone clinic in our own facility. And I have a problem with that. I do have a problem given any money to Health Alliance though.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

We would still need a partner to do the actual program, which

Legislator Bruno

There's lots of partners that are out there that can be had. There's lots of help. Westchester medical is not the only one.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Tara would know more on the licensing requirements, and I don't think they're just handed out all that easily.

Tara McDonald

Unfortunately, which is why there are so few of them in the state because the licensing of the service is very stringent. Um,

Legislator Criswell

Pete, if I may, I also do want to put this in perspective, we're talking about \$100,000 here. We're not talking about a million dollars or \$2 million. \$100,000 in treatment programs is a drop in the bucket and we'll use it within two months. I mean, correct me if I'm wrong Ms. McDonald, but it's not a lot of money to put towards a methadone clinic.

Tara McDonald

Right. It's not the it's not what necessarily sustains their operations it was in support of. So you're correct.

Legislator Bruno

And I can appreciate that as well.

Chairman Lopez

Laura.

Legislator Petit

I have a question about the alternative using suboxone? Is that the alternative medication, the one that's been preferred in the Ulster County Jail? Or is that a totally different medicine?

Tara McDonald

It's a different medicine. So and it really does depend on assessment and the chronicity of someone's used and, you know, their access to it. The decision to do prescribe suboxone versus methadone. All of those are their clinical decisions.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, any other questions? Comments? All right all in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

We have 2 noes. Okay. All right, good carried.

Chairman Lopez

And we're at our last resolution.

Nettie Tomshaw

646.

Legislator Uchitelle

There's two more resolutions.

Chairman Lopez

Oh 2 more resolutions. Yeah. 646 & 648.

Chairman Lopez

646. Approving the execution of a contract for 700,000. entered into by the county with the Rehabilitation Support Services. For discussion.

Legislator Bruno

I'll move it.

Legislator Uchitelle

Second.

Chairman Lopez

Discussion? Hearing none, all in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

Resolution 648.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yeah, you've got one oppose.

Chairman Lopez

Oh, one opposed, okay. Yep. All right, good.

Chairman Lopez

Alrighty, we will move to Resolution 648. Opposing a government mandate COVID 19. vaccination.

Legislator Bruno

Move for discussion?

Chairman Lopez

A second?

Legislator Petit

I'll second it.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. We have the sponsor here with us tonight. Mary Wawro if maybe you wanted to discuss your resolution a bit. I know that you and Laura have worked on this together. So yeah the floors yours.

Legislator Bruno

Good evening everybody. Um, I brought this resolution forward, because I I feel that we're kind of losing our focus. I feel like in other areas, we feel like it's our body and our choice. And I feel in this particular case, suddenly, it's not our body anymore, and that we can't choose what we do and do not do with it. I believe that the medical information is not there yet. We're just- it's too new. And that there's still a lot of issues with the vaccine. And that being said, I feel like it's very important that if you do choose to have the vaccine, that it should be available. And the county has done an excellent job in making it available to everyone and to have the testing available. And I hope you'll consider what kind of direction this is putting us in having mandates that we start to lose our choice and what we're doing with our own bodies.

Legislator Bruno

Okay Al.

Legislator Bruno

I have to agree with Legislator Wawro. I think we, as a government, we should encourage we should I encourage everybody to get the vaccines. I don't think it's our position to mandate it. I don't I think we're really exceeding the authority of what we're supposed to be doing as a government. And I honestly, I support this resolution and I would be a sponsor of this resolution if my name was added to it. I would have no problem with it. I don't believe in mandates but I do believe in the vaccines and just so I'm clear. I was a VAERS's. I was one that had a negative reaction to the Moderna vaccine, I spent two weeks in the hospital because of directly related to the vaccine, and it's been documented. That being said, I still encourage everybody to get it. The vaccine that got made me sick. But it's better than making me dead. That being said, I still don't believe that it's the government, the county, the governor, or the President's place to tell me I need to do that, or I need not to do that. They can give me other restrictions, like I have to wear a mask. That's up to them and while I'm in public, but they can't tell me what I put in my own body. That's my problem.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yeah, I just, you know, the vaccine mandates began, I think it was over 100 years ago. You know, we've been mandating vaccines for deadly diseases for a very, very, very long time. I think it's unfortunate that the larger public conversation has seized upon this as a way to divide us. I think there's, it's, there's not a reason why this particular vaccine is, should be given a special, you know, controversial place other than politics. And we, you know, I was required to have a number of vaccines when I entered elementary school and a number more when I entered into college. That's been the case for decades, the MRNA vaccine, while this particular one is new, because the variants of COVID are new, the MRNA technology has been around for for a while now. And I just It's unfortunate, I think that we're that it has been made into a political thing, when there really is no reason to reverse course, on a long held in nationwide stance on mandated vaccines.

Chairman Lopez

Al.

Legislator Bruno

In just in the interest of this particular debate can go on all night. And I'm sure there's pros and cons on both sides of this issue. There's people on both sides of it. And I can say that there is something different about this particular vaccine than different than smallpox, or polio, or all those other ones. And the simple fact is, it was rushed through, it's not approved, regardless of what the media says. There is - they we don't know what the side effects are. And I'm standing here to tell you that there's side effects to this. I don't think that it's still the government's position to say that I need to take a shot before I can go to work, or I need to take a shot before I can walk into a restaurant, or whatever. Now, once it's been vetted, and shows that approved because so far, what we've learned with this vaccine is whether you had the vaccine or not the virus is still spreading, even with the vaccine. People who have the vaccine get COVID call them

breakthrough cases. Whatever you want to call them, there's a lot of different theories on it. But it's not doing what it was intended to do. And that's stop this virus. Matter of fact, we're in a surge right now, we just our governor just declared another state of emergency. And we're at 70% of people in the New York State have had the vaccine, it's still spreading. And now there's a new variant that that's going to be spreading like wildfire. And I'm sorry, but I don't see, this vaccine is I'm sorry, this vaccine is substantially different than the vaccines from the decades ago, whether it be tetanus, whether it be polio, whether it be smallpox, totally different. This vaccine is not doing what it was intended to do. And that's where people are showing are having a lot of pushback. And I can like I said, I spent two weeks in a hospital from it. So there's no way somebody is going to convince me to take another shot. It wasn't pleasant, but I do -people who were not affected by it should get the shot. I was.

Chairman Lopez

Laura.

Legislator Petit

Thank you. This is really great conversation. And perhaps next year Legislator, Uchitelle and I could discuss the school vaccines as well, because I have had elementary school principals reach out to me, because some of these kids are going in and they're getting jacked up 12-15 shots. Some of these shots are these diseases are sexually transmitted. So if you have kids, you know 12 years old and under that are getting those that like hepatitis or I can't even name them all. But by I mean that that is a real problem. And I was one of those mothers who resisted anything except what was mandated. You know, if it was recommended that the kids generally they didn't get it. But that's just me, and that's also my choice. And that's why I agreed to cosponsor this and I'm glad that Legislator Bruno's willing to sign on. I did After talking to Legislator Wawro, put in an extra paragraph that there should be masks. It is your choice if you don't want to be vaccinated, and you want to take a chance of getting sick. However, it's not my choice if you are sick, to run a risk of having one of the breakthrough, viral loads. And I really strongly believe anybody who's not vaccinated should wear a mask. So I was happy that that was put in.

Legislator Bruno

If I can add one more thing to reiterate what the Legislator Petit said. I work for Vassar Brothers Medical Center, everybody pretty much sees it. And everybody knows that. Prior to COVID, the flu, which there was a 50-50 shot of the flu vaccine ever working, because they didn't know what strain would come out one year to the next. But we were given an option, you can either get that vaccine, or you had to wear a mask, it was one or the other. If you didn't want the vaccine, you wear a mask every time you stepped into the building until you left, and I and I get that it's similar to this. You can get the shot, that doesn't mean you're not going to get COVID. That doesn't mean you're not going to be able to transmit it, or you're even going to get sick. So then you wear the mask. I get that, but it should be my choice. It should not be mandated one way or the other. So I agree. Absolutely with Laura Petite.

Chairman Lopez

Marc.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Just for clarification purposes with the sponsors. Um, it seems to insinuate that this resolution is opposing both vaccination but also if someone is not vaccinated, that they get tested on a weekly basis. Just to point out that since August, when the county executive has had an executive order for county employees, either to show vaccination status, or be tested, we've identified somewhere in between 20 to 30, asymptomatic positive cases that we've been able to send home and not have working amongst the workforce. And if this is opposing that kind of program? I mean, you'd see, you know, many more clusters in the county.

Legislator Bruno

(inaudible) given the choice.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Okay, I would just the first whereas indicates otherwise, so

Chairman Lopez

Well, also let me remind everybody, that's a memorializing resolution. So it's not setting the policy. It's a non-binding resolution. So it's really just, yeah, making a point. Laura

Legislator Petit

Could I ask, since Deputy Executive Rider pointed that out. Is there a word or two that we could amend now since the sponsors are here?

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

I mean, so it's pointing for me, it's pointing out the the program that was going to be put forward by the Department of Labor, which is get vaccinated or go through a weekly test and opposing it. And so, I mean, if that wasn't the intent. I don't

Legislator Petit

I think it further whereas does say a mask or testing, but

Legislator Bruno

It does say that the first whereas - negative test result, or at least a weekly basis, or testing before coming to work. So it does allow us that that person to have that option.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

That was the federal program that this resolution is opposing, just to be specific. That federal program was for anybody over 100 or more employees, that the employees have to either be vaccinated or go

through weekly testing. That was the program that was put in place by the state. And that's the program that this resolution opposed,

Legislator Bruno

And that just because Cuomo or Hochul, or Biden says it's so doesn't mean it's right.

Legislator Wawro

My intent for this resolution was not that you shouldn't be tested or wear masks - that you shouldn't be required to be mandated to be vaccinated.

Legislator Wawro

So it's not opposing testing and it's not opposing masks. It's opposing forced vaxing.

Legislator Bruno

Exactly.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Legislator Petit

Opposing (inaudible)

Chairman Lopez

Laura, do we - I think Laura we lost you.

Legislator Petit

I'm here. I was just pulling up the first whereas.

Chairman Lopez

Oh okay.

Legislator Petit

Directed at private businesses.

Legislator Bruno

If you'd like I could read it out loud - I have it in front of me.

Legislator Petit

Yeah.

Chairman Lopez

Sure.

Legislator Bruno

Whereas on September 9, 2021, President Joseph Biden announced plans to direct the US government our US Department of Labor's occupational safety, health, administration

Legislator Petit

Oh that's the wrong resolution.

Legislator Bruno

That's the first whereas.

Legislator Petit

Yeah, I guess they didn't get the amended resolution if they sent out the original one Mary?

Legislator Bruno

This is the one that I just got, that I printed.

Legislator Petit

Cause the one I pulled up online doesn't have that as the first paragraph because what that paragraph was pulled. And some of the redundant whereas's were pulled and a further resolved was put in. So it looks like the older version was sent out.

Legislator Bruno

That's what I have in front of me.

Legislator Wawro

So let me see if I can find a copy of the amended.

Nettie Tomshaw

I can read what I show in the system as current. It says, September 9, the federal government announced plans to direct the US Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA to develop an emergency temporary standard ETS directed at private sector businesses, with 100 or more employees to require their employees to either be vaccinated against COVID-19 virus or require any workers who remain unvaccinated to produce a negative test result on at least a weekly basis before coming to work.

Legislator Bruno

Yeah, that's what it says on the rest of it. The basically took the top part of part of it off from what I had to say, yeah.

Legislator Petit

And I thought the third whereas was supposed to come out to but

Legislator Bruno

In light of the state of recently issued Fifth Circuit Court.

Legislator Wawro

Doesn't look like it's

Legislator Petit

It only looks like it was partially amended.

Nettie Tomshaw

The third whereas?

Legislator Bruno

The third whereas?

Legislator Petit

Yeah, third, whereas I thought we took out.

Legislator Bruno

In light of the stay.

Legislator Petit

Yeah.

Legislator Bruno

So the fourth whereas becomes the third whereas where it says, whereas private sector employees have been overwhelmed by the contingencies and restrictions.

Legislator Petit

Yes. Will require any workers who remain unvaccinated produce a negative test result on at least a weekly basis. Yeah, and this the section I'm looking at that third, whereas should come out which I guess the fourth whereas.

Legislator Bruno

Which is Attorney General in at least 26 states and numerous private businesses. Well for me any of these -whether it be a couple of whereas, but the resolved area is that the Ulster County Legislature will expresses its opposition to COVID-19 vaccine mandates any local state or federal government?

Legislator Wawro

Yeah, because

Legislator Bruno

That's the important

Legislator Wawro

Strike a, well, that so that is out.

Legislator Petit

Yeah, I mean, I guess if you don't worry about the other, the other whereas - the results are, you know, follow

Legislator Bruno

The resolves would make a resolution, the resolution.

Chairman Lopez

So do you want to make you want to make an amendment then in order to change it? You want to change it right?

Legislator Petit

That's it? Yeah. I don't know. I'm not pulling that one up. Yeah, I can't. There's a whole entire document the un-amended one?

Legislator Bruno

Laura if I may, I printed this two days ago. So if it was amended since then, that's

Legislator Petit

Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Legislator Bruno

I just printed this one today. But it doesn't seem to be um,

Chairman Lopez

So the one that Nettie just read that is the most recent that's up. Yeah. Screen. How does that differ from the one that you're looking at Mary?

Nettie Tomshaw

I can read the third paragraph if you want it in or out. I can read what I see. It says whereas in light of the stay recently issued by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, finding that legal challenges to the ETS are likely to succeed on the merits. OSHA has suspended its activities related to the implementation and enforcement of the ETS pending the outcome of the constitutional challenges. That's the first paragraph.

Nettie Tomshaw

Mr. Chairman can I make a recommendation? I'm sure I'm feeling like uncomfortable because the language is not baked. And so can I make a recommendation that the author's go back and bake it correctly and bring it back to the committee?

Legislator Petit

I mean, we did. It just wasn't presented.

Legislator Wawro

We did it just not right. We don't have

Legislator Bruno

It's just not the printed copies. The printed copies are not where they are. That's all in front of us.

Chairman Lopez

So, so the one that we have in front of us that we want to know what we're voting on.

Legislator Bruno

It's what Nettie has in front of her. That's the real one.

Chairman Lopez

Nettie has, okay.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

That's the one, the one that she read is the same one that was handed out in the backup.

Legislator Bruno

Well, that's not the same one that we have are the one she has been amended compared to the one that I originally,

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Laura mentioned, the further resolved and in the one that Nettie was reading, there is no further resolved.

Nettie Tomshaw

I have four resolves. Yeah, four of them.

Legislator Petit

I mean, if the further is after the and

Chairman Lopez

So the current one of record is what Nettie read. Correct. And that's, and that's the version that we should be voting on and committee tonight.

Legislator Petit

And it's in the chat. Yeah. It's more semantics. Nothing really changed the last results. We took out any reference to the President.

Chairman Lopez

So what version do we have? What version is in front of me? Is that the version of record the one that was submitted? With the amendments? Yeah. I'm sorry.

Legislator Wawro

I just messaged Jay to see.

Legislator Petit

It's really too bad because we did work on it quite a bit. Yeah was already added about. So

Legislator Petit

Did you guys open up the chat?

Legislator Bruno

I just did, yes. And I see it, I see the different mind just a dated version of it.

Legislator Petit

The newer version that's in the chat room does.

Legislator Bruno

That's the one. That's the one we are right. And I see mine's an older version of it that I was reading before, but it's the same thing.

Legislator Petit

Yeah. And Deputy Riders is in our packet so

Legislator Bruno

I would like to move that we pass and move it forward to the floor.

Chairman Lopez

No, okay. Um, the one that was submitted - the one that's a matter of record, right, correct. That's

Nettie Tomshaw

Yeah and I only have one choice in the system. There's one. There's no redlined- nothing. There's one.

Chairman Lopez

So the issue is with the versions that each one of you have, they differ because it's not current, correct. But what's in the system is current.

Legislator Bruno

Correct.

Legislator Bruno

Okay.

Legislator Bruno

So we're voting on the one that one that is in the system.

Chairman Lopez

Right, so and that's the one that you're okay with Al and that you're okay with Laura?

Legislator Petit

Yes.

Chairman Lopez

And I'm fine with that as well. If you want to

Legislator Bruno

I'll make a motion, if I need to.

Chairman Lopez

Well, it's already been moved and seconded and discussed. All right. So I'll call the question. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Legislator Bruno

Mary? I think Mary got disconnected.

Chairman Lopez

Well Mary can't vote. She's not part of the committee.

Legislator Bruno

Oh.

Nettie Tomshaw

Laura and Al said yes. Craig?

Chairman Lopez

Aye.

Nettie Tomshaw

That's three yes.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'm a no.

Legislator Criswell

I'm a no as well.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, well do we have any new business? Anything to bring to the good of the committee? Old business, discussions? Hearing none.

Nettie Tomshaw

It passed 3-2.

Legislator Bruno

I'll make a motion to adjourn.

Chairman Lopez

Have a second.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll second.

Chairman Lopez

All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Lopez

All right. Very good. Everybody say well.

Committee Members

Good night.