

Public Health and Social Services Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: April 4, 2016, 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, C.O.B.
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Craig Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner
EXCUSED: Legislator Roberts
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive

Chairman Craig Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

MOTION NO. 1 To Approve the Minutes of the February 29, 2016 Meeting
Motion Made By: Legislator Jonathan Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION NO. 2 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 131 for April 19, 2016 Session
Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio motioned to TAKE NO ACTION
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen
Text of Motion: Resolution No. 131 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2016 (A Local Law Protecting Children From Exposure To Toxic Chemicals) To Be Held On Tuesday, April 12, 2016 At 6:00 PM.
Discussion: Chairman Lopez concurred with Legislator Belfiglio per the request of sponsor Legislator Bartels, to again delay action taken until next month as more research is needed.
NO ACTION TAKEN

MOTION NO. 3	<u>Resolve to Amend and Approve Resolution No. 174 for April 19, 2016 Session</u>
Motion Made By:	Legislator Carl Belfiglio for discussion and on the amendment
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Chris Allen
Text of Motion:	<u>Resolution No. 174</u> – Requesting Transfer From Contingent Account Pursuant To Budget Amendment No. 15 of 2015 – Appropriating Funds To The AWARENESS Program – Amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget
Discussion:	<p>Legislator Belfiglio explained the history of the program during the past budget season leading up to this resolution and the administrative expenses incurred by the AWARENESS director. Legislator Allen noted the director of this not-for-profit organization does not incur a salary to run the operation and commended the director for her work. After committee discussion and recommendations the following amendments were presented.</p> <p>1st WHEREAS; strike wording (for underage drinking offenders, marijuana, prescription drugs, and any other violations or low level criminal charges in Ulster County)</p> <p>3rd WHEREAS; strike (clinical) and replace with (LMHC) License Mental Health Counselor.</p> <p>11th WHEREAS; strike in its entirety</p> <p>12th WHEREAS; strike (10% to cover associated fees) and replace with (\$10,000.00 to cover new administrative costs, increased expenses and incorporation of salaries)</p> <p>Increase and Transfer funding amount from (\$11,111.00) Contingent Account to (\$20,000.00) Other Home and Community Services</p> <p>2nd RESOLVE; strike (\$11,111.00) and replace with (\$20,000.00)</p>
Motion Made By:	Legislator Carl Belfiglio on the amendment and the resolution as amended
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Jonathan Heppner
Voting In Favor:	Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	4
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Carried

MOTION NO. 4 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 177 for April 19, 2016 Session

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio for discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 177 – Establishing A Policy To Provide Onsite Seasonal Flu Vaccinations To County Employees

Discussion: After much discussion regarding the current policy, procedures, privacy issues, and cost impact, the committee wanted to hear from the resolution sponsor Legislator Loughran and his reasoning for wanting to establish an in-house policy. Legislator Heppner confirmed offering in house services conforms to HIPAA regulations. The committee concluded to take no action.

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio to take no action.

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Disposition: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

MOTION NO. 5 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 200 for April 19, 2016 Session

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 200 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Mid-Hudson Valley Early Education Center – Department Of Social Services

Discussion: This contract is for professional services for preschool 3-5 yrs. of age, special education services provided by Mid-Hudson Valley Early Education Center. State 59.5%, County 40.5%, Contract 7/1/16-6/30/17. Rates expected to exceed \$50K – estimated \$185K per Ken Crannell.

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 6 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 201 for April 19, 2016 Session

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio for discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 201 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Natalie Mesa – Department Of Social Services

Discussion: Chairman Lopez explained this resolution covers behavioral health clinical services early on in the process in collaboration with the County’s Child Protection Services unit. Scope of Services Include: Accompany CPS caseworkers in the field, provide screening for adults and/or children to provide early identification of behavioral health needs, provide brief interventions to families directly, provide clinical assessments and documentation supporting the process, provide psycho education and training to parents, provide formal education & training to DSS staff at least twice per year, make referrals and serve as a liaison to community behavioral health services. Financial Impact: State 89%, County 11%, \$75K, Time frame 5/1/16 – 4/30/17. Legislator Heppner inquired if the past year was successful. Mr. Crannell noted the program is experimental and this being the second year of the two year grant is still being evaluated. Only a few counties were selected for the program.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 7 Resolve to Block & Approve Resolution Nos. 202 - 229 for April 19, 2016 Session

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio for discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 202 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports For Living – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 203 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 204 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Bennington School Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 205 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Berkshire Farm Center And Services For Youth – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 206 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Catholic Charities Of The Diocese Of Albany, Community Maternity Services – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 207 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Children’s Home Of Kingston, New York – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 208 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Devereux Foundation – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 209 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Eagleton School, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 210 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Equinox, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 211 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Green Chimneys Children’s Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 212 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Hillside Children’s Center – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 213 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Jewish Board Of Family And Children’s Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 214 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Jewish Child Care Association Of New York – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 215 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 216 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – KidsPeace National Centers Of North America, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 217 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – LaSalle School – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 218 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Lincoln Hall – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 219 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 220 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – MercyFirst – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 221 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Northeast Parent and Child Society, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 222 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Parsons Child And Family Center – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 223 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Saint Anne Institute – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 224 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Saint John Bosco Child and Family Services – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 225 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – St. Catherine’s Center for Children – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 226 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – St. Christopher’s, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 227 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Children’s Home Of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 228 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The William George Agency For Children’s Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 229 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Vanderheyden Hall, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Discussion: Ken Crannell provided the committee with an overview of the contracts. Heppner asked to include Ken’s contract overview in the caucus packet.

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 8 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 230 for April 19, 2016 Session

Motion Made By: Legislator Chris Allen

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Johnathan Heppner

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 230 – Amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office For People With Developmental Disabilities For A Two Percent Increase In Annual Salary And Salary And Salary Related Fringe Benefit Costs For Specific Title Series Pursuant To Part 1 Of Chapter 60 Of The Laws Of 2014 – Department Of Mental Health

Discussion: Chairman Lopez noted there is no increase in the County’s contribution as a result of this amendment. Additional 2016 State Revenue \$30.9K.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 9 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 241 for April 19, 2016 Session

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio for discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 241 – Amending Resolution No. 477 of 2015, Dated December 15, 2015, Authorizing The Chairman OF The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Two Lease Agreements With Astor Services For Children & Families As Lessee, For Office Space To Provide Family Mental Health Services To The Community – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Discussion: Chairman Lopez explained there was a discrepancy regarding space currently occupied by Astor. This resolution corrects / authorizes to enter into a lease agreement for office space consisting of 1,230 SF at the Ellenville location for a term of three years and twenty-seven days. Legislator Belfiglio qualified the lease could be terminated sooner if necessary.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried



4/4/16 Meeting of the Public Health and Social Services Committee

Ken Crannell to: cvlopez

04/01/2016 11:37 AM

Cc: kenronkjr, Nettie L Tomshaw

Chairman Lopez,

Given the large volume of foster care agency contracts on the agenda for next weeks meeting, I thought I would provide background on these contracts to assist the Committee's discussions. I would appreciate it if you would forward this information to the members of the Committee or any other Legislator that may be interested.

On 12/31/15, we contracted for 112 Ulster County children in foster care. This is down from 131 children contracted for on 12/31/14. This is just a snapshot of that day, but demonstrates an accurate average and trend of this type of placement for the year.

Placement at any foster care facility is based on what program would be the best match for the child (based on therapeutic approach, any diagnoses or special needs of the child, security of the child (24-hour stay-awake staff, etc), and if the facility has any open spots for the child in the specific program. All facilities are non-sectarian regardless of the name of the facility.

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (NYSOCFS) sets the per diem rate for the various programs provided by the facility and the New York State Education Department sets the tuition rate if the child attends an on-campus school or special school.

NYSOCFS issues the standard contract for all counties to utilize and the Agencies provide the scopes of services to incorporate. The term of the contract is for 2 years. This allows all foster care contracts to be renewed mid-year, spreading out the large contract renewal volume over the year instead of processing these with the year-end renewals. By having the end date in June 2018, foster care renewals are processed in even years, opposite the odd-year, mid-year renewals of Preschool contracts, where there are approximately 100 contracts.

The following table details the number of children placed at each of the contract agencies on 12/31/2015:

Agency	Children Placed there on 12/31/15
Access: Supports for Living	0
Astor Services for Children & Families	6
Bennington School Inc.	1
Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth	9
Catholic Charities of Albany - Community Maternity Services	2
Children's Home of Kingston, New York	1
Devereux Foundation	0
Eagleton School, Inc.	1
Equinox, Inc.	2
Green Chimneys Children's Services, Inc.	0
Hillside Children's Center	1
Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, Inc.	4
Jewish Child Care Association of New York	0
Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc.	1
KidsPeace National Centers of North America, Inc.	25
La Salle School	3
Lincoln Hall	1
Mental Health Association in Ulster County, Inc.	19
MercyFirst	1
Northeast Parent and Child Society, Inc.	1
Parsons Child and Family Center	4
Saint Anne Institute	1
Saint John Bosco Child and Family Services	3
St. Catherine's Center for Children	8
St. Christopher's, Inc.	6
The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie	8
The William George Agency for Children's Services, Inc.	2
Vanderheyden Hall, Inc.	2

As I mentioned, this is a particular snapshot of placement on 12/31/15. At that time, we had no children at 3 of the listed facilities, including Access, Devereux, and Green Chimneys. However, since January we have placed children at both Devereux and Green Chimneys under their current contracts. While we currently have no children placed at Access, we have advanced the contract at this time because (a) we incur no costs if we are not using the facility, (b) with the contract in place, we maintain contract continuity & maintain their appropriate insurance documents on file, and (c) we are ready to quickly move with a placement if appropriate, avoiding the "place and chase" of trying to contract after the child is already placed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Ken

New Business: Chairman Lopez would like to hold the May committee meeting at the Ellenville Regional Hospital, with Director Steve Kelly as host. Mr. Kelly will provide an overview of progress made within the hospital and a facility tour to follow, similar to the Head Trauma Center tour. The meeting start time is 6:30 PM. Legislator Belfiglio recommended sending out a press release to create good will with the hospital, advising the public and media. A second press release will follow after the tour and presentation.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Legislator Carl Belfiglio, seconded by Legislator Chris Allen, all were in favor. Chairman Lopez declared the meeting duly adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Employee
Minutes Approved on May 2, 2016