

Public Health and Social Services Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: May 2, 2016, 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Ellenville Regional Hospital, Boardroom off Main Lobby

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Craig Lopez

LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw

PRESENT: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts

EXCUSED: None

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Peter Loughran, Legislator Thomas Briggs, Ken Crannell Deputy County Executive, Steven Kelley President & CEO and Deborah Briggs Vice President Ellenville Regional Hospital

Prior to the monthly meeting Ellenville Regional Hospital gracious hosts, Director Steve Kelly and Vice President Deborah Briggs provided the history, progress made and a tour of their facility. As possibly the country's smallest teaching hospital, they are dedicated to bringing new providers, doctors, nurses and pharmacy professionals into the medical community. Chairman Lopez and the entire committee thanked Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Briggs for their informative tour, time and hospitality, wishing them continued success.

Chairman Craig Lopez called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

MOTION NO. 1 To Approve the Minutes of the April 4, 2016 Meeting

Motion Made By: Legislator Chris Allen

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION NO. 2 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 131 for May 17, 2016 Session

Motion Made By: Chairman Lopez 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, June 21, 2016 At 7:05 PM.

Discussion: Chairman Lopez noted 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 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 177 for May 17, 2016 Session

Motion Made By: Legislator Jonathan Heppner for discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

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

Discussion: Legislator Loughran conveyed his goal is to make it more convenient for county employees to have access to an annual flu immunization shot. Legislator Loughran isn't looking to change current policy. All he is advocating for is easier access for employees. Committee discussion ensued. Cost, logistics, frequency, amendments, RFP and a pilot program were all taken into consideration. Deputy Exec. Ken Crannell wasn't receptive to the policy, questioning what's wrong with the current process, may be cost prohibitive, can't have both and would most likely lead to the discontinuation of the current program. Legislator Roberts commended Legislator Loughran for his effort; however hearing variables going back and forth, reluctance from the Deputy Executive and being against bigger government, Legislator Roberts decided to vote against this resolution. Legislator Loughran thanked the committee for their support.

Motion Made By: Chairman Lopez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

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

Voting Against: Legislator Roberts

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 1

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 4 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 255 for May 17, 2016 Session

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 255 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Devereaux Foundation – Department Of Social Services

Discussion: Chairman Lopez explained this amendment resolution increases the not-to-exceed amount of the foster care contract due to the increased number of placements within this agency. The rates are set by the state. \$20K+/month per child Federal 36%, State 35%, County 29% \$95K Date 4/1/16 – 6/30/16.

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

MOTION NO. 5 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 256 for May 17, 2016 Session

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 255 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Discussion: This resolution is for persons in need of supervision (PINS) case management services. Federal 36%, State 29%, County 35% \$201K Contract Date 7/1/16 – 6/30/19.

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

MOTION NO. 6 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 257 for May 17, 2016 Session

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Jonathan Heppner

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 257 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Jewish Board Of Family & Children Services – Department Of Social Services

Discussion: This amendment resolution increases the not-to-exceed amount of the foster care contract due to an increased number of placements with the agency. Federal 36%, State 35%, County 29% \$75K Contract Date 4/1/16-6/30/16.

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

MOTION NO. 7 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 267 for May 17, 2016 Session

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 267 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Use And Dissemination Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – Department Of Social Services

Discussion: Chairman Lopez explained this resolution authorizes the execution of a Use and Dissemination Agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice to access criminal history record information compiled as part of the Child Protective Services unit investigation of individuals named in a report of suspected child abuse or of adult individuals living in the home of a child suspected of being abused or maltreated.

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

New Business: Legislator Belfiglio discussed a letter he received in the mail dated April 15, 2016 from the county health provider Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield - an Anthem Company, as did all county employees. They are currently in negotiations with Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley for a new multiyear agreement effective June 1, 2016. The letter stated contract negotiations with participation providers are a standard part of what they do every day to provide access to a broad network of providers. Legislator's Roberts, Briggs and Loughran concurred this appears to be SOP, to get the best possible cost hoping customers will call to support the continuation of services. Legislator Belfiglio will follow up with David Scarpino, CEO Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley.

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 8:30 PM.

Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Employee

Minutes Approved on June 6, 2016