

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

**DATE & TIME:** September 7, 2016 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** COB, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, K. L. Binder Library  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Craig Lopez  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Nettie Tomshaw  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Lee Cane, League of Women Voters

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

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

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

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Resolutions for the September 20, 2016 Session of the Legislature

**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, October 11, 2016 At 6:00 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution sets a public hearing for Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 6:00 PM to allow the public to comment on Proposed Local Law Number 3 of 2016.

**Motion No. 2:** **Resolution No. 131 moved for discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Allen  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Discussion:**

Chairman Lopez and committee reviewed the history of the past 6 months of inaction allowing the sponsor time to refine the resolution, and how to move forward. Committee discussion ensued. Also concern was raised as to safely protocol for waste disposal of toxic toy bi-products. Chairman Lopez shared a news article dated 6/22/16, “President Obama signs chemical safety bill into law”, which will ban substances and overhaul the process for regulating toxic chemicals, which Chairman Lopez expressed should be handled on the federal level – too big for the county to oversee. This federal bill also has the oversight of the EPA. Legislator Heppner noted federal lobbying efforts by chemical companies have successfully omitted parts from the bill.

**Motion No. 3:                    Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 131 for one additional month**

**Motion By:** Legislator Allen

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Heppner

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Allen, Heppner

**Voting Against:** Legislators Belfiglio, Lopez, Roberts

**Votes in Favor:** 2

**Votes Against:** 3

**Disposition:** Motion defeated

**Motion No. 4:                    Motion to Approve Resolution No. 131**

**Motion By:** Legislator Allen

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Heppner

**Voting In Favor:** Legislator Heppner

**Voting Against:** Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Lopez, Roberts

**Votes in Favor:** 1

**Votes Against:** 4

**Disposition:** Resolution defeated

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**Resolution No. 402:** Amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Alcohol And Substance Abuse Services For A 0.2% Cost Of Living Adjustment-Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the county to accept \$1,345.00 in additional COLA funding from the NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services.

**Motion No. 5:                    Resolution No. 402 moved for discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Allen

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Discussion:**

Committee reviewed the funding increase. Legislator Belfiglio noted he read reports that Ulster County was labeled as one of the drunkest counties in New York State based on the amount of establishments in the county.

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

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**Resolution No. 413:** Establishing A Policy To Provide For Tick Removal Kits, Informational Signs About Self-Monitoring For Ticks, And Informational Pamphlets About Lyme Disease And Other Tick Borne Illnesses

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution establishes a county policy to make readily available a sufficient number, as determined by the Commissioner of Health and County Executive Office, of tick removal kits, Lyme disease and other tick borne illness pamphlets and educational signage at trailheads throughout the county.

**Motion No. 6:** **Resolution No. 413 moved for discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Belfiglio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Discussion:** Legislator Allen, sponsor of this resolution expressed in light of the proliferation of trails in Ulster County, and although the county currently pays for and provides 2000 kits annually and has put forth comprehensive Lyme disease public education efforts, Legislator Allen would like to establish a county policy that would implement and insure continuance of available tick kits at county trailheads. Committee discussion ensued as to possible amendments that would entertain private funding and future potential grants to supplement the cost of the kits and literature having sponsor logos on the kits - being a win win for everyone.

Also although Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell could not be in attendance, he provided the committee with tick kit accessory pricing and related brochures that are currently assembled in local schools as an educational tool and distributed throughout the county.

**Motion No. 7:** **Motion to amend Resolution No. 413 adding a third resolve**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Belfiglio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Discussion:** After much discussion as to language to be inserted, the sponsor and committee amended the resolution adding a third resolve; *RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Health and the County Executive seek a partial private partnership to fund the costs of the program,*

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

**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution adopted

**Motion No. 8:** **Motion to approve Resolution No. 413 as amended**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Belfiglio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

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

(Please Note: At the September 13<sup>th</sup> Ways and Means Committee, this resolution was amended by removing the Second and Third Resolve)

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### **New Business**

Legislator Belfiglio serving on the NYSAC Mental Health Committee will be attending the annual conference September 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> in Niagara Falls. He noted three resolutions will be brought before the committee on the state level and will discuss with this committee at next month's meeting in the form of memorializing resolutions:

- Calling on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo And The State Legislature To Enact Rules And Regulations Requiring And Governing The Licensure, Conduct And Monitoring Of Sober Homes And/Or Recovery Residences In New York State
- Calling on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo And The State Legislature To Promote And Support Health And Safety Standards In Sober Homes And/Or Recovery Residences Consistent With National Association Of Recovery Residences (NARR) Standards
- Requiring Certification Or Training And Programs Targeted To Better Serve Individuals With Dyslexia. Noting Evelyn Whitebay will be at the October Session for Dyslexia Awareness.
- Legislator Belfiglio noted NYSAC procedure dictates resolutions must pass on the local level before they can be addressed with NYSAC committees.

### **Zika virus**

Legislator Roberts noted his district has a lot of seniors that travel to Florida every

year and if we have an expert in the Hudson Valley that can inform/advise our committee. Chairman Lopez reached out to Dr. Smith who offered to reach out on the committees behalf. Legislator Roberts offered his district to host an informational meeting at the senior center in Plattekill.

## **Old Business**

### **Vending Machine Food Policy**

As a follow up to last month's meeting, Legislator Roberts expressed he would like to see the market regulate itself and move toward repealing the policy.  
More discussion will follow.

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

## **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Roberts

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved: October 3, 2016