

## Public Health and Social Services Committee

### Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** August 4, 2014, 6:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Karen L. Binder, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, COB, Kingston, NY

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Craig V. Lopez

**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Nettie Tomshaw

**PRESENT:** Legislators Craig Lopez, Jeanette Provenzano, Chris Allen, Carl Belfiglio, and (Herbert Litts arrived 6:30 PM)

**EXCUSED:** None

**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Erica Guerin Legislative Counsel, Lee Cane League of Women Voters, Ken Crannell Deputy County Executive, John Grossbohl Friends of Catskill Mtn. Railtrail, Kathy Nolan UC Trails Advisory Committee, Teresa Brundage LPN

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

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**MOTION NO. 1** To Approve the Minutes of June 30, 2014

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Carl Belfiglio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Chris Allen

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Guest Speaker: Ida Gage, Senior Advocate** - Ms. Gage was unable to attend.

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### **RESOLUTIONS**

**MOTION NO. 2** **Resolutions No. 276– August 19, 2014**

**Text of Motion:** Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 276 – Creating An EMS Advisory Board For The County of Ulster

**Motion / Discussion:**

Motion made to open discussion by Legislator Belfiglio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislator Allen.

**Discussion:** The board will consist of no more than 21 voting members appointed by the Chairman of the UC Legislature bi-annually for the purpose of advising the Legislature on EMS related issues, and the adoption, repeal or amendments to Laws and Regulations as they relate to UC EMS-related functions. The board also shall issue an annual report to the Legislature.

Chairman Lopez compared this board to the Fire Advisory Board, whereas providing the county with improved representation and he fully supports its creation. Legislator Belfiglio noted both he and former Legislator Petite in the past questioned the routing / pecking order of the ambulance call list – who is called first, second, but feels it was never resolved. Leg. Belfiglio expressed this would be something the board could address. Chairman Lopez will reach out to Leg. Briggs to qualify the resolution language noted in the 6<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS to assure it properly represents the goal.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**MOTION NO. 3                      Resolutions No. 277 – August 19, 2014**

**Text of Motion:** Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 277 – Approving the Execution of a Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock – Family Shelter Plus Care – Department Of Social Services

**Motion / Discussion:**

Motion made to open discussion by Legislator Provenzano, 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislator Belfiglio.

**Discussion:** Chairman Lopez provided an overview whereas this agreement is to provide funding for “Family Shelter Plus Care”, 15 family size apartment / units pursuant to a grant from the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, (HUD) – 100% federally funded. This program provides sponsor based rental assistance. The Family of Woodstock has been named the sub-recipient of the grant.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Provenzano

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**MOTION NO. 4                      Resolutions No. 278 – August 19, 2014**

**Text of Motion:** Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 278 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Individual Shelter Plus Care – Department Of Social Services

**Motion / Discussion:**

Motion made to open discussion by Legislator Belfiglio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislator Allen.

**Discussion:** This resolution is the same as Resolution No. 277 but provides for (33) “Individual” size units. All locations are confidential, however predominantly located in the Kingston area. This federal funded program treats all walks of life - hard to serve homeless individuals.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

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

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**MOTION NO. 5                      Resolutions No. 279 – August 19, 2014**

**Text of Motion:** Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 279 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rondout Legal Services – Department Of Social Services

**Motion / Discussion:**

Motion made to open discussion by Legislator Belfiglio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislator Provenzano.

**Discussion:** This legal process service contract with Rondout Legal Services, Inc. is being extended for an additional year. This company serves legal paperwork to delinquent payees for child support collection, foster care, and all things related to DSS services. The County is billed on a used based need. Ken Cranell noted the county used the

service 804 times in the first half of this year. Of that, 284 times used for the City of Kingston, Town of Ulster, & Town of Port Ewen, 293 times for the rest of the county, 115 times surrounding counties, 120 out of state and NYC, and 10% on an emergency basis – need to act within 24 hrs. A contract bid will go out again next summer of 2015. County share is 17% of \$72,500.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Provenzano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**MOTION NO. 6                      Resolutions No. 280 – August 19, 2014**

**Text of Motion:** Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 280 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rolling V Bus Corp – Department Of Social Services

**Motion / Discussion:**

Motion made to open discussion by Legislator Provenzano, 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislator Belfiglio.

**Discussion:** This resolution extends the term of the agreement for mandated transportation with the Rolling V Bus Corp. for preschool children with special needs from birth to two years of age who are receiving mandated services through the County's Early Intervention and Preschool programs - 50% Federal / 50% State. Anticipating rates expected to exceed \$50K with an increase rate of 1.9%.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Provenzano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**MOTION NO. 7                      Resolutions No. 281 – August 19, 2014**

**Text of Motion:** Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 281 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Durham School Services – Department Of Social Services

**Motion / Discussion:**

Motion made to open discussion by Legislator Provenzano, 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislator Belfiglio.

**Discussion:** This resolution is the same as Resolution No. 280 but contracted through Durham School Services.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Provenzano

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**MOTION NO. 8                      Resolutions No. 282 – August 19, 2014**

**Text of Motion:** Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 282 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Arthur F. Mulligan – Department Of Social Services

**Motion / Discussion:**

Motion made to open discussion by Legislator Belfiglio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislator Allen.

**Discussion:** This resolution is the same as Resolution Nos. 280 & 281 but contracted through Arthur F. Mulligan. Total of 198 preschool children - summer session driven to and from school for all three resolutions.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**MOTION NO. 9                      Resolutions No. 283 – August 19, 2014**

**Text of Motion:** Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 283 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –

Multi-County Development Corp. – Multi-County Development Corp.  
– Mental Health

**Motion / Discussion:**

Motion made to open discussion by Legislator Provenzano, 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislator Allen.

**Discussion:** This is a contract amendment increasing the number of supported housing units from (16) to (24) mandated per state agreement – increasing funds by \$55K – 100% state funded and geared to move people out of state hospitals and into homes. Legislators Provenzano and Belfiglio noted this speaks to the fact for the need of low income housing in Ulster County - stiff competition for limited state grants, towns are apprehensive embracing affordable housing in their community, and investors aren't interested in building without government subsidies – pilots, etc.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Provenzano

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**MOTION NO. 10                      Resolutions No. 285 – August 19, 2014**

**Text of Motion:** Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 285 – Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget To Accept A New York University School Of Medicine Grant – Department of Social Services

**Motion / Discussion:**

Motion made to open discussion by Legislator Belfiglio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislator Allen.

**Discussion:** This grant will be used in support of an initiative to make the NYS child welfare foster care system more responsive to needs of children and their families, with the goal to improve the outcome at the individual and systemic levels, addressing medication preference, severe trauma, staff and family training, research, etc. helping to improve their lives when they leave the system.

Ken Crannell noted, due to the county's expertise dealing with the foster care system, Ulster County is the only county outside of NYC to receive this grant – real honor. Sorkin will collaborate with NYU School of Medicine – Atlas Project, whereas Dr. Sorkin and a Project Coordinator will travel to foster and birth parents' homes for foster system follow up and will assist with training practitioners.

They will also track project outcomes and assist with evaluation and paper writing.

Legislator Belfiglio asked for salary clarification of Sorkin and Qamar, and also noted the grant is money well spent.

<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Belfiglio
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Allen
<b>Voting In Favor:</b>	Legislators Lopez, Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	4
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	Carried

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### **New / Old Business:**

Kathy Nolan spoke on behalf of the U&D Subcommittee of the Trails Advisory Committee asking for the Health Committee's full support of trail Resolution Nos. 275 and 291 going before the Legislature this month. Ms. Nolan also offered / extended Trails Advisory Committee Chairman Steve Rice along with other trail committee members attend Health committee meetings as needed to discuss future trail resolutions.

Legislator Provenzano thanked Chairman Lopez and went on record supporting the trail resolutions – noting the long time planning and demonstrated forward thinking on the part of the Legislature, and asked the Health Committee for their full support for the trail resolutions. Rail / trail lengthy discussion ensued.

Chairman Lopez noted his position is known to all as he sits on both rails and trails committee, Legislator Belfiglio would like more time to consider his position due to being on vacation and other committee commitments. Legislator Allen would like to review the original lease. Ultimately further discussion will take place at the next caucus.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Legislator Chris Allen and seconded by Legislator Herb Litts, all were in favor, and Chairman Lopez declared the meeting duly adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Dated the 15th Day of August, 2014  
Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Employee  
Minutes Approved on: September 8, 2014