

Public Health and Social Services Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: June 2, 2014, 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Craig V. Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Craig Lopez, Chris Allen, Carl Belfiglio, Herbert Litts
EXCUSED: Jeanette Provenzano
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Erica Guerin Legislative Counsel, Lee Cane League of Women Voters, Linda Rozzi & Ruth Lewis CMA (AAMA), Kayse Diamond ProAct, Justin Sparks Family & Friends, Ken Crannell Deputy Cty. Executive

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

MOTION NO. 1 To Approve the Minutes of May 5, 2014
Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio and Litts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Guest Speakers: Three (3) guests were in attendance at the meeting.

1.) Kayse Diamond, ProAct Inc. Communications Coordinator

Ms. Diamond provided a brief program update as well as an overview of the history of ProAct, whereas the county implemented the program in 2010. Kayse provided literature and asked the committee to spread the word about the program to their constituents.

- Program is administered by ProAct, Inc. a Pharmacy Benefit Mgmt. Co.
- ProAct is a prescription discount card program whereas anyone can participate when their prescriptions are not covered by insurance.

- The program is free of charge to the county and residents.
- No restrictions or limitations on frequency of use.
- All medications are covered.
- Completely anonymous
- Discount Cards are pre-activated and ready to use.
- Average savings on brand name medications is 10-20% & 20-70% generic medications.

2.) Justin Sparks, Pride Of Ulster County Award Recipient

Chairman Lopez presented a Pride of Ulster County Award to Justin Sparks, an eleven year old student from Walker Valley who saved the life of a classmate by performing the Heimlich maneuver. Justin shared with the committee how he helped his classmate dislodge the food from his throat. Justin learned the Heimlich procedure by viewing posters in school and the community. Justin was accompanied by his family and friends.

3.) Linda Rozzi & Ruth Lewis, (CMA) Certified Medical Assistant, (AAMA) American Association of Medical Assistants

Chairman Lopez welcomed both guests who presented a power point with facts about the in and out of state laws that govern their field of employment. Although they are trained and certified to perform a higher level expertise of care, New York State does not recognize some aspects of their formal training, thus minimizing their range of duties and scope to perform certain tasks. Their examination testing covers three major areas, General Medical, Administrative, and Clinical Knowledge. They also noted the need for CMA's are expected to increase 35 percent by 2016 - which is much faster than the average for all occupations in the field of medicine. Linda and Ruth are asking for direction and support on the state and county levels for their scope of practice and certification be fully recognized in the state of New York.

Conversation ensued. Legislators thanked them for their presentation and time however felt it would be best to lobby their local representatives in Albany on the state level. Chairman Lopez and Leg. Belfiglio also referred them to our Health Department – Commissioner Carol Smith, MD. Linda and Ruth also plan to send the bill number along with additional information to Chairman Lopez and Chairman John Parete after further research.

(Below please find the link to Linda & Ruth's updated power point presentation per Linda's email)

Hi! I have updated the slide show with more information pertinent to our discussion including this information. In most states, medical assisting derives its authority to practice from the state Medical Practice Act and the regulations, policies, and decisions of the state Board of Medical Examiners. Generally, medical assisting is not under the jurisdiction of the state Board of Nursing and the state Nurse Practice Act. Medical assistants are not delegated nursing tasks by RNs and LPNs. They are delegated clinical and administrative tasks by physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants. Also there are about 24,000 medical assistants in N.Y. You had requested a link to my slideshow http://prezi.com/qrgg9t_fy22v/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy

Call or email if you have any questions. Thanks for all your help and your time I really appreciated it.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION NO. 2

Resolutions No. 194 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion:

Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 194 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Multi County Community Development Corporation – Department Of Social Services

Motion / Discussion:

Motion made to open discussion by Legislator Belfiglio, 2nd Legislator Allen.

Discussion:

Mandated PINS (Persons In Need Of Supervision) services. Includes crisis intervention, case mgmt. & liaison for youth who are on diversion status or on court-ordered supervision.

Motion Made By:

Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By:

Legislator Allen

Voting In Favor:

Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio and Litts

Voting Against:

None

No. of Votes in Favor:

4

No. of Votes Against:

0

Disposition:

Carried

MOTION NO. 3

Resolutions No. 198 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion:

Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 198 – Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Board Of Health

Motion / Discussion:

Motion made to open discussion by Legislator Belfiglio, 2nd Legislator Allen.

Discussion:

Ann Cardinale appointment – Legislature Belfiglio upon reviewing Ann's resume expressed Ann would be an asset to the Board of Health.

Motion Made By:

Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By:

Legislator Allen

Voting In Favor:

Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio and Litts

Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	4
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Carried

MOTION NO. 4

Resolutions No. 204 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 204 – Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget Due To Increased Allocation From The New York State Child Care Block Grant Subsidy Program – Department Of Social Services

Motion / Discussion:

Motion made to open discussion by Legislator Belfiglio, 2nd Legislator Litts.

Discussion: Chairman Lopez described this as a state pass through block grant. Funds will be used as the primary resource to the department in meeting the child care subsidy needs of low-income families. The grant is comprised of federal child care development funds, transfers from the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families block grant, and state funds, and is administered by the New York

Motion Made By: Legislator Allen

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio and Litts

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 5

Resolutions No. 205 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 205 – Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget Due To Accept An Additional Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Mental Health – Department Of Mental Health

Motion / Discussion:

Motion made to open discussion by Legislator Litts, 2nd Legislator Belfiglio.

Discussion: Committee requested additional details as to the (8) additional beds being funded, regarding location and kind of housing. N. Tomshaw to follow up with Ken Crannell.

Per K. Crannell, the additional funds are for individual apartments within our community - case management type - whereas individuals

are checked in upon. Locations are to be determined at this time. This is a result of hospital bed closures.

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

MOTION NO. 6 Resolutions No. 206 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 206 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With Family Services, Inc. For Office Space At The Trudy Resnick Farber Center In The Village Of Ellenville – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion / Discussion:

Motion made to open discussion by Legislator Litts, 2nd Legislator Belfiglio.

Discussion: Ulster Prevention Council – a program of Family Services satellite office space - 108 sq. ft. lower level of the Trudy Resnick Farber Center annual cost \$1,080.00.

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

New Business:

Legislator Belfiglio expressed the desire for the committee to consider touring area health care facilities such as the North East Head Trauma Center for Special Care in Lake Katrine. Also he would like to have representatives from each facility come to the Health committee meetings.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Legislator Litts and seconded by Legislator Allen, all were in favor, and Chairman Lopez declared the meeting duly adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Dated 12th Day of June, 2014

Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Employee

Minutes Approved on: June 30, 2014