

## Public Health & Social Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** February 3, 2020 – 5:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** K.L. Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, C.O.B.  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Craig Lopez  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Nettie Tomshaw  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Criswell, Bruno, Petit  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Uchitelle  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Marc Rider Deputy County Executive, Tom Kadgen League of Women Voters

Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Chairman Lopez welcomed members to the committee, expressing he looks forward to working with everyone.

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**Motion No. 1:**                    **Moved to Approve Minutes of the December 5, 2019 meeting**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Petit  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bruno  
**Discussion:**                    None  
**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit  
**Voting Against:**            None  
**Votes in Favor:**            4  
**Votes Against:**            0  
**Disposition:**                **Minutes APPROVED**

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### **Resolutions for the February 18, 2020 Session of the Legislature**

**Resolution No. 20:** Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept One-Time Only Funding From The New York State Office Of Alcoholism And Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) For Jail-Based Medication Assisted Treatment Services (MAT) – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends the 2020 UC Budget accepting one-time funding from (OASAS) to be used exclusively for the cost of jail-based medication assisted treatment services (MAT). State \$50K

**Motion No. 2** **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 20**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Criswell

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** Legislator Bruno confirmed OASAS funding would be used to treat inmates who have drug and or alcohol addictions with medication assisted treatment on a voluntary basis, noting even with bail reform once convicted, the inmate still has addiction issues that would require treatment. The program is new. Committee discussion ensued. Once released from incarceration the person will be advised as to county services available via Social Services/Medicaid & Sheriff's Office, EM rooms and treatment facilities – all voluntary!

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 4

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 21:** Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Office Of Alcoholism And Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chair of the UC Legislature to execute a contract with (OASAS) to support chemical dependency, problem gambling treatment, prevention and recovery services in Ulster County. State \$1,028,256.00 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020.

**Motion No. 3** **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 21**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Petit

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Criswell

**Discussion:** Legislator Petit confirmed the county pays upfront - the state reimburses the county. Aid is paid upon services rendered per the contract terms.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 4

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 22:** Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For A Minimum Wage And Workforce Cost Of Living Adjustment– Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends the 2020 UC Budget to accept increased funds from the NYS Office of Mental Health for a minimum wage and workforce cost of living adjustment. State, \$54K

**Motion No. 4**                    **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 22**

**Motion Made By:**        Legislator Petit

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Criswell

**Discussion:**                Chair Lopez noted this is a COLA adjustment. Money we pay to contractors.

**Voting In Favor:**        Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit

**Voting Against:**         None

**Votes in Favor:**         4

**Votes Against:**         0

**Disposition:**            **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 23:** Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends the 2020 UC Budget to accept increased funding from the NYS Office Of Mental Health for Gateway Community Industries, Inc. for personalized recovery oriented services (PROS). No additional county contribution. State \$896.00

**Motion No. 5**                    **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 23**

**Motion Made By:**        Legislator Petit

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bruno

**Discussion:**                Increased funding \$896.00. Legislator Petit noted both ARC and Gateway have great programs, however program funding has been cut and programs are being discontinued.

**Voting In Favor:**        Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit

**Voting Against:**         None

**Votes in Favor:**         4

**Votes Against:**         0

**Disposition:**            **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 24:** Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Supported Housing – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends the 2020 UC Budget to accept increased funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health for supported housing. No additional county contribution. State \$43.3K

**Motion No. 6**                    **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 24**

**Motion Made By:**            Legislator Petit

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Criswell

**Discussion:**            Legislator Bruno confirmed all resolutions that have a monetary value attached, go before the Ways and Means Committee. Increased funding supports individual patient housing needs – not additional locations.

**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit

**Voting Against:**            None

**Votes in Favor:**            4

**Votes Against:**            0

**Disposition:**            **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 25:** Authorizing The Commissioner Of Health To Sign Annual Renewal Provider Agreement And Profile With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue Participation In The Vaccines For Adult (VFA) Program – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Health to sign an annual renewal provider agreement and profile with NYS Department of Health to continue participating in the vaccines for the adult program (VFA) meeting program eligibility requirements as determined by federal and or state guidelines. UCDOH receives publicly funded vaccines at no cost to the county.

**Motion No. 7**                    **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 25**

**Motion Made By:**            Legislator Petit

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Criswell

**Discussion:**            Legislator Bruno questioned the low participation. For adults 19 years of age or older who have no health insurance, are underinsured or non-covered for vaccines only. Meet criteria for VFA special population as defined in the VFA program eligibility criteria. Prior approval and appropriate PIN assignment from the Bureau of Immunization required.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 26:** Authorizing The Commissioner of Health To Sign An Annual Renewal Provider Agreement And Profile With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue Participation In The Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Health to sign an annual renewal provider agreement and profile with the NYS DOH to continue participation in vaccines for children (VFC) program. Eligibility requirements include one or more from the following category you are an American Indian or Alaska Native, are enrolled in Medicaid, have no health insurance, or are underinsured for vaccines. 0 to 18 years of age. No financial impact.

**Motion No. 8** **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 26**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Petit  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Criswell

**Discussion:** Committee questioned the low participation rate of the program. Legislator Criswell wondered if school health officials are aware of this program. Marc Rider will request Dr. Smith to attend next month's meeting to address this resolution and also Res. No. 25.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 65:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family Services, Inc. for family advocate services seeking treatment for substance abuse when they struggle to navigate insurance regulations and/or denied coverage. The agency will also assist in expediting referrals to treatment and support services. \$100K, 100% County professional services, contract date 1/1/20 – 12/31/2020.

**Motion No. 9**                    **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 65**  
**Motion Made By:**            Legislator Criswell  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Petit

**Discussion:**                    Committee debated whether the state now offers this service – possible duplication of services. Postponed – Marc Rider to verify.

**Motion No. 10**                **Moved to Postpone Resolution No. 65**  
**Motion Made By:**            Legislator Bruno  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Lopez

**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit  
**Voting Against:**            None  
**Votes in Favor:**            4  
**Votes Against:**            0  
**Disposition:**                **Resolution Postponed**

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**Resolution No. 66:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:**        This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock Inc. for emergency housing for any individual seeking assistance, regardless of income or eligibility for Temporary Assistance (TA). \$80K, 51% Federal, 49% County, contract date 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020.

**Motion No. 10**                **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 66**  
**Motion Made By:**            Legislator Petit  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Bruno

**Discussion:**                    Straight forward understanding.

**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit  
**Voting Against:**            None  
**Votes in Favor:**            4  
**Votes Against:**            0  
**Disposition:**                **Resolution Adopted**

**Resolution No. 67:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Bonadio & Co. LLP – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Bonadio & Co. LLP for public assistance case review referred by DSS. The firm review includes an assessment of current eligibility for various forms of public assistance, including Medicaid. \$80K, 50% Federal, 50% State, contract date 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020.

**Motion No. 11**                      **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 67**

**Motion Made By:**                Legislator Criswell

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:**                      Marc Rider provided an overview of this outside audit. Committee discussion ensued, county comptroller role vs. state.

**Voting In Favor:**                Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit

**Voting Against:**                 None

**Votes in Favor:**                 4

**Votes Against:**                 0

**Disposition:**                    **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 82:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Trustees Of Columbia University In The City Of New York – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Trustees of Columbia University NYC providing Wave 1 funding for staffing activities and community impact activities – research collaboration to conduct a “Healing Community Study” (HCS). The study will test the impact of a comprehensive, data-driven community response plan to deploy evidence-based practices (EBPs) across multiple sectors to reduce opioid-related overdose deaths. The primary goal is to reduce opioid-related OD deaths by 40 percent in Wave 1 communities receiving the HCS intervention during the 2nd year of implementation compared to Wave 2 communities that will receive the intervention after the second year. A total of 67 communities in 4 states (KY, MA, NY, OH) will be enrolled in the study to measure the impact of the intervention. \$98.6K 100% Revenue Prior amt. \$95.6K Addendum term Wave 1, 12/1/2019 – 3/31/2020. Fund for future years 2-4 is contingent upon satisfactory performance and continued funding by NIH.

**Motion No. 12**                      **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 82**

**Motion Made By:**                Legislator Criswell

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** Legislator Criswell was enthusiastic/optimistic about the county being a part of this study. Marc Rider provided an overview of the process. Committee discussion ensued.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Criswell, Bruno, Petit  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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### **New Business**

Legislator Bruno provided positive feedback /overview of his time at the NYSAC conference workshop. Erie County opioid police data collection program, along with doctors & dentists input, were able to target the opioid source thus reducing the number of overdoses and deaths. Also, narcan is made available in public places, similar to IED's. Legislature Bruno would like to have the speaker talk with Ulster County representatives.

Legislator Criswell confirmed how he could obtain a broad overview of the county health and social service departments. (The committee clerk forwarded the 2018 county executive annual report covering all departments to new members of the committee.)

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

### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Petit  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Criswell  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 6: 00 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff  
Minutes Approved: March 2, 2020