

## Public Health & Social Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** July 30, 2018 – 5:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** COB, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Legislative Chairman's Office  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Craig Lopez  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Nettie Tomshaw  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Nolan, Joseph Maloney, Petit, Wawro  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEE:** Kenneth Crannell Deputy County Executive

Chairman Craig Lopez welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.  
Legislator Joseph Maloney left the meeting at 5:11 PM due to a prior commitment.

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**Motion No. 1:**                   **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the July 2, 2018 meeting**

**Motion By:** Legislator Wawro  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Discussion:** None  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Joseph Maloney, Petit  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:**               **Minutes APPROVED**

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### Resolutions for the August 14, 2018 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 338:** Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Alcoholism And Substance Abuse Services For Workforce Cost Of Living Adjustments – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends the 2018 Ulster County Budget to accept increased funds from the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) for workforce Cost Of Living Adjustments to include salary increases for direct care, direct support and clinical staff per OASAS State Aid letters dated March 12, 2018 and April 27, 2018. This increase will annualize in 2019. There is no increase in county contributions. \$17.9K additional Federal, \$859.00 additional State Revenue – total \$18,775.00

**Motion No. 2:**                   **Moved for Adopt Resolution No. 338**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:**       Legislator Petit

**Discussion:**

Legislator Petit provided positive feedback on all of the State approved contract agencies, however expressed grave concern about one agency that services her district.  
The Chairman noted the resolution only covers pass through monies covering cost of living adjustments. Individual agency contracts can be reviewed when the resolution goes before the committee at a later date. Committee discussion ensued.

**Voting In Favor:**           Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Wawro  
**Voting Against:**          Legislators Joseph Maloney, Petit  
**Votes in Favor:**           3  
**Votes Against:**           2  
**Disposition:**           **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 339:**    Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Supported Housing And Vital Access – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends the 2018 Ulster County Budget to accept increased funds from NYS Office Of Mental Health (OMH) for Supported Housing and Vital Access as per OMH State Aid letters dated March 14, 2018 and June 5, 2018.  
There will not be an increase in county contributions. \$83.6K additional State Revenue

**Motion No. 3:**                   **Moved for Adopt Resolution No. 339**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Wawro  
**Motion Seconded By:**       Legislator Nolan

**Discussion:**               None

**Voting In Favor:**           Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Wawro  
**Voting Against:**          Legislator Petit  
**Votes in Favor:**           3  
**Votes Against:**           1  
**Disposition:**           **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 346:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement To Establish The Municipal Healthcare Financing Collective To Be Made Up Of Various Counties For The Purposes Of Exploring Potential Savings On Stop-Loss Insurance – Personnel Department

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the UC Legislature to execute an agreement establishing the Municipal Healthcare Financing Collective to explore potential savings on stop-loss insurance. The County will consider participating in an alternative risk mitigation program designed to allow municipal employers to take advantage of the benefits of a self-funded employee health benefits plan while potentially reducing volatility and costs associated with stop-loss insurance requirements through participation in a group captive.

**Motion No. 4:**                      **Moved for Adopt Resolution No. 346**  
**Motion By:**                      Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Petit

**Discussion:**

Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell provided an overview to explore working with other counties, including Herkimer, Columbia, St. Lawrence, The Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Ins. Consortium and Ulster to establish the Municipal Healthcare Financing Collective - designed to save money. Under the Charter the UC Legislative Chairman signs all Intermunicipal agreements, whereas normally the Legislature would not see.

**Voting In Favor:**                Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Wawro  
**Voting Against:**                None  
**Votes in Favor:**                4  
**Votes Against:**                0  
**Disposition:**                **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Old Business** - None

**New Business** - None

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

**Adjournment**

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

**TIME:**        5:15 PM  
Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff  
Minutes Approved: September 5, 2018