

Public Health & Social Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: September 5, 2018 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: K.L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, C.O.B.
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Craig Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Nolan, Petit
ABSENT: Legislators Joseph Maloney, Wawro
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Kenneth Crannell Deputy County Executive, Amy Russell CPMH/CSB

Chairman Craig Lopez welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the July 30, 2018 meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolutions for the September 5, 2018 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 354: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves contract amendment #1, for pass-thru funding from OMH, OASAS & OPWDD for Gateway Community Industries, Inc. supporting housing community services, housing rental assistance, treatment apartment, vocational rehabilitation, certified work activity/sheltered workshop, comprehensive personalized recovery oriented services with clinic, non-Medicaid care coordination, transformed business model, vocational internship program and transportation. \$65.2K Federal 3%, State 94%, County 3%. Effective 1/1/2018-12/31/2018.

Motion No. 2: **Moved for Adopt Resolution No. 354**
Motion By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lopez

Discussion:

Chairman Lopez and County Executive Ken Crannell provided an overview of funding, noting the amendment exceeds \$50K, thus the Legislature must approve the increase. Legislator Nolan considered abstaining due to her relative receiving services, however opted not to hold up the resolution pending clarification from Legislative Counsel.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

New Business

Legislator Petit questioned the status of the Ulster County Sharps Program as the Becton Dickinson container donations ended January 2018. Although the program drop-off sites are still in effect, Legislator Petit shared her concern having seen medical waste come through the New Paltz Reuse and Recycling Center in milk containers, coffee cans, etc. By law, all Article 28 Health Care Facilities in New York are required to accept medical waste from residents in appropriate, puncture-proof containers.

Deputy Executive Ken Crannell will contact the RRA and Health Department to learn more about the distribution / availability of approved SHARP containers for Ulster County residents.

Legislator Nolan noted who along with Legislator Bartels regarding PLL No. 10 of 2018, “Bring Your Own Bag Law,” are working on a finding statement related to the SEQRA findings, and looking to possibly include a statement about the health impacts of plastic bags being in the environment and any potential impacts of substituting re-usable bags with plastic bags. Legislator Nolan also noted sound advice washing recycling bags between use and to keep raw meat separate from vegetables until cooked.

Ken Crannell introduced Amy Russell who attended tonight’s meeting. Ms. Russell serves on the Community Services Board (Mental Health) and is a member of Concerned Parents of Mental Health. The (10) member board consists of licensed professionals and general members of the community who have a demonstrated interest in behavioral health services. The CSB advises the County Executive, County Commissioner of Health and Mental Health and the County Legislature on matters relating to the Department of Mental Health. The members of the Board also have the power to inspect and review all facilities and programs of the Department of Mental Health, consult with respect to capital projects and carry out related duties as may be required by the County Executive and Legislature. All reports and recommendations are part of the public record.

Old 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: 3

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:13 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved: October 1, 2018