

Public Health & Social Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 4, 2019 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: K.L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, C.O.B.
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Craig Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Nolan, Collins, Brenda Maloney, Petit
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Lynn Archer, Marc Rider Deputy County Executive, John Milgrim Deputy County Executive, DSS Commissioner Michael Iapoce, DOH Commissioner Dr. Carol Smith MD, MPH, DOH Deputy Commissioner Tara McDonald, DOH Deputy Director Admin. Kristin Carney, Barbara Hill UC Community Services Board

Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the October 2, 2019 meeting**

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

Department – 2020 Budget Update

- Department of Health & Mental Health – Commissioner Dr. Carol Smith
DOH Deputy Dir. Admin. Kristin Carney provided a budget overview noting the staff is stretched thin, the County contribution is down 1%, and the Dept. of Mental Health is up 2% increasing the criminal court order costs – county pays 50% of their care when sent to Psychiatric Center in Marcy, New York when found to be incompetent.
Legislator Nolan asked Dr. Smith if there were any concerns she may have to share with the committee. Dr. Smith expressed the department has serious staffing losses due to upcoming retirements in the next six months. Dr. Smith expressed the future is not bright

with respect to staffing for both Health and Mental Health! The Director of Patient Services gave notice on Friday as well, and her assistant has 32+ years in – leaving in the next year or two, a senior public health nurse is retiring and an environmental professional engineer position has been vacant for months. Staffing to meet the basic Article 6 state regulatory requirements is of concern. Competition to fill the positions with advanced degrees is challenging among surrounding counties and private industry that pay more. Applicants aren't as interested in a 30-year career as in years past. State funding can be in jeopardy if slots/services can't be filled. Medical examiner is 100% county share. Committee discussion ensued. Legislator Petit and Archer confirmed budget line items, reclassifications, and programs with Ms. Carney.

➤ Department of Social Services – Commissioner Michael Iapoce

Commissioner Iapoce concurred with Dr. Smith noting employee retirement and retention is a struggle – the most turnover they've seen in the past five years. However, there has never been more collaboration, team work, receptivity, communication happening. Grants and other funding methods are limited making personnel services/coverage challenging.

- Budget slightly above 2019
- Work on budget tends year round
- Safety net down with strong economy
- Personnel levels sustaining 322 employees – swing of 5 positions
- Vacancies – 10 to 20 positions go unfilled at any given time
- More children coming into care and custody due to the opioid epidemic
- Early Intervention Services - steady uptick for children (infants and toddlers) needing care. 2014-2015 100 children to now 200
- Capturing reimbursements and time studies are done to maximize claim/funding
- Housing inventory – homelessness decreasing, was 400-500 now down to 300
- Legislator Petit - continuum care emergency housing and shelter, rent control, housing affordability, disability & nursing home Medicaid
- Legislator Archer - budget line inquiries, grant funding, parent travel, raise the age, childcare expenditures
- Legislator Nolan – Exec. office establish task force involving housing, planning, social services, economic development for ways as a county we can help come 2020
- Overall the department remains relatively stable

Resolutions for the November 19, 2019 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 479: 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 the Family of Woodstock Inc. for the domestic violence program. Assistance includes victims of domestic violence who are not otherwise receiving assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families umbrella. The contract includes paralegal services, domestic violence support group services, and counseling and case management services. \$73.5K 36% Federal, 29% State, 35% County. Sole Source, Contract date 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020.

Motion No. 2 **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 479**
Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion: Legislator Petit confirmed Family of Woodstock does not have a paralegal on staff. Commissioner Iapoce noted this contract is still in draft form and can be modified.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Collins, Nolan, B. Maloney, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 499: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00
Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Health Research Inc. for opioid overdose action/strategies/activities and data programing tracking. 100% Other \$172K 2019/2020 Revenue. Contract date 9/1/2019 – 8/31/2020

Motion No. 3 **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 499**
Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: Legislator Petit would rather see the grant monies go towards mental health. Dr. Smith expressed this contract is more of a benefit to the county. Committee discussion ensued. Legislator's Nolan and Collins supports the need for program research. Ref. Res. 498.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Collins, Nolan, B. Maloney, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Motion No. 4 **Resolve to Block & Approve Resolution Nos. 480-486 for November 19, 2019 Session**

Resolution Summary: The block of resolutions reflects Family of Woodstock contracts, independent living program, Darmstadt & Family Inn homeless shelters, Family House shelter for youth, emergency services hotline and walk-in center, Washbourne domestic violence shelter, day care registration and inspection, along with Family Services – family education services. Contract dates 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020.

Discussion: Legislator Nolan provided resolution numbers to block vote.

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Text of Motion: **Resolution No. 480** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$5,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services

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Resolution No.486 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services – Department Of Social Services

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Collins, B. Maloney, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions adopted

Motion No. 5 **Resolve to Block & Approve Resolution Nos. 491-493 for November 19, 2019 Session**

Resolution Summary: The block of resolutions reflects the Youth Advocate program services, Berkshire Farm term amendments #2 & #3 for crisis respite services and life skills case aides. 36% Federal, 29% State, 34% County.

Discussion: Legislator Nolan provided resolution numbers to block vote.

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Text of Motion: **Resolution No. 491** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 492 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Berkshire Farm Center And Services For Youth – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 493 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Berkshire Farm Center And Services For Youth – Department Of Social Services

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Collins, B. Maloney, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions adopted

Motion No. 6 **Resolve to Block & Approve Resolution Nos. 494-496 for November 19, 2019 Session**

Resolution Summary: The block of resolutions reflects Liberty Resources, Inc. extends contracts for trauma specialist case manager, intensive family specialist, and a multi systemic therapy unit. 36% Federal, 29% State, 35% County. Contract date 12/31/19 - 12/31/20.

Discussion: Legislator Nolan provided resolution numbers to block vote.

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Text of Motion: **Resolution No. 494** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 495 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 496 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Collins, B. Maloney, Petit

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolutions adopted

Resolution No. 445: Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2019, A Local Law Increasing The Salary And Hours Of The Commissioner Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2019 whereas approving the increase in salary and hours for the Commissioner of Social Services position. Work week changing from thirty-five (35) to forty (40) hours. Effective date 1/1/2020.

Motion No. 7 **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 445**

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Collins, Nolan, B. Maloney, Petit

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 453: Amending The 2019 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 2019 UC Budget accepting an increase of funds from the NYS Office of Mental Health for supported housing. \$25.8K

Motion No. 8 **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 453**

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: Legislator Nolan abstained.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Collins, Nolan, B. Maloney, Petit

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Abstention: 1 Nolan

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 477: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – VMC Group – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with VMC Group extending the term of the agreement for preschool transportation coordination services. 50% Federal, 50% State, Contract Term 12/31/2019 – 12/31/2020

Motion No. 9 **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 477**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Collins, Nolan, B. Maloney, Petit

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 478: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Anderson Medical, P.C. D/B/A Emergency One Urgent Care And Diagnostic Center – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Anderson Medical, P.C. D/B/A Emergency One Urgent Care and Diagnostic Center to increase the not-to-exceed amount for client drug and alcohol testing – professional services. 36% Federal, 29% State, 35% County. Prior Amt. \$97K, Amended Amt. \$2K, Total Amt. \$99K. Amd. Term 7/1/19-8/31/19.

Motion No. 10 **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 478**

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Collins, Nolan, B. Maloney, Petit

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 487: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Gateway Community Industries, Inc. for food stamp employment and training program – professional services. \$51.4K, 64% Federal, 36% County, Contract date 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020.

Motion No. 11 **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 487**

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: Legislator Nolan abstained.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Collins, Nolan, B. Maloney, Petit

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Abstention: 1 Nolan

Disposition: Resolutions adopted

Resolution No. 488: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00
Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Community College – Department Of Social
Services

Resolution Summary: The Student Success Program (SSP) is a joint effort of SUNY Ulster and the Ulster County Department of Social Services. SSP is designed to provide a pathway to college for TANF participants and economically disadvantaged high school students at the Kingston, Onteora and Ellenville high schools. Components of SSP include workshops that focus on: college readiness, career exploration, leadership skill development, and emotional wellbeing. The program also connects students to SUNY Ulster Scholarships, assists with the cost of child care while attending classes, and provides bus vouchers/mileage reimbursement for eligible participants. \$75K, 51% Federal, 49% County, Contract date 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020.

Motion No. 12 **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 488**
Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion: Legislator Petit requested information on the program’s success rate.
Commissioner Iapoce provided an overview.
(see attached 2018-2019 year-end report)

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Collins, Nolan, B. Maloney, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions adopted

Resolution No. 489: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00
Entered Into By The County – The Young Women’s Christian Association Of Ulster County,
Inc. – Department Of Social Service

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with The Young Women’s Christian Association of Ulster County, Inc. (YWCA) for the Families Now program – an intensive home-based family preservation program offering (at the point of crisis) and short-term (up to six [6] weeks) counseling and intervention services to families if a youth aged eighteen (18) years or less is at imminent risk of removal from the home. In cases where the youth has already been removed from the home, the agency shall work to expedite the youth’s early return to the family. \$450.8K, 36% Federal, 29% State, 35% County, Contract term 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020.

Motion No. 13 **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 489**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Discussion: Commissioner Iapoce provided an overview of the program.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Collins, Nolan, B. Maloney, Petit

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolutions adopted

Resolution No. 490: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Gateway Community Industries, Inc. extending the term of the agreement for the Job Shop Program, designed to assist recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to meet federal work participation rate requirements and to obtain employment. 64% Federal, 36% County. Org. Amt. \$288K, Amended Amt. \$72K, Total Amt. \$360K Contract term 12/31/2019 – 12/31/2020.

Motion No. 14 **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 490**

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Discussion: Legislator Nolan abstained.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Collins, Nolan, B. Maloney, Petit

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Abstention: 1 Nolan

Disposition: Resolutions adopted

Resolution No. 498: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with The Trustees of Columbia University, NYC for the HEALing communities program. The Healing Community 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. \$95.7K Revenue, Contract term 10/1/2019 – 3/31/2023.

Motion No. 15 **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 498**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: Dr. Smith provided an overview of the program noting her office and the county attorney's office are waiting for answers to questions submitted to Columbia University. At that time the county will decide to participate or not in this data collection grant. Dr. Smith's concern is whether the research will be of help to Ulster County. The County has not signed off on the contract yet.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Collins, Nolan, B. Maloney, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions adopted

Resolution No. 500: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research Inc. – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Health Research Inc. for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program. Revenue \$310K, Contract term 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020.

Motion No. 16 **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 500**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: Legislator Petit confirmed the Health Dept. participated in a staging exercise for emergency preparedness a few weeks back.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Collins, Nolan, B. Maloney, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions adopted

Old Business

Legislator Nolan recapped AWARENESS contract concerns – requesting quarterly reports, address the committee in Springtime when the budget office is planning for the next budget cycle, funding requests should go through the RFP / County Executive budget process. Legislator Nolan offered to refine the contract to meet county protocols.

Chair Lopez and the committee thanked everyone for coming.

Chair 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: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved: December 2, 2019