

**Public Health & Social Services Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** February 27, 2017 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** COB, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, K. L. Binder Library  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Craig Lopez  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Nettie Tomshaw  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Ken Crannell Deputy County Executive,  
Caitlin Carey ProAct Marketing Supervisor

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

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**Motion No. 1:**                   **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the January 30, 2017 meeting**

**Motion By:** Legislator Roberts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen  
**Discussion:** None  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Minutes approved

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Chairman Lopez introduced Caitlin Carey with ProAct who provided an update of Ulster County's Discount Prescription drug card program along with the 2016 program performance overview. Ms. Carey will forward marketing materials including a draft press release.

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Resolutions for the March 14, 2017 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 81:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Awareness, Inc. For The 2017 Appropriation - Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This Awareness resolution appropriation through the legislature is for \$10K to provide administrative costs associated with providing counseling services for at risk youth.

**Motion No. 2:**                    **Resolution No. 81 moved for discussion**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Belfiglio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Discussion:**                    Legislator Belfiglio sponsor of this resolution recapped previous funding levels that have since been reduced in the 2017 budget.

**Motion No. 3:**                    **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 81**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Belfiglio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Roberts

**Voting In Favor:**                Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts

**Voting Against:**                None

**Votes in Favor:**                5

**Votes Against:**                0

**Disposition:**                    Resolution adopted

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**Resolution No. 90:** Appointing Member To Fill Vacancy On The Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution appointment is due to the resignation of John Morrow and appoints Supervisor James E. Quigley, III to the UC Trails Advisory Committee on the recommendation of the Town of Ulster Town Board – term expires December 31, 2017.

**Discussion:**                    None

**Motion No. 4:**                    **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 90**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Allen

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Voting In Favor:**                Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts

**Voting Against:**                None

**Votes in Favor:**                5

**Votes Against:**                0

**Disposition:**                    Resolution adopted

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**Resolution No. 95:** Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2017 (A Local Law Prohibiting The Possession, Distribution, Or Use Of Tobacco Products By A Minor In Ulster County) To Be Held On Tuesday, May 9, 2017

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution sets a public hearing on PLL No. 1 of 2017 which limits minors who are under the age of 18 of exposure to tobacco products.

**Motion No. 5:** Resolution No. 95 moved for discussion

**Motion By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Discussion:**

Legislator Belfiglio referred to Section 5 of the Proposed Local Law - Penalties For Violation By A Minor, expressing the law should focus more on prevention aspects of selling to underage children vs. fining them. Legislator Belfiglio felt more emphasis should be placed on people who sell tobacco products to minors. He noted adults smoke freely without penalty and we can't prevent anyone from doing anything by punishing them with community service. This is a social and health issue. The committee made comparisons to alcohol legislation. In summary this law will not prevent minors from smoking. Legislator Belfiglio does favor raising the age limit to 21 but wondered how this will affect convenience store employees being able to service the customer. Legislator Allen noted 100 hours of community service for a third violation is substantial. He suggested an educational component be added where the offender is required to see the negative effects and life consequences of smoking. Chairman Lopez and Legislator Heppner noted there is not a state law for possession - only buying. Legislator Heppner wondered if Ulster County's health department has youth smoking statistics. Also Chairman Lopez shared concern this may divert officer resources from more pressing issues. Committee discussion ensued culminating in the postponement of the resolution to research the legality of the PPL and allow follow up communications with the resolution sponsor.

**Motion No. 6:** Moved to Postpone Resolution No. 95

**Motion By:** Legislator Allen

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Resolution postponed

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**Resolution No. 98:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Unlimited Care Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution contract with Unlimited Care Inc. includes professional nursing services during the transportation to and from school and throughout the school day for students requiring such services in their individualized education plan and receiving preschool 3-5 year old - special education services. 60% State, 40% County \$123K

**Motion No. 7:**                   **Resolution No. 98 moved for discussion**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Belfiglio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Discussion:**                   Chairman Lopez provided an overview of the contract.

**Motion No. 8:**                   **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 98**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Belfiglio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Voting In Favor:**           Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts  
**Voting Against:**           None  
**Votes in Favor:**           5  
**Votes Against:**           0  
**Disposition:**             Resolution adopted

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**Resolution No. 117:** Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution confirms the appointment of Jon R. Brown, term – present and expires 12/31/2020. Mr. Brown is eligible for reappointment.

**Discussion:**                   None

**Motion No. 9:**                   **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 117**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Allen  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Roberts

**Voting In Favor:**           Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts  
**Voting Against:**           None  
**Votes in Favor:**           5  
**Votes Against:**           0  
**Disposition:**             Resolution adopted

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**Resolution No. 118:** Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution confirms the appointment of Amy Russell, term – present and expires 12/31/2020. Ms. Russell is not eligible for reappointment.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion No. 10:** **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 118**

**Motion By:** Legislator Roberts

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Resolution adopted

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**Resolution No. 135:** Opposing A Full Repeal Of The Affordable Care Act Without A Comparable And Immediate Replacement Plan That Is Ready For Implementation

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution sponsored by Legislator Chris Allen opposes a full repeal of the ACA without a replacement plan ready for implementation.

**Motion No. 11:** **Resolution No. 135 Moved for discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Allen

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Discussion:** Legislator Allen sponsor of this Affordable Care Act memorializing resolution wanted to address issues he felt could be approved upon, such as the catastrophic health insurance plan rates, and employer-based mandate 30 hr. work week. Committee debate and discussion ensued. Committee members commended Legislator Allen for the work and research he put forth – noting it's inclusive and shows unity. Some highlights of the resolution are:

- Oppose full repeal of the ACA w/out a comparable replacement plan
- No additional cost for pre-existing conditions or discrimination thereof
- No lifetime coverage caps
- Dependents age 26 and under remain on primary insured plan
- Reduce catastrophic insurance plans
- Provide basic annual health screenings & checkups
- Implement indigent care based medical clinics for uninsured
- Close the “donut hole”

The committee amended the resolution by replacing the third RESOLVED on page 3 to a WHEREAS and repositioned said paragraph as the last WHEREAS on page 3.

~~RESOLVED~~ *WHEREAS, that the Ulster County Legislature urges Congress and the Executive Branch to examine assisting individual states to implement indigent care-based medical clinics that are based on a sliding scale of income levels which would provide medical treatment to those who are still uninsured, as such clinics exist in the State of Colorado and other states, and are currently funded by Federal Medicaid funding; and, be it further*

**Motion No. 12:**                    **Moved to amend Resolution No. 135**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Allen

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Motion No. 13:**                    **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 135 as Amended**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Allen

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Voting In Favor:**                Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts

**Voting Against:**                None

**Votes in Favor:**                5

**Votes Against:**                0

**Disposition:**                Resolution adopted

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**New / Old Business** - none

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

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:**                Legislator Allen

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:**        6:50 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved: April 3, 2017