

Public Health & Social Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: May 1, 2017 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, K. L. Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Craig Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner 6:03 PM, Roberts arrived 6:08 PM
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Lee Cane LWV, Ilona Ross

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

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2017 meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes approved

Resolutions for the May 16, 2017 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 191: 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 contact with Family of Woodstock Inc. is for the Person in Need of Supervision (PINS) & Juvenile Delinquent (JD) case management professional services. 37% Federal, 52% State, 11% County 4/1/17-10/31/18 \$90.9K

Motion No. 2: **Resolution No. 191 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Allen
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion:

Chairman Lopez provided an overview of the contract. Legislator Belfiglio noted the scope of services doesn't state qualifications required for a case worker – noting contract inconsistencies such as with the AWARENESS contract. Also Legislator Belfiglio noted the county use to provide these services in house, whereas now the county outsources the work to save money however vendor employee wages are lower.

Motion No. 3: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 191**
Motion By: Legislator Allen
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 199: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue The Rabies Program – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This contract with the New York State Department of Health is for on ongoing Rabies Program. This contract is carried out according to rabies protocol, and rabies prevention and education. Funded is reimbursed to the county up to the annual awarded amount of \$40K.

Motion No. 2: **Resolution No. 199 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

Chairman Lopez provided an overview of funding for this ongoing contract. Legislator Belfiglio would like to learn more details about the program.

Motion No. 3: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 199**
Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 200: Amending The 2017 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office For People With Developmental Disabilities For A 0.2% Cost Of Living Adjustment – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution accepts increased funding from the New York State Office for people with developmental disabilities for a 0.2% cost of living adjustment, (COLA). Additional \$1,731.00 State

Motion No. 2: **Resolution No. 200 moved for discussion**

Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

Discussion:

Chairman Lopez noted the increase is an additional pass through of funds.

Motion No. 3: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 200**

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

New/Old Business

- Legislator Roberts made the request that the record reflect he is a yes on Resolution Nos. 191 and 199.
- Legislator Belfiglio expressed he has been researching what has happened with the Affordable Care Act is that Medicaid has really become managed care. And what used to be determined by the government is now determined by insurance companies. Private health care facilities today are being nicked and dined by the managed care programs in New York State. The facilities accept the patient only to be declined payment later for rehab services rendered. The government used to pay the difference and now the managed care insurance companies decide what they will or won't cover based on the federal government's reimbursement to the managed care companies, thus the facilities are stuck with the costs and the patient is denied rehab treatment previously covered. To be continued.
- Next month's meeting may be held off site. Details will follow.

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Roberts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:20 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved: June 5, 2017