

## Public Health & Social Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** July 31, 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 Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** None

Chairman Craig Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

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

**Motion By:** Legislator Allen  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio  
**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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### Resolutions for the August 15, 2017 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 318:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Community College – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution contract with Ulster County Community College is for a student success (SUCCESS) program providing academic and career advice to high-school aged youth whose family qualifies for certain public assistance benefits. 51% Federal, 49% County \$75K 8/1/17-7/31/18

**Motion No. 2:**                    **Resolution No. 318 moved for discussion**  
**Motion By:**                    Legislator Chris Allen  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Kevin Roberts

**Discussion:**                    None

**Motion No. 3:**                    **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 318**  
**Motion By:**                    Legislator Chris Allen  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Kevin 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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**Motion No. 4**                    **Resolve to Block & Approve Resolution Nos. 325 & 326**

**Resolution Summary:**        Both resolutions are confirming the reappointment of members to the UC Board of Health.

**Discussion:**                    None

**Motion Made By:**                Legislator Kevin Roberts  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Chris Allen

**Text of Motion:**                Resolution No. 325 – Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Board Of Health – Peter Case Graham, Esq. Term Expires 6/30/22  
   Resolution No. 326 – Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Board Of Health – Walter Woodley, MD Term Expires 7/31/22

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

**Voting Against:**                None  
**Votes in Favor:**                5  
**Votes Against:**                0  
**Disposition:**                  Resolutions adopted

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**Resolution No. 330:** Amending The 2017 Ulster County Budget To Accept Funding From The New York State Children’s Alliance To Support The Family And Child Advocacy Center – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** The UC Department of Social Services has received notification from (NYSCA) of a grant of \$7K to be used to support training of Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) staff at the Family and Child Advocacy Center for the calendar 2017 year.

**Motion No. 5:** **Resolution No. 330 moved for discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Kevin Roberts

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Chris Allen

**Discussion:** None

**Motion No. 6:** **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 330**

**Motion By:** Legislator Kevin Roberts

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Chris 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. 331:** Authorizing The Acquisition Of Real Property Located At 21 O’Neil Street, City Of Kingston, County Of Ulster, For Use As A Child And Family Advocacy Center And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute, On Behalf Of Ulster County, And And All Documents Required For Said Acquisition – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes Ulster County to purchase property located at 21 O’Neil St., Kingston, NY in the amount of \$140K from the American National Red Cross for the purpose of UC Child and Family Advocacy Center.

**Motion No. 7:** **Resolution No. 331 moved for discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Carl Belfiglio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Chris Allen

**Discussion:** Although Ken Crannell was unable to attend he provided the committee with background information. For over 5 years that the county has rented this facility from the American Red Cross to house our Family and Children’s Advocacy Center, which consists of DSS staff, District Attorney Staff, Sheriff, State Police and other law enforcement. This team investigates incidents of child abuse, domestic violence and assault on the elderly. The facility itself is designed to allow us to work with victims in a unique way without adding to their trauma with multiple visits to the hospital and police agencies. The Red Cross is looking to sell the property and given the nature of the services provided there, its location, that the building has been customized to our specifications and is not easily replicated, and that the building is currently off the tax rolls, the decision was made to purchase the building. The purchase price of \$140K is below market value and is federally and state reimbursable.

**Motion No. 8:**                      **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 331**

**Motion By:**                        Legislator Carl Belfiglio

**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Chris 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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### **Old Business:**

Legislator Allen was happy to report Mr. Fowler of Fowler Advocacy has uncovered and found solutions for the care and transportation for Ms. Gail Ferris.

Mr. Fowler previously came before the committee with Gail Ferris “Shannon” sharing Ms. Ferris’s five year odyssey locating an oral surgeon within Ulster County that would accept her insurance and Medicare spend down without a medical doctors’ consent due to the complexity of her individual medical situation, spend down requirement’s and transportation logistics.

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

### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:**                Legislator Kevin Roberts

**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Carl Belfiglio

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:**        6:10 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved: September 7, 2017