

Public Health & Social Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: October 30, 2017 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, K. L. Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Craig Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Allen, Heppner
ABSENT: Legislators Belfiglio, Roberts
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Julie Hart American Cancer Society, Kristina Wieneke American Lung Association, Kristin Judd Horowitz Exec. Director American Heart Association-Hudson Valley
Ellen Reinhard Director TFAC- Tobacco Free Action Communities in Ulster, Dutchess, Sullivan, HealthAlliance Hospital, Vincent Martello, UC Dept. Health & Mental Health Director of Community Health Relations, Stacy Kraft UC Dept. Health & Mental Health Public Health Coordinator, Kenneth Crannell Deputy County Executive, Donna Reynaud UC Resident

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

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the September 7, 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

Chairman Lopez welcomed the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, Tobacco Free Action Communities (TFAC) and Health and Mental Health Department.

Presentation - Tobacco 21:

- Increase the age of sale for all tobacco products to 21
- Protect the next generation from a tobacco addiction
- Lower income groups targeted by the industry
- Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death in the US.

- UC improved state ranking from 34th to 15th
- UC Medicare cost - \$40 million
- Tobacco kills more than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, illegal drugs, murders & suicides combined.
- Annual NY health care costs caused by smoking - \$10.39 billion
- NY Medicaid costs caused by smoking - \$6.62 billion
- No exemptions for military
- FDA regulations has authority over tobacco products
- 10 counties raised the age to 21 – Albany, Cortland, NYC, Suffolk, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Schenectady, Orange, Sullivan, Tompkins
- Approx. 95% of smokers start before the age of 21
- Raising the national minimum age will likely lead to a 12% reduction in smoking prevalence
- Reduce the financial and health toll of tobacco in Ulster County

Deputy County Executive Kenneth Crannell noted Executive Hein is on board with the age increase. Ken provided a draft Proposed Local Law for the committee's review and consideration; (*A Local Law to Prevent Adolescents from Becoming Addicted Adult Smokers by Raising the Minimum Age for the Purchase of Tobacco Products to 21*)

Chairman Lopez thanked all parties for attending and the informative presentation.

Resolutions for the November 14, 2017 Session of the Legislature

Motion No. 2: Resolve to Block & Approve Resolution Nos. 410 – 418 for November 14, 2017

Motion By: Legislator Kevin Roberts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Resolution No. 410 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **Landmark Flooring Concepts** – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution contract will replace carpet at the BRC. 100% County \$285K

Resolution No. 411 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **HealthAlliance Hospital** – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution contract is for the Methadone Program. 100% County \$100K

Resolution No. 412 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **Access Supports For Living Inc.** – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution contract is pass-thru grant money - NYS OMH State Aid. 100% State \$701.4K

Resolution No. 413 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **The ARC Of Ulster-Greene** – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution contract is NYS OPWDD State Aid pass-thru. 58% State 42%County \$277.7K.

Resolution No. 414 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **Family Services, Inc.** – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution contract is NYS OASAS State Aid pass-thru. 100% Federal \$333K.

Resolution No. 416 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **PEOPLE Inc.** – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution contract is NYS OMH State Aid pass-thru and County Share. 96% State 4% County \$293K.

Resolution No. 417 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **HealthAlliance Hospital** – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution contract is NYS OMH State Aid pass-thru. 100% State \$99.3K

Resolution No. 418 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **Health Research Inc.** – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution contract is for the Emergency Preparedness Program. 100% Federal Revenue \$115.4K

Resolve to Approve Res. Nos. 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 416, 417 & 418 for November 14, 2017

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

Resolution No. 415 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **Rehabilitation Support Services Inc.** – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution contract is NYS OMH & OASAS State aid pass-thru. 46% Federal 54% State \$698K.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, Roberts
Voting Against: Legislator Belfiglio
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Resolution adopted

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Chris Allen
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:40 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff
Minutes Approved: December 4, 2017