

## Public Health & Social Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** March 4, 2019 – 5:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** K.L. Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, C.O.B.  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Deputy Chairwoman Kathy Nolan  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Nettie Tomshaw  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Petit, Wawro  
**ABSENT:** Legislators Lopez, Collins  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Kenneth Crannell Deputy County Executive, Tom Kadgen Concerned Citizen

Deputy Chairwoman Nolan called the meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM.

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**Motion No. 1:** Moved to Approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2018 meeting

**Motion By:** Legislator Wawro  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit  
**Discussion:** None  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Nolan, Petit, Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Minutes **APPROVED**

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### Resolutions for the March 19, 2019 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 91:** Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Awareness, Inc. For The 2019 Appropriation - Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Awareness, Inc. – a pear to pear educational youth service that encourages necessary behavioral changes with the goal of positively affecting their future. The financial impact will help offset administrative costs. \$12,500.00 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019.

**Motion No. 2:**                   **Moved to Discuss Resolution No. 91**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Wawro  
**Motion Seconded By:**   Legislator Petit

**Discussion:**

Legislator Wawro sponsor of this resolution noted Chairwoman Bartels is working through/clarifying contract terms with Awareness.

Chairwoman Nolan shared concerns regarding the contract wording implying counseling, lack of insurance and invoicing \$4K upfront. Committee discussion ensued. Deputy County Executive Crannell offered to streamline the contract to maintain compliance, possibly focusing more on education – peer to peer aspect. Legislator Petit expressed the need to make sure organizations like Awareness can continue to operate and has offered to forward policy information to assist Ken Crannell. The committee concluded to postpone the vote for one month.

**Motion No. 3:**                   **Moved to Postpone Resolution No. 91**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Petit  
**Motion Seconded By:**   Legislator Wawro

**Voting In Favor:**           Legislators Nolan, Petit, Wawro  
**Voting Against:**           None  
**Votes in Favor:**           3  
**Votes Against:**           0  
**Disposition:**           **Resolution POSTPONED 1-month**

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**Resolution No. 99:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Children’s Home Of Poughkeepsie, NY – Department of Social

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with The Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie, NY to increase the amount for foster care services based on the increased number of placements. Orig. Amt. \$1,000,000.00 Amended. Amt. \$2,000,000.00 Total Amt. \$3,000,000.00 36% Federal, 29% State, 35% County

**Motion No. 3:**                   **Moved to Discuss Resolution No. 99**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Petit  
**Motion Seconded By:**   Legislator Wawro

**Discussion:**

Deputy Chairwoman Nolan called upon Ken Crannell who provided contract history for foster care and the need to set monetary thresholds higher for contract flexibility. He noted for the most part the placement of these children are required by law. The contract terms and rates are set by New York State. Deputy Chairwoman Nolan concurred this is the right level of oversight, with actions in place to address unforeseen circumstances.

Legislator Petit would like to see the children stay within their district when possible – more cost effective. Committee discussion ensued.

The committee noted the County contribution of funding listed on the resolution has a decimal typo which should be corrected to reflect 35% of the cost.

**Motion No. 4:**                   **Moved to Amend Resolution No. 99**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Wawro  
**Motion Seconded By:**       Legislator Petit  
**Voting In Favor:**           Legislators Nolan, Petit, Wawro  
**Voting Against:**           None  
**Votes in Favor:**           3  
**Votes Against:**           0

**Motion No. 5:**                   **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 99 As Amended**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Petit  
**Motion Seconded By:**       Legislator Wawro  
**Voting In Favor:**           Legislators Nolan, Petit, Wawro  
**Voting Against:**           None  
**Votes in Favor:**           3  
**Votes Against:**           0

**Disposition:**               **Resolution ADOPTED As AMENDED**

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**Resolution No. 100:**       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 Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Liberty Resources, Inc. to exercise the first of two options to extend the term of the agreement for PINS and JD case management services for youth residing in Ulster County. Org. Amt. \$207K, Amd. Amt. \$69K, Total Amt. \$276K. Federal 36%, 29% State, 35% County

**Motion No. 4:**                   **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 100**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Wawro  
**Motion Seconded By:**       Legislator Petit

**Discussion:**

Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell provided an overview of the contract amendment noting this is the first of two - one year extensions. Legislator Petit confirmed the children in the program are generally 14 to 15 years of age.

**Voting In Favor:**           Legislators Nolan, Petit, Wawro  
**Voting Against:**           None  
**Votes in Favor:**           3  
**Votes Against:**           0  
**Disposition:**               **Resolution ADOPTED**

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### **New /Old Business**

Legislator's Petit and Gerentine emailed the Legislature a New York Post article from Mike Jubie, (a retired police officer who is also the founder of the program "Don't be a Monster") titled: Tracking Heroin - How the deadly drugs gets from Mexico to NYC. The article dated 2/24/2019 referenced Kingston as an "opioid hotbed." Legislator Petit noted Mr. Jubie expressed only secondary problems are being addressed such as suicides, addicts and children being ripped from their homes and not the root of the cause to fight drugs. Legislator Petit also noted the UC Sheriff expressed more boots on the ground are needed – police officers walking the beat. Drug deals, "day walkers" are ongoing in broad daylight. Legislator Petit would like additional funding geared towards the root of this scourge on our community and will also address the issue at the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee following this meeting.

Deputy Chairwoman Nolan will share Tom Kadgen's marijuana statistics data with the Public Health Dept. - Healthy Ulster Council at their next meeting and invite Vince Martello – Prevention Task Force to attend a future Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting to discuss what actions are being taken – opioid prescription tracking, cross referencing among clinicians, etc. Committee discussion ensued as to stress and high anxiety among teenagers and parent navigation/resources.

Audit Committee discussion – Stop Loss (Ways & Means Committee) and Health Consortiums – Legislator Petit - Tompkins County (2) power points, audit/financial impact pending.

Chairwoman Nolan asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Petit  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Wawro  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved: April 1, 2019