# Public Health & Social Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** July 1, 2019 – 5:00 PM

**LOCATION:** K.L. Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, C.O.B.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Deputy Chair Kathy Nolan

**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Nettie Tomshaw

**PRESENT:** Legislators Petit, Wawro, Collins (arrived 5:13 PM)

**ABSENT:** Legislator Craig Lopez

**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Marc Rider Deputy County Executive, Michael Iapoce DSS

Commissioner

Deputy Chair Nolan called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting

Motion By: Legislator Wawro Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Nolan, Petit, Wawro, Collins

Voting Against: None Votes in Favor: 4 Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Minutes APPROVED

Resolutions for the July 16, 2019 Session of the Legislature

Motion No. 2 Resolve to Block & Approve Resolution Nos. 273 - 285 for July 16, 2019

**Session** 

**Resolution Summary:** The block of resolutions reflects the execution of a contract between Ulster County

and Preschool Special Education professional services for children between three and five years of age. Each resolution within the block is for an individual vendor.

State 59.5%, County 40.5%. Contract date 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023.

#### Discussion:

Deputy Chair Nolan suggested blocking similar resolutions for preschool special education. Deputy Chair Nolan called upon County Executive Marc Rider who provided a detailed overview of the program. Legislator Petit and the committee verified pricing and state/county contributions, and the need for numerous vendors. Commissioner Iapoce explained having numerous individual private practitioner's contracts established in advance prepares the county for the rapid growth his office is experiencing for this type of service. Also, having a four-year contract/window benefits the child/practitioner with continuity and stability.

Motion Made By: Legislator Wawro

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

**Text of Motion:** 

Resolution No. 273 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family And Educational Consultants, LLC D/B/A Partnership For Education – Department Of Social Services

<u>Resolution No. 274</u> – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **Therese Lane** – Department Of Social Services

<u>Resolution No. 275</u> – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Frank M. Volz, Jr., PHD D/B/A Dr. Frank M. Volz, Jr. And Associates – Department Of Social Services

<u>Resolution No. 276</u> – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **Michelle Eckert** – Department Of Social Services

<u>Resolution No. 277</u> – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **Joanna Nadoolman** – Department Of Social Services

<u>Resolution No. 278</u> – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Mary M. Wilsey – Department Of Social Services

<u>Resolution No. 279</u> – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **Renata Basile Crimi** – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 280 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – NYSARC, INC. – Columbia County Chapter – Department Of Social Services

<u>Resolution No. 281</u> – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **Elizabeth Harnett** – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 282 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Claudia Calaceto – Department Of Social Services

<u>Resolution No. 283</u> – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Caryn Cornielle – Department Of Social Services

<u>Resolution No. 284</u> – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **Harriet Miller** – Department Of Social Services

<u>Resolution No. 285</u> – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – **Allyson Shannon** – Department Of Social Services

Voting In Favor: Legislators Nolan, Petit, Wawro, Collins

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0

**Disposition:** Resolutions adopted

**Resolution No. 286:** 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 approves the execution of a contract with Unlimited Care, Inc. for

pre-school nursing attendant professional services in accordance with the child's applicable individualized education plan. \$200K, State 59.5%, County 40.5%.

Contract date 9/1/2019 - 8/31/2021.

Motion No. 3: Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 286

Motion By: Legislator Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro

## **Discussion:**

Commissioner Iapoce explained this service – usually providing LPN's, help special needs pre-school students requiring 24-hour care – such as oxygen, catheter or trachea's, ride the bus with the student and stay with the them throughout the day and safely transport them back home.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Nolan, Collins, Petit, Wawro

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

**Resolution No. 287:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – J&D Ultracare Corp. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with J&D Ultracare Corp. for preschool nursing attendant professional services in accordance with the child's applicable individualized education plan. \$200K, State 59.5%, County 40.5%. Contract date 9/1/2019 – 8/31/2021.

Motion No. 4: Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 287

Motion By: Legislator Wawro
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** Same discussion as Resolution No. 286 – different vendor.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Nolan, Collins, Petit, Wawro

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

<u>Resolution No. 288</u>: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Northeast Parent And Child Society, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution executes a contract amendment #1 with Northeast Parent and Child Society, Inc. for Foster Care professional services. \$82.8K Federal 36%, \$66.7K State 29%, \$80.5K County, 35%. Original Amt. \$48K, Amended Amt. \$182K, Total Amount \$230K. Original Term 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2020, Amended Term 4/1/2019 - 6/30/2020.

Motion No. 5: Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 288

Motion By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro

### Discussion:

Commissioner Iapoce explained this contract covers foster care children that have an illness or injury and need treatment. This amendment is required due to expenses incurred exceeding \$50,000.00.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Nolan, Collins, Petit, Wawro

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

**Resolution No. 289:** 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 resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family Of Woodstock Inc. for PINS & JD case management professional services. Total \$57.5K, \$21.3K Federal 37%, \$29.9K State 52%, \$6.3K County 11%. Term 10/1/2019 - 9/30/2020

Motion No. 6: Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 289

Motion By: Legislator Wawro Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

<u>Discussion:</u> Commissioner Iapoce provided an overview for children who are in the Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) or Juvenile Delinquent (JD) case management category. The programs are designed to help support and keep the child in their home while its possible and safe, vs. detention. The past year performance measures showed thirty-six youth and families received County services, whereas thirty-four families avoided placement.

Deputy Chair Nolan confirmed with Commissioner Iapoce there are no plans to coordinate PINS or JD services with the Restorative Justice Program. Commissioner Iapoce acknowledged there is some overlap, but with the established strong DSS programs designed for the children *already* in foster care and or in the system. The Restorative Justice Program reach the larger population and service individual's that might be vulnerable – not already in the system. Committee discussion ensued.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Nolan, Collins, Petit, Wawro

Voting Against: None Votes in Favor: 4 Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 296: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement For A Preschool Special Education And Related Services Program With The Onteora Central School District – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution executes an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Onteora Central School District for a Preschool Special Education and related services program, providing direct individual and /or group instruction to preschoolers with disabilities by a certified special education teacher. State and County, \$60K, 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023.

Motion No. 7: Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 296

Motion By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

### Discussion:

Commissioner Iapoce provided an overview of this intermunicipal agreement with Onteora Central School District for preschool special education and related services provided, such as evaluations, speech-language pathology, audiology and psychological services, physical and occupational therapy, counseling services, etc. Committee discussion ensued – other school districts on board, etc.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Nolan, Collins, Petit, Wawro

Voting Against: None Votes in Favor: 4 Votes Against: 0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

## **Old Business**

Deputy Chair Nolan provided an update on Tom Kadgen's previous committee discussion on the excessive marijuana use among high school students in Ulster County, whereas Mr. Kadgen did share his concerns with the media, a letter to the editor, and a feature linked article about high marijuana use at Ulster County High Schools. Deputy Chair Nolan expressed she would like to continue to provide attention to this matter. Committee discussion ensued as to what educational programs the school districts provide, the County's role, edibles in Ulster County, etc.

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

## **Adjournment**

Motion Made By: Legislator Wawro Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

No. of Votes in Favor: 4 No. of Votes Against: 0

**TIME:** 5:40 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved: August 5, 2019

<u>Please Note</u>: All Legislator's in attendance tonight also attended the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee meeting for a presentation on the Safe Harbour Program immediately following the meeting.