

**Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
(DRAFT)**

DATE & TIME: April 14, 2020 – 5:15pm
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing (646) 558-8656,
Meeting ID: 843 804 362
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman James Delaune
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Deputy Chair Thomas Corcoran, Legislators Peter Criswell, David
Donaldson, John Parete, Mary Wawro
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Laura Petit, Dr. Alan Roberts, President, SUNY Ulster
Jamie Capuano, VP for Administrative Services, SUNY Ulster
Jerry Sheehan, Recorder

Chairman Delaune called the meeting to order at 5:18pm

Motion No 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2020 Meeting with
a correction as to a legislator’s title

Motion By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: Refer to annexed transcript

Voting in Favor: Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Corcoran, Donaldson, Parete,
Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes Approved

Motion No. 1 **Moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 14, 2020**

SUNY Ulster Update : Dr. Alan Roberts, President, SUNY Ulster
Jamie Capuano, VP for Administrative Services, SUNY Ulster

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Resolutions for April 14, 2020 Session:

Resolution No. 140 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Imagine Better, Inc. D/B/A Don't Be A Monster For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

Resolution Summary: This resolution pertains to an agreement for \$5000 for use in producing antibullying campaigns in area schools.

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion to Postpone By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Voting in Favor: Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Corcoran, Donaldson, Parete, Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Motion No. 2 **Moved to postpone Resolution No. 140**

Resolution No. 142 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

Resolution Summary: This resolution pertains to an agreement for a payment of \$39,750 to Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. for use in connection with special child advocates in family court and other matters.

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro

Voting in Favor: Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Corcoran, Donaldson, Parete, Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Motion No. 3 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 142**

Resolution No. 143 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Ulster Performing Arts Center For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

Resolution Summary: This resolution pertains to an agreement to pay \$25,000 in funding to the Ulster Performing Arts Center.

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion to Postpone By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro

Voting in Favor: Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Corcoran, Donaldson, Parete, Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Motion No. 4 **Moved to postpone Resolution No. 143**

Resolution No. 150 – Appointing And Reappointing Members To The Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc., Board Of Directors

Resolution Summary: Due to the expiration of terms, this resolution pertains to the appointment and reappointment of members to the Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc., Board of Directors.

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion By: Legislator Wawro

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Voting in Favor: Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Corcoran, Donaldson, Parete, Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Motion No. 5 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 150**

New Business

Budget Request for Funding:

Reporting outcomes, resident/services served.
Provide annual report to Legislature.

Discussion: See attached transcript.

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

Adjournment

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro

Voting in Favor: Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Corcoran, Donaldson, Parete,
Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Motion approved

Motion No. 6 **Moved to Adjourn**

Adjourned: 5:58pm

Respectfully submitted: Jerry Sheehan, Assistant to VP for Academic Affairs & VP for
Enrollment Management, SUNY Ulster

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Delaune: All right, then I'm going to start the meeting. And, first of all, Jerry if you would do attendance, please.

Sheehan: Chairman Delaune?

Delaune: Here.

Sheehan: Deputy Chair Corcoran?

Corcoran: Here.

Sheehan: Legislator Criswell?

Criswell: Here.

Sheehan: Legislator Parete? Legislator....

Mahler: He's muted. But, he's here.

Parete: I'm here. I'm here.

Sheehan: Legislator Wawro? Legislator Donaldson?

Parete: Yep. This is just the stuff I don't like.

Mahler: Everybody can hear you, John.

Parete: Alright. Well then, I'll...I'll save my. Go ahead. Finish up.

Sheehan: Legislator Wawro? And, Legislator Donaldson? Both of whom are muted.

Donaldson: I'm here.

Sheehan: Thank you.

Wawro: Here.

Delaune: So, I'd like to do a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3rd meeting. I did note one correction: the first motion [erroneously reads that it] was made by "Chairman" Criswell. So, if you could just change that, that would be perfect. Do I have a motion? Any other.....

Criswell: Did you just give me a promotion, Jim? To Chairman? [Laughter]

Delaune: [Laughing] Yeah. Sorry, Dave.

Donaldson: No problem.

Tomshaw: Sorry, Jim.

Delaune: So, I have a motion to approve the minutes of March 3rd?

Corcoran: I move.

Donaldson: I second.

Delaune: All right. Did you get that Jerry?

Sheehan: Yep.

Delaune: Very good. So that we don't keep Dr. Roberts on the line. Are you there Dr. Roberts?

Roberts: Yes Jim, I made it. Just finished one conference call.

Delaune: Very good. The audio is not too good.

Roberts: Well, I'll move closer to the computer hopefully that....

Delaune: There we got it. Very good.

Roberts: Okay, I'm going to give.....most of our report is going to be from Jamie [Capuano, SUNY Ulster VP for Administrative Services] because it all has to do with us trying to figure out a budget.

You know, we received word from the government governor's budget, but it actually for the community college system, it really cut them \$18 million. And it looks like we may lose another 25% of our June payment. So, it's going to be an interesting year. We're doing a lot of creative things where we move some things online. I think the best news I can say is that, you know, we finished the semester, relatively successful....[inaudible] the way we did it. But we have some challenges for the fall and I'm going to throw it to Jamie about some of the positive things because we do have our capital projects moving forward....so, we're happy about that. Jamie, do you want to talk a little bit about how we're planning for the dollars this year?

Capuano: Sure. So we're still evaluating as everybody is in terms of the state budget impacts. We know that the additional language for the director provides, you know, more control in terms of the spending plan going forwards so we are closely tracking all of that, and what that's going to mean for the upcoming year. We did receive clearance from the state to proceed with our capital projects at this time. Those are window and roof replacements; they've seen those as essential projects. So we do have the clearance to proceed with those as they are massive repair projects. But again, yeah, we're tracking just like the county is in terms of trying to figure out exactly what the budget is going to mean, how we're going to put it together for the upcoming year. And we're obviously very in tune with what's going on enrollment wise what that might mean for us coming up, you know for next year.

Delaune: Yeah, it's tough times, for sure. So will you eliminate any of the programs because they just don't work via online platforms?

Roberts: No. We've froze all new positions. We have a number of positions that weren't filled this year that we're, again, we're on austerity budget for the rest of the year. Program elimination? Not for the following year. Now, that may, may be a need in the future. But I don't see it right now. Our enrollment projections for next year are down about 10%. So we'll watch it real close, you know, and what we do is we have the flexibility of if a class doesn't gain 10 in the class we just canceled the class; we won't necessarily have to cancel a whole program. And that instructor would just move to a different section or a different field. So, you know, we'll be okay as far as this year's. But we're going to continue to evaluate, you know, as we see the numbers come in. Well, there'll be more information the next next time we meet; certainly, be much more.

Delaune: Is there an opportunity for workforce retrain as a result of what has occurred and all the folks that have been furloughed, laid off?

Roberts: Not in my career in my 35 years, I've gone through so many recessions, probably five major ones, and it's always been....it's interesting because that's the time community colleges are needed most.

Delaune: Right.

Roberts: But this one's different. We're not getting the requests. We're not....I think everyone's uncertain. I think we're all uncertain of what's going to happen and when is this going to end. I think what we get a sense for that we will have a better understanding of what our enrollment will be and what our position will be. But that's it for right now, I wish I had more answers for you.

Delaune: We're all short on answers; lots of questions. Anyone else want to ask Dr. Roberts?

Criswell: I was just curious if there's still students on campus and how that's going with [inaudible].

Roberts: When we closed down, we closed all our face to face classes. I say that there's only one exception that was the police academy. That's considered an essential program. So, we have 20 students who are still going through that will finish in June. But we were asked by the Department of Law Enforcement not to end that. They're pretty strict and it's like a basic training for military, you know, they really, they sanitize before they sanitize afterwards, they maintain social distancing. They've been really, really good at following that. But it's, it's more it's a military type activity. So, they're they're disciplined to do that. And again, it's an essential program and most of these students are already assigned to either local or county position. So, they're waiting and they're going to be positions that are going to be well needed in the next few months.

Delaune: Are you doing any training...I'm just wondering if you do training for health care providers of any sort?

Roberts: The only job we do....is we have our nursing program and right, those students were able to finish up early and do their clinicals at remote areas. So, we were able to finish that group up. Other than that, no, there's there's no other health professionals we do.

Donaldson: Dr. Roberts, what do you have for the Fall session? Are there people signed up for that?

Roberts: Yep. We, that'll be one of the programs that I don't think we'll have any challenge with enrollment. Usually we have a waiting list and so we're feeling you know, that out of all the other programs is the most solid.

Corcoran: I'm sure.

Delaune: Great. Does anyone out there have any other comments or questions for SUNY folks?

Donaldson: Yeah, one last one, Dr. So enrollment right now for Fall is down.....How much was it?

Roberts: Well, we're projecting 10%. But where we were last year at this time we're down probably about 25%. But the reason you know, we anticipate that to bounce back once cycles, you know, if you have your your student body here, we can register them here. But now they're doing it all remotely. So, we know they're still engaged. So, we're anticipating that at the end of semester to capture them. So, we've always been pretty good at predicting the enrollment. So, I think we'll be down about 10%. But we're now currently watching Fall we're down about 25%.

Donaldson: What makes you mean that you'll be down 10%? What is...what are the indicators that you're using?

Roberts: I don't have the matrix in front of me but it's high school graduation. It's returning, it's retention.

Donaldson: Oh, so you were figuring being down 10% regardless?

Roberts: No, we asked. We were estimated to be down about 3%. But we looked at some new, new numbers coming in, we thought that that wouldn't be legitimate. So, you know, we, we offset it for 7%. Now we'll, you know, we anticipate that but we're gonna hope for the hope for the best. And, again, if this thing turns a corner in August, when we start getting people back to work, I think there'll be a whole different way to look at this. Again, you know, the thing that I've been saying is, we've never been here before. This, this is all right. So, I like to say, you know, we're pretty accurate at this, but the best we can from what historically there's not a lot to base on right now.

Donaldson: And as Chairman Delaune pointed out, we have a lot of questions. We don't have a lot of answers right now.

Roberts: Yeah. Exactly. I wish I had more concrete answers for you. I am talking, literally on conference calls four to five hours a day, and I just got off one with the Chancellor. And they just hired a national committee that does recruiting. And they'll come in and they're going SUNY System is hiring them to help promote students. Before that there was a conference call with the community colleges, and we're talking about stimulus money and how to fill some of these holes. The Department of Education of the Federal Department has allocated we should get about 750 to 800,000. That'll be direct aid to our students, which, you know, it's we hear this stuff, but we don't we don't see any, any details behind it. So again, right. A lot of hopes and prayers out there, but there's no substance yet. So, we'll wait and see.

Donaldson: Thank you, Dr. Al.

Roberts: Thank you. We appreciate all you do.

Delaune: John. Mary. Do you have any questions or comments?

Parete: No, everything's fine. I know it's a difficult time and I know they're doing the best, you know, they can sometimes out of these difficult times, though, opportunities arise and it might very well help the community college enrollment as we go down the road.

Roberts: You know, it's interesting. You said that, John, because there is a silver lining here. Our faculty now has upped their technology game by about 85%. Many of our old timers really never thought they could use the technology that we have, and we've purchased and they're all raving about it. You know, that was 100%. Everyone jumped onto it. They're doing Zoom. They're doing Google Meets, teleconferences, things that they would have never considered doing before which is good, right? Yep. Walker. So, I know it's, it's, it's just it's a small thing, but it's...at least it's something I can say that was one positive so far.

Delaune: All right. So, there being no other questions or comments. Thank you, Jamie and Dr. Roberts for taking the time and joining our meeting. And we'll move on to resolutions.

Capuano: Thank you, everyone.

Roberts: Thank you.

Delaune: All right. I'm going to present Resolution Number 140 authorizing the chair of the Ulster County legislature to enter into an agreement with Imagine Better, Inc. doing business as Don't Be A Monster for the 2020 appropriation [inaudible].

Donaldson: I believe the amount of that is \$5,000?

Delaune: Correct. Yes.

Donaldson: The schools are closed. So, they're not using that I'm assuming?

Delaune: Yes. I would assume you're correct. Because the program, for those that don't know, really is about going into the schools and presenting in large, auditorium type sessions, right. Yeah, you would be correct on that.

Petite: Chairman, this is Laura Petite. May I speak?

Delaune: Sure.

Petite: Generally, the Don't Be A Monster's active in the month of October. That's the anti-bullying month. Um, I mean, I did reach out to not the sponsor, but the person that facilitates that program. I would like to put it in queue. But we have the understanding that if, if the budget becomes very difficult, and I also did this with our calendar in the Maritime Museum, the funding might not be there at all. I think as you realize last bunch of, of outside vendors that we offered to fund, the

county executive did not sign. He didn't veto them, but he didn't sign them. So, you know, again, I'd like to put this in queue. So, if our, if our finances are okay, they would get paid, but this program will not start until October.

Donaldson: I would make a suggestion rather than turning it down, we can postpone it and get a better understanding if we're, you know, what kind of money we're going to need, what kind of money we don't have, and so on and so forth.

Delaune: All right, well, then we have a motion to postpone. Do we have a second?

Corcoran: I'd second that. I think that's a good idea.

Delaune: All right. All in favor?

Corcoran: Aye.

Criswell: Aye.

Parete: Aye.

Donaldson: Aye.

Wawro: Aye.

Delaune: All right, very good. Resolution 142 authorizing the chair of the Ulster County legislature to execute an agreement with Dispute Resolution Center Inc. for the 2020 appropriation legislature. A motion?

Donaldson: I move it.

Wawro: Second.

Delaune: Discussion?

Donaldson: May I speak, Chairman?

Delaune: Absolutely. Yes.

Donaldson: This is basically the Casa program. Prior to this Casa was a stand-alone program. Um, and, um. Is everybody understand how this Casa program works?

Wawro: Yes.

Delaune: It's to do with dispute resolution regarding children. That's the focus of that is it not?

Corcoran: Right.

Donaldson: It is...what it is it's a Court Appointed Special Advocate is what it's called. It used to be Casa was a standalone program but what happened was they always had trouble keeping people running the program because, you know, they really didn't pay the director that well. And so they tended to leave after a while and so, dispute resolution as a director and the director decided that they would encompass this program and what they do is they, they actually train most of them....almost... virtually all the Casa volunteers are professionals. Many of them are involved, you know, that are, many of them are retired, most of them are. And they're professionals that are trained to take care of one child through the court systems. And they become, they are this special advocate for that child and they look out for that child under all circumstances, above and beyond what social services would do when any of the attorneys do whatever the lawyers do. They are appointed by family court judges, and family court judges put them on there now. I don't know what their training is. I mean, I know we do training, it's, it's pretty intensive training, but I don't know if they're actually operating at this point because of the way the courts are operating, but I would say that they're going to need that. I think it's \$35,000. I mean, we can....

Delaune: Actually, it's \$39,750 for providing advocacy service for abused and neglected children as assigned by the Ulster County Family Court.

Donaldson: Right. And what it what it does is and just so people understand, it keeps one child out of a placement like a, you know, excuse me for my age, but we always refer to them as reformed schools. When I was you know, when I was younger, but it keeps one child that and that it saves the county probably \$140,000 a year because that's what it costs for placement. So I would be reluctant to not do it but we could probably knock a little bit out of it because they may not be operating the entire year. So I mean, I would suggest that we either postpone it or pass it with the understanding that we may adjust it. And I actually have the ability to adjust it prior to signing the actual contract.

Delaune: Yeah, the one thing that I you know, I fear during this whole period is abuse on many levels. And I think that this is important right now. So I would, yeah, I would agree with you that we should at least we should move forward on it. And if it can be adjusted, great, but....

Parete: Chairman Delaune, this is John.

Delaune: Yes.

Parete: Okay, good. You know, I'm quite aware of this program now. You're right, Mr. Chairman is in this environment, this can become even more critical. These folks are extremely dedicated to what they do. And the, the youngsters that they're dealing with are, are really so terribly vulnerable. I don't think we, you know, I guess all of us in our real life after nitpicking

things, but at this point if the Chairman can make an adjustment or the under the other folks, I don't think any of them are particularly frivolous, where they're just going to spend money because then he can. I wouldn't want to delay something like this, because we're not sure.

Donaldson: I would agree with you.

Delaune: Shall we call for a vote?

Corcoran: Sure.

Delaune: Ok. So. Um. All in favor?

Corcoran: Aye.

Criswell: Aye.

Parete: Aye.

Donaldson: Aye.

Wawro: Aye.

Delaune: Any opposed? [None] Resolution passes. Thank you. Resolution 143 authorizing the chair of the Ulster County legislature to execute an agreement with Ulster Performing Arts Center for the 2020 appropriation. And that is in the amount of.....

Donaldson: \$25,000.

Delaune: Yeah, \$25,000. For programming.

Wawro: I'll move it.

Delaune: All right. Second?

Donaldson: I'll second for purposes of discussion.

Delaune: All right. So what do we think about this?

Parete: Well, may I chime in there, Mr. Chairman?

Delaune: Please, John.

Parete: I have a real problem with this is particularly and especially under the circumstances of of the current problems, the health problems and the employment problems that

that's happening to here in Ulster County and everywhere in the state and everywhere in the country. You know, this is almost like a piece of pork legislation. I mean, this. They these folks do a great job. They probably have two to 300 employees, part time and full time. They have a board of directors for UPAC and their ownership company of 40 directors that are like the who's who of influence and, and wherewithal in Ulster County. And they have they have gifts in endowments and monies that are totaling \$2 million. I went in and got a copy of their 990 federal finance filings. There's nothing specific in this request to help special situations special people, or for special solutions. They have a director that's making probably \$120,000 a year in assistant making 80 and I applaud them for that. But I mean, I'd rather give this to the Ellenville hospital for another respirator rather than....I just think it's totally inappropriate from to, to offer a gift, which is really what we're doing an appropriation to a membership group. I mean, it'd be like us rewarding the MAC gym down there, which I pay my membership dues to every month, because they just like to have another 20 or \$25,000. So I, I think this is really out of line in this circumstance. And I would certainly be a no on it.

Criswell: So, I'm gonna, I'm gonna argue against what you're saying, John, just because I ran arts organizations for several years. And even though this might not seem like an appropriate time to fund the arts, I think we can't start ignoring it because then the arts are just going to get pushed to the side. They're going to get put onto the rug. Oh, we didn't give them that money last year, so we don't need to give them money this year. The arts are really important. I know that this is a critical time in our culture in our society right this moment, but I just feel like arts are important. And we can't, we can't ignore it. And also I ran the large organization in New York City, the budgets might seem like people would come to me with the argument all the time. Oh, you guys have tons of money. Why do you need money? Arts organizations run very thinly. So, I just, I think I hear what you're saying. But I'm just going to say that I would be a yes to this.

Parete: Maybe I guess I respond to it like that because there's a lot of people out there who don't have jobs that would really object to something being given for nothing specific. It's not specific. Actually. It's just being awarded this being awarded. And you would think somewhere along the way, quite frankly, that whether it be the arts or anyone else that isn't directly assisting the poor or the needy, that there'd be a a procedure to not have to apply to the government for or 20 or \$25,000. And if you look at the 50 people or so on the board of directors, I just don't quite understand where its coming from. And it seems to me that directors or the executives should recognize this and and have made arrangements for something else, or at least and it has to be to be held in abeyance.

Criswell: So, I'm gonna I'm gonna throw another argument out. This is the moment art organizations really rely on donors. Right now, their donors are all giving to other really important organizations, which makes total sense, but their donor base just completely dried up. Absolutely. dried up. So, this could this could have really critical impact on this organization because it's just not the time where people are giving money to the arts, you know, they're giving money to health care organizations, which makes sense. But do we want to see one of the cornerstone arts organizations of the Hudson Valley be in critical condition as well?

Parete: Well, I would only say that they are worth millions of dollars and they have that sort of donations coming in and they have adequate reserves. I've said enough. I just with people losing their jobs and people losing their health care. I just think it's inappropriate. I've said enough.

Donaldson: May I say something, Chairman Delaune?

Delaune: Absolutely. Go ahead.

Donaldson: Um, yes, I mean, I, I understand John's and Peter's both their arguments and my concern, of course is with the arts being weak. If you decimate the arts, you have a problem because they don't come back very easily. Having said that, I think UPAC in this case, the money that we give them, it's been used mostly for they actually pay their electric bills with them. But in turn, what they have used the money for in some cases is actually allowed kids that would normally not be able to go there to be able to go in to see like the Nutcracker or something of that nature. But having said that, and I understand where John is coming from, and I would rather in my case and for UPAC itself, I believe that they will survive without this at this point, I'm more I mean, more concerned with the other program, the arts program that we fund, because a lot of them are very small artists that, you know, we help them. Make sure that, you know, they're, they're vibrant. And it helps actually the economy by developing them through our, you know, Mid-Hudson Arts Programs. This one, I do feel that they could weather this. And if we don't give that to them. I'd be a reluctant no or a reluctant yes depending on how I look at it; it's a tough one.

Criswell: What is we find some middle ground and maybe cut it in half?

Donaldson: Well, we could do that. But I think what my mindset is at this point, I would rather postpone it rather than doing anything with it. Have some conversations with UPAC. Maybe Peter, you could make the phone call your conversation with them and find out, you know out what they're going to do and let them know. I mean, what we have to be pretty candid with them. That our concern is that, you know, we want to make sure people are getting food.

Wawro: Um, I think that our committee is very arts minded, in general. And I think that we would be very supportive of the arts. If we were to vote no, for this at this point. I don't think that we would, you know, it wouldnt be a trend on how we're going to vote. I think that its just a time that we're in and this particular case.

Delaune: So, then I think a motion to postpone and at that time, I'd like to ask the executive director, if that makes sense to you folks, to join us and tell us what this program would be about and who it would serve. Does that make sense for the next time this comes back to us?

Criswell: Absolutely. Yes.

Delaune: All right. So, there's a motion to postpone. Is there a second?

Wawro: Second.

Delaune: All right. All in favor?

Corcoran: Aye.

Criswell: Aye.

Parete: Aye.

Donaldson: Aye.

Wawro: Aye.

Delaune: Any no's? [None] All right, Resolution passes. Thank you. Resolution 150 appointing and reappointing members of the Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc, a board of directors. Is there a motion?

Wawro/Corcoran: Move it/Second

Delaune: Any discussion? [None] All right. They're being a call for a vote. All in favor?

Corcoran: Aye.

Criswell: Aye.

Parete: Aye.

Donaldson: Aye.

Wawro: Aye.

Delaune: Any opposed? None. Motion passes. The resolution passes. Thank you. On to new business. So, what this really is about is providing an annual. I'd like to have a conversation with you all about providing an annual report to the legislature that speaks to outcomes for our residents, and the services provided. And just to get your thoughts. I've been thinking about it today. And one of the things I think might be helpful is if we all take that certain amount of organizations go out, meet with them, see what they're doing what we're spending money on. And reporting back to the committee. If that makes sense to you all. Would anybody be interested in something.....

Criswell: I'm very much in favor in favor of that. And one of the things in general that I've noticed is that often in the contracts, it seems like in the Schedule A in the scope of services, some of the scope of services are really well developed. And other times they're just a couple

lines. And so, I really like the idea of being more exacting about what it is that we're funding and, you know, what, what they're fulfilling and also timeframes, you know, that, you know, we'd like to see things done in a way that, you know, they put up a schedule and that they're accomplishing them by those schedules. I think it's really important to to show that the taxpayer money is being used. You know.

Delaune: Well, so Peter, would you work with me on this to develop some sort of a matrix that we can provide to everyone and, and, you know, moving forward?

Criswell: Absolutely.

Delaune: Great. Thank you. It's appreciated. So, the next meeting, hopefully we'll have something for you folks. You can review we can modify, get some input and move forward. So thank you, Peter.

Donaldson: You know, right now they, you know, we have a forum that goes out for those people might be nonprofits and someone that we fund. And so, you probably would be matched to grab that form and take a look at that and figure it out way to adjust that. And be sure that, you know, you're getting what, you know what you want to get out of it. I mean, there's certain things that we fund that are more general, you know, for purposes because they use it for, you know, go helping people out, you know, the poor are such. So therefore, in other words, you give them certain flexibility because they may needed one spot, one year, another spot another year. And, you know, that's sort of the idea. Yes, but I mean, some of them are quite laid out. I mean, I know the arts, Arts Mid-Hudson, and it's very well laid out knowing exactly because it's actually a formula that we created back in 2007, I think or somewhere around there. But some of them are not as well laid out with what they're putting in there. So, I think maybe the questions you ask them, we might adjust those forms to make them a little more comprehensive, but we certainly don't want to make them to the point where it's impossible for them to fill them out either.

Delaune: No, absolutely. So Nettie, is that something that you could do a little research on and get that form to the two of us.

Tomshaw: Yeah, absolutely. Um, we can email it easily. I'm sure. Amber, Natalie, have it right on the desktop.

Corcoran: Is that a form that we get to review after they fill it out?

Delaune: I think that's the intent here is to provide that information to both this committee and the full legislature.

Corcoran: Yeah, that's a great idea. Good.

Delaune: Any old business? OK. There being none, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Parete: Can I just Can I can I just say something, Mr. Chairman?

Delaune: Absolutely. John.

Parete: I'm, I'm certainly disappointed that I'm not able to zoom in today. I hope you folks understand that when you live out here in hillbilly heaven, some of the services aren't quite as good as you may be that may be available to you, you know, it seemed like our electricity goes out more often our cell service goes out more often. But it's okay but I do thank you for letting me at least phone in I know your trusted right or left hand lady there did try to get me hooked up today. And my, my in-house guru for technology wasn't able to figure it out. So, I'm sorry, I wasn't able to join you. appropriately.

Delaune: No need for apologies, John.

Parete: All right.

Donaldson: Well, we'll let you live this time. [Laughter]

Parete: Okay.

Delaune: Do we have a motion to adjourn?

Donaldson: Motion to adjourn.

Delaune: Second?

Wawro: Second.

Delaune: All in favor.

Corcoran: Aye.

Criswell: Aye.

Parete: Aye.

Donaldson: Aye.

Wawro: Aye.

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