



**MINUTES**  
**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, January 10, 2022 at 5:30PM**  
**Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/dqyQ9bOOpmQ>**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair at 5:30 PM

**MEMBERS:** Legislators Christina Calarco, Michael Didio, Brian Muldrow, Heidi Nightengale (Vice Chair), Lydia Patti-Ruffini, and Robert Shea

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS:** Chair of the Legislature Dave Gould and Legislators Aileen McNabb-Coleman and Chris Petrus; Kathleen Cuddy, Ray Bizzari, Brenda Wiemann, Brian Schenk, Colleen Lombardi, Lauren Walsh, Jen Marshall, Rich Graham, Jodie Nickerson, Stephen Pinchak

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:** December 6, 2021 Motion by Nightengale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco. All in favor.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

**Kathleen Cuddy (Health) – No updates**

The Cayuga County Health Dept. welcomes our newest Legislators to their roles in county government.

Our core services to the community continue onward. As the year progresses I will highlight some of the particular programs (Lead Poisoning Prevention, Preschool Special Education etc.)

The extraordinary circumstances of COVID work continues:

- Changing manner in which people receive Isolation papers
- Continuing to provide vaccination opportunities to all eligible age groups and initial and booster
- Keeping communication with community partners with routine communications (hospital, first responders etc.)
- Providing special assistance to areas with outbreaks (e.g. congregate facilities)
- Providing ongoing support to our school communities

**Ray Bizzari (Mental Health/Social Services) –**

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Partial list of ongoing/new projects to turn over to the new DCS and Deputy

- Mobile Crisis expansion to 24/7 and opening it to the public with daytime crisis teams
- OMH Jail Diversion at sequential intercept points
- Ongoing HEALing Communities work
- Assignment of 9.45 and 9.37 powers to designees (current designee powers authorized by me expire when I leave)
- Continued integrated treatment planning and implementation work in the clinic
- New reporting and accountability measures for contracts and agencies under LGU supervision
- Suicide Prevention and School Threat Assessment protocols for schools
- ER Diversion issues
- OMH \$66k workforce funds
- Mandated Medication Assisted Treatment at the Jail
- Regional issues and contracting
- Blended funding contracts

**Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) –**

A significant aide shortage throughout the county, state and nation continues to leave older adults without the help they are eligible for. We typically have at least 5-10 seniors waiting for aides even though we have the funding to serve them. Pay incentives for PCAII care, mileage reimbursement, and increased minimum number of hours per visit are some of the means we are using in 2022 to help secure aides through our contracted agencies for our seniors in need.

## RESOLUTIONS:

### OFA:

- 1-22-HH-1 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to extend a contract under the provisions of the Senior Nutrition Program Titles IIIC-1, IIIC-2 and WIN for meal service for January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022. **Motion by Shea, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale. All in favor.**
- 1-22-HH-2 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to enter into an agreement for the provision of frozen meals for Senior Citizens using Unmet Need funding. **Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale. All in favor.**

### HEALTH: Motion to bundle HH-3, 4 and 5 by Nightengale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Didio. All in favor.

- 1-22-HH-3 Authorization to create and fill a Public Health Assistant position in the Health Department
- 1-22-HH-4 Authorization to fill a Part Time Early Intervention Service Coordinator Position
- 1-22-HH-5 Authorizing the Public Health Director to create and fill a Sr. Public Health Assistant in the Health Department

### HUMAN SERVICES: Motion to bundle HH-6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale. All in favor.

- 1-22-HH-6 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a Contract with Catholic Charities to Provide SSI Maximization for Safety Net Assistance (SNA) and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- 1-22-HH-7 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a Contract with Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes to Provide Supervised Visitation Services for Clients Referred to them by the Department of Social Services
- 1-22-HH-8 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into Contracts for Day Care Services
- 1-22-HH-9 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill 4 FT Caseworker Positions in the Child Welfare Services Units of the Department of Social Services
- 1-22-HH-10 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to Fill Human Services Examiner Position in the Department of Social Services
- 1-22-HH-11 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community Services or Successor to implement the Foster Care Incentive Program. **Motion by Muldrow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale. All in favor.**
- There was discussion among the committee about how this program may impact the overall use of ARPA funds.
- 1-22-HH-12 Authorizing a Salary Adjustment for Non-Bargaining Seasonal HEAP Clerks in the Department of Social Services for the Year 2022. **Motion by Nightengale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Didio. All in favor.**

### MENTAL HEALTH:

- 1-22-HH-13 Authorizing the Cayuga County Mental Health Department to accept Regional OMH State Aid and to pay various state aid contracts on behalf of the Central New York Director's Planning Group (CNYDPG). **Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale. All in favor.**
- 1-22-HH-14 **(AMENDED)** Authorize the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to enter into contracts for mental health services. **Motion to move as amended by Muldrow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco. All in favor.**
- 1-22-HH-15 **(PULLED)** Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature to appropriate ARPA funds to Cayuga County Mental Health Center to continue the Healing Communities Study's Work. **No motion.**
- 1-22-HH-16 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to contract with Liberty Resources, Inc., for the provision of Adult Crisis Respite. **Motion by Nightengale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Didio. All in favor.**

- 1-22-HH-17 **(TABLED)** Authorizing the Cayuga County Community Mental Health Center to accept additional state aid. **Motion by Patti-Ruffini to table, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Didio. All in favor except Calarco, Nightengale and Shea.**
- 1-22-HH-18 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to accept an OMH Workforce Grant. **Motion by Muldrow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Didio. All in favor.**
- 1-22-HH-19 Authorize the filling of a full time Supervising Social Worker (CMH) position at the Community Mental Health Center. **Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale. All in favor.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Employment history of a particular person. **Motion by Patti-Ruffini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shea. All in favor.**

**Executive Session ended at 8:10 PM.**

- 1-22-HH-20 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill 4 FT Caseworker Positions in the Child Welfare Services Units of the Department of Social Services. **Motion by Patti-Ruffini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Muldrow. All in favor.**
- 1-22-HH-21 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to Fill Human Services Examiner Position in the Department of Social Services. **Motion by Didio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale. All in favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Nightengale at 8:18 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco. All in favor.**

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