



**MINUTES**  
**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, January 14, 2021 to follow Government Operations**  
**Live Stream Link: [https://youtu.be/Q8X\\_tapLu2Q](https://youtu.be/Q8X_tapLu2Q)**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:09PM

**MEMBERS:** Legislators Michael Didio, Ryan Foley, Tricia Kerr, Timothy Lattimore, Heidi Nightengale (Vice Chair), and Mark Strong

**OTHERS:** Chair Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Legislators Chris Petrus, Ben Vitale, Paul Pinckney, Tucker Whitman, Public Health Director Kathleen Cuddy, OFA Director Brenda Wiemann, Chief Assistant County Attorney Richard Graham, Assistant County Attorney Brittany Massi, HR Administrator Lisa Lippoldt, Staff Development Supervisor Jennifer Marshall, Budget Director Lynn Marinelli, Director of Community Services Ray Bizzari, and Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Amanda Morgan

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:** December 3, 2020, Motion by Lattimore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr, all in favor.

**Motion by Lattimore to go into executive session at 7:12PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: re: Employment history of a particular person**

**Motion by Kerr to come out of executive session at 7:55PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**

**Motion by Nightengale to approve appointment, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr, all in favor.**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**OFA Advisory Committee**

Beverly Centers, 172 E Genesee St., Auburn, NY 13021 Term - 1/1/21-12/31/26

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

**Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) – no updates**

CCOFA has been offered additional office space at the Boyle Apartment building due to the closure of RSVP. This represents an opportunity to have all CCOFA staff together which has and continues to be the goal. Following a tour, I am waiting on clarification from Christopher Community as to whether the space could meet the need for 5 HIPPA complaint spaces, and accommodate all 7 CCOFA staff currently at COB. Once this information is received, I expect to be able to share cost estimates and bring the details to the HHS committee for further discussion.

**Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –**

- Update on COVID testing
- Update on COVID vaccination
- Other

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

- Eviction Moratorium extended to May 1
- FFFS/Code Blue/STSJP plans all approved by OCFS/OTDA
- SAMHSA released another round of System of Care grants and we're applying again
- We received another round of funding (70k) for the CPS embedded behavioral health specialist
- The Medicaid weekly share payment beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> week in January will be reduced by approximately \$30k. You may remember this payment was reduced last year and this is an additional reduction
- We are keeping up on the vaccine rollout. OMH/OASAS pushing information out on priority populations but no information yet from OTDA/OCFS
- We continue to push out funding via the HEALing Communities study

- No word yet on the status of CY OMH/OASAS local and regional State Aid
- Assertive Community Treatment Team to start 1/1/21. We've made several referrals
- DePaul continue to work on the Port Byron housing project and is applying again. The project renovates the old high school, creating affordable housing opportunities for folks with MH/SA disabilities and frail elderly and also creates satellite service opportunities for the underserved north end of the county
- We've managed to keep homeless numbers around 50 households. There's been a shift to an increase in families experiencing homelessness

## RESOLUTIONS:

### HUMAN SERVICES:

**Motion by Foley to bundle HH 1,2,5,7 & 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Strong, all in favor except Foley abstains from HH-7.**

- 1-21-HH-1 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community 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)
- 1-21-HH-2 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community 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
- 1-21-HH-5 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract with Cayuga Centers for provision of four respite beds
- 1-21-HH-7 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community Services to Enter into a Contract with Cayuga Counseling Services, Inc. for the Provision of Employment Experience for Public Assistance Recipients
- 1-21-HH-8 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community Services to Enter into Contracts for Day Care Services

**End of bundle**

**Motion by Nightengale to bundle HH-3 & HH-4 and amend to include Safe Care rate, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr, all in favor.**

- 1-21-HH-3 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community Services to Enter into a Contract with Cayuga Centers for the provision of certain services that reduces/stabilizes foster care placements, detention or other out-of-home placements and increases positive family functioning.
- 1-21-HH-4 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Director of Community Services to Enter into a Contract with Cayuga Centers for the provision of certain services that reduces/stabilizes foster care placements, detention or other out-of-home placements and increases positive family functioning.

**End of bundle**

**Motion by Nightengale to bundle HH-9 – HH-11, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr, all in favor.**

- 1-21-HH-9 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to Fill (2) Human Services Examiner Positions in the Department of Social Services
- 1-21-HH-10 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to Fill a Full-Time Clerk Vacancy in the Medicaid Unit in Social Services
- 1-21-HH-11 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to Fill a Sr. Typist Position in the Department of Social Services

**End of bundle**

- 1-21-HH-6 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community Services to Enter into a Contract with Cayuga Centers for the Provision of Supervision & Monitoring Services. **Motion by Nightengale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foley, all in favor.**

**MENTAL HEALTH:**

**Motion by Nightengale to bundle HH 13 & HH-14, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr, all in favor.**

1-21-HH-13 Authorize the filling of one vacant full-time Health Home Care Manager position at the Mental Health Center.

1-21-HH-14 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to create and fill a Staff Social Worker (CMH) at the Mental Health Center.

**End of bundle**

1-21-HH-12 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to create and the Director of Community Services to fill a Supervisor of Family Behavioral Health Services (CMH) position in the Cayuga County Department of Mental Health. **Motion by Nightengale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr, all in favor.**

**Discussion:**

**Bizzari says the incumbent in the position has been sort of working out of title for the last four years and this is an attempt to correct that. They wanted to fix this last year, but Covid happened. The position is 100% funded by State Aid and they need the additional supervision to compensate for the elimination of the Clinic Director position.**

**Motion by Foley to adjourn at 9:07PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**