



MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/niawZDphB9Y>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair at 5:31 PM

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Nancy Purdy, Lauren Walsh, Brenda Wiemann, Christine Bianco, Chris Palermo, Max Pinchak

MINUTES TO APPROVE: February 10, 2022 **Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale. All in favor.**

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Shea. All in favor.

OFA Advisory Board

Betsy Donald, 2122 E. Venice Rd., Moravia, NY 13118, Term – 3/1/22 to 12/31/27

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –

The Health Dept. staff are resilient and reliable. Since last month we are

- Continuing to provide information, guidance, vaccination to our community members related to COVID-19
- Working with EMO to distribute at home COVID -19 rapid test kits to agencies, congregate living centers and town, villages, city
- Adjusting our communications to meet the desires of our partners, e.g. School nurse meetings, community leaders meetings, routine meetings with hospital administration
- Submitted and had accepted our required Licensed Home Care Service Agency statistical report, Zika Action Plan, State Aid Survey, Diagnostic and Treatment Center Cost Report
- Holding a special Board of Health meeting (March 8, 2022) to update members of status of some ongoing water quality programs and initiatives
- Reviewing and Strengthening efficiencies and referrals amongst programs and agencies to serve our community e.g. providing health insurance information at clinics, links with Early Intervention, WIC, Lead testing, Vaccination and other early childhood programs that serve families

Lauren Walsh (Community Services) –

- Overview of Mental Health Dept.
- HEALing Communities Study Update (attached)
- Mobile Crisis

Christine Bianco (Social Services) –

- The various program area of DSS have been working on completing the building space needs survey.
- Emergency housing numbers for February were between 120-130 which includes approx. +/-20 families, and +/-110 individuals housed by DSS.
- State Audits have recently happened or are currently occurring in Children & Family Services (Foster Care, Preventive Services and Child Protective Services), Long Term Care and Temporary Assistance.
- We are beginning to have staff travel to Albany to complete mandated training that had been put on hold due to COVID.
- I would like to extend the offer to meet with any legislator interested in learning more about DSS and the programs/services provided. Please reach out if you would like to set something up.

Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) –

- OFA Office space update – waiting for rental contract proposal from Christopher Community
- Home Health Aide shortage –Due to the ongoing scarcity of aides, we are implementing interim measures such as ramps, adaptive equipment, web-based support and technology to help older individuals remain safe and independent in their own homes.
- Providing community outreach in Sterling March 24th and Moravia March 30th

RESOLUTIONS:

OFA:

- 3-22-HH-1 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to enter into an agreement for the provision of innovative caregiver support for those caring for older adults in Cayuga County using funds carried forward from 2021. **Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale. All in favor.**
- 3-22-HH-2 Authorizing the Chairman of the County Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to enter into a contract for 2022 Title III E, Title III B, ALZ-CSI with provider Home Instead. **Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Shea. All in favor.**

HEALTH: Motion to bundle HH-3, 4, 5 and 6 by Nightengale, 2nd by Calarco. All in favor.

- 3-22-HH-3 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into contract with Cayuga Medical Associates for tuberculosis consultation and care
- 3-22-HH-4 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill one Supervising Nutritionist position in the WIC program
- 3-22-HH-5 **(REVISED 3/9/22)** Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into Agreements in addition to the bid for transportation of Preschool Children.
- 3-22-HH-6 Authorizing the Public Health Director to Purchase Vehicle for the Health Department

SOCIAL SERVICES: Motion to bundle HH-7, 8 and 9 by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale. All in favor.

- 3-22-HH-7 Amending the Department of Social Services' 2022 Budget to accept funds from New York State in the form of Safe Harbor: NY and to contract with Booker T. Washington Community Center, Inc for provision of Safe Harbor: NY services
- 3-22-HH-8 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a Contract with Booker T. Washington Community Center Inc.
- 3-22-HH-9 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Renew the Contract with Community Action Programs Cayuga/Seneca for the Provision of Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services

Motion to bundle HH-10, 11 and 12 by Patti-Ruffini, 2nd by Calarco. All in favor.

- 3-22-HH-10 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill a FT Caseworker Position in the Child Welfare Services Unit of the Department of Social Services.
- 3-22-HH-11 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill a Deputy Director for Social Services vacancy in the Department of Social Services
- 3-22-HH-12 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to Fill a Sr. Account Clerk position in the Accounting Unit

Motion to bundle HH-13, 14 and 15 by Patti-Ruffini, 2nd by Calarco. All in favor.

- 3-22-HH-13 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a Contract with ABC Cayuga Inc. for services at Play Space.
- 3-22-HH-14 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to Purchase Three Vehicles for Department of Social Services
- 3-22-HH-15 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to renew the Contract with Rescue Mission for Homeless Family and Transitional Housing

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Patti-Ruffini at 6:27 PM, 2nd by Shea. All in favor.