

CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: MARCH 13, 2019, CHAMBERS – TO FOLLOW JUDICIAL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

<i>Elane Daly</i>	<i>Legislator District 11, Chair</i>
<i>Aileen McNabb-Coleman</i>	<i>Legislator, District 6, Vice Chair</i>
<i>Keith Batman</i>	<i>Legislator, District 7</i>
<i>Michael Didio</i>	<i>Legislator, District 14</i>
<i>Timothy Lattimore</i>	<i>Legislator, District 13</i>
<i>Charlie Ripley</i>	<i>Legislator, District 9</i>
<i>Benjamin Vitale</i>	<i>Legislator, District 3</i>

OTHERS: Legislator Joseph DeForest, Legislator Christopher Petrus, County Administrator Justin J. Woods, County Attorney Christopher Palermo, Count Assistant Attorney Richard Graham, Director of Community Services Ray Bizzari, Nancy Purdy, Director of Office for the Aging Brenda Wiemann, Planning and Economic Development Director Stephen Lynch, Director, Administrative Assistant, Suzanne Gauthier, Ryan Franklin, The Citizen

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair at 7:49 p.m.

MINUTES TO APPROVE: Charlie Ripley motioned to approve minutes of February 13, 2019 2nd by Keith Batman. All members present voted in favor, passed.

APPOINTMENTS & RESOLUTIONS: Discussed with each committee report

STAFF:

<i>J. Justin Woods</i>	<i>County Administrator</i>
<i>Sheila Smith</i>	<i>Clerk of the Legislature</i>
<i>Amanda Morgan</i>	<i>Deputy Clerk of the Legislature</i>

REPORTING DEPARTMENTS:

- Cayuga County Mental Health & DSS Raymond Bizzari, Director of Community Services
- Cayuga County Health Department Kathleen Cuddy, Director
- Cayuga County Office for the Aging Brenda Wiemann, Director

RESOLUTIONS

Chair Daly presented overviews of the resolutions.

Keith Batman motioned to approve and move resolutions 3-19 – HH-5, 3-19-HH-7, 3-19-HH-8, 2nd by Aileen McNabb-Coleman.

- 3-19-HH-5 Authorizing the Public Health Director to purchase vehicle for Health Department
- 3-19-HH-7 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill a vacant Health Programs Coordinator position
- 3-19-HH-8 Authorizing the Chairman of the County Legislature and the Public Health Director to fill a WIC Assistant position within the Health Department

All members present voted in favor, passed .

Ben Vitale motioned to amend the resolution 3-19-HH-6 to state not to exceed \$5,000.00 and to change wording to state Attorneys, 2nd Michael Didio.

- 3-19-HH-6 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into a contract with an outside attorney to assist with legal issues.

Ben Vitale motioned to approve and move resolution 3-19–HH-6 as amended, 2nd by Charlie Ripley.

All members present voted in favor, passed

Keith Batman motioned to approve and move resolution 3-19–HH-9, 2nd Aileen McNabb-Coleman.

- 3-19-HH-9 Amending resolution 312-18 that authorized the contract between the Cayuga County Health Department and Consensus Building Institute, Inc.

Steve Lynch explained the Watershed Rules and Regulations committee determined the facilitator is necessary to move through the public participation process. A brief discussion was held on the selection of vendors for the project.

- 3-19-HH-6 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into a contract with an outside attorney to assist with legal issues.

All members present voted in favor, passed.

Charlie Ripley motioned to approve and move resolution 3-19–HH-10, 2nd Keith Batman.

- 3-19-HH-10 Authorizing the Public Health Director to accept a one-time payment of \$40,000 from New York State in relation to Article 6 State Aid Year 6 Performance Incentive Program activities completed by the Health Department.

No discussion. All members present voted in favor, passed.

CAYUGA COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING – BRENDA WIEMANN

Keith Batman motioned to approve and move resolutions 3-19–HH-11, 3-19–HH-12, 3-19–HH-13, 2nd Aileen McNabb-Coleman

- 3-19-HH-11 Authorizing and directing the Cayuga County Administrator and the Director of the Office for the Aging to sign annual contracts with various subcontractors

- 3-19-HH-12 Authorizing the County Administrator and the Director of the Office for the Aging to sign agreement for Registered Dietician Services
- 3-19-HH-13 Authorizing the Cayuga County Administrator and the Director of the Cayuga County Office for the Aging to sign the contract for service to produce the quarterly Senior News & Views newsletter

No discussion. All members present voted in favor, passed.

Charlie Ripley motioned to approve and move resolution 3-19 – HH-14, 2nd by Keith Batman.

- 3-19-HH-14 Authorizing the Cayuga Administrator and the Director of the Office for the Aging to fill a vacant Aging Services Specialist position resulting from a promotion.

No discussion. All members present voted in favor, passed.

Aileen McNabb-Coleman motioned to approve and move resolution 3-19 – HH-15, 2nd by Michael Didio.

- 3-19-HH-15 To authorize the Cayuga County Administrator and the Director of the Office for the Aging to accept additional funding from Alzheimer’s Association for Caregiver Support Initiative and from the NYS Office for the Aging under Title III-E of the Older Americans Act for NY Elder Caregivers Support Program and amend the Office for the Aging 2019 budget.

No discussion. All members present voted in favor, passed.

- SENIOR CITIZEN NUTRITION PROGRAM

Brenda Wiemann gave an update on the Senior Nutrition Program. The demand has been increasing over the years; will continue to look for donations and volunteers for the program. Director Wiemann stated the County program is researching to partner with the National Meals on Wheels program on the national level; and possibly the State program. These partnerships have potential for an increase in donations. March for Meals will be held March 18th through March 22nd.

MENTAL HEALTH AND DSS – RAYMOND BIZZARI

Charlie Ripley motioned to approve and move resolutions 3-19–HH-1, 3-19–HH-2, 3-19–HH-3, 3-19-HH-4, 2nd Keith Batman.

- 3-19-HH-1 Amending the Mental Health 2019 Budget to adjust State Aid funding for contract agencies
- 3-19-HH-2 Authorize the filling of a vacant Grant Assistant position at the Cayuga County Mental Health Center due to resignation
- 3-19-HH-3 Authorize the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to enter into two contracts for Mental Health Counseling
- 3-19-HH-4 Authorize the filling of one vacant part-time Mental Health Therapy Aide position at the Cayuga County Mental Health Center due to a resignation.

No discussion. All members present voted in favor, passed.

APPOINTMENTS

- Alcohol & Substance Abuse Subcommittee
 - Shawn Butler, 46 North Street, Auburn, NY 13021, Term – 1/1/19 to 12/31/22 (New appt.)

Keith Batman motioned to approve and move the appointment forward, 2nd by Aileen McNabb-Coleman.

All members present voted in favor, passed.

POLICY MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE

Director Bizzari inquired about the proposed Compliance Plan policy. Director Bizzari would like to inquire to the State Medicaid office whether the Mental Health department can be included in this Plan.

- CHASE (Community Hub and Spoke model of comprehensive addiction treatment) is a grant application submitted to the National Institute of Health by Columbia University and Montefiore. Cayuga County is included in this. We participated in two site visits. If awarded, at least \$2million dollars would flow through MH to hubs and spokes (treatment sites). The challenge with the other resources brought into the county is that OASAS went around the local government unit so the services were not coordinated or integrated as well as they should be. In this model, we retain our traditional oversight responsibility. Several positions would be funded through this grant and we'd be part of a study design that identifies the efficacy of certain treatment strategies.
- Raise the Age update...the plan has been resubmitted yet again. One unanticipated outcome of the legislation is the cases pending before 10/1/18 are working their way thru the criminal justice systems and justice courts are relying on DSS to provide jail alternatives.
Upcoming webinar will walk the agencies through the process to get approved for payment.
- Community First Choice Option, a Medicaid Waiver community alternative to nursing home placements begins 7/1/19. The Department is responsible for FSS Medicaid recipient's assessment/Plan of Care and capacity building. Many Fair Hearings will be lost by DSS's statewide as this is an impossible lift.
- NYS obtained a two year waiver on the Family First Prevention Services Act implementation, related to new foster care regulatory/reimbursement/monitoring rules per Federal Legislation. There are considerable process and policy changes this Act requires DSS's to implement.
- We've begun meeting with school district about the implantation of our new threat assessment protocols based on FBI post Columbine recommendations.
- The out-patient clinic is feeling the stress of patient walk-ins related to an inability to get services at Cayuga Counseling Services. Much like the challenges CHAD has faced with changing the practice and business model, the impact hits the staff hard. We've seen some days with >20 walk-ins.
- The \$60k OASAS jail funding is going to CHAD. They will provide peer and treatment services in the jail. The money has to be used for new services and cannot be used to supplant existing funds.
- We continue to write the onerous Homeless Services Plan which is due 3/31/19 and annually thereafter.
- Family Accessing Services Team and Mental Health Subcommittee are coordinating Mental Health Awareness activities for the month of May. Banner/blue lights downtown and events are planned.

- YOUTH BUREAU POSITIONS

Director Bizzari briefly discussed on how the department needs to run currently and in the future. The Civil Service Department is in the process of classifying positions and titles due to consolidation of duties and the addition of the new Youth Bureau duties. The process was described as to the process for consolidation of departments within County government. Director Bizzari described how the new alignment could assist the community youth delinquent prevention plans in programming and financing elements: recreation programming, child care, etc. The committee further discussed the various elements involved in the consolidation of the programs: job descriptions, titles, budgeting, etc.

LEGISLATURE

RESOLUTIONS:

Charlie Ripley motioned to approve and move resolution 3-19 - LEG-1 2nd by Joseph Bennett.

- 3-19-LEG-1 Resolution Opposing Driver's License access and privacy act concerning undocumented individuals.

Members Daly, McNabb-Coleman, Didio, Lattimore, Ripley approved, Members Batman and Vitale opposed, passed.

Joseph Bennett motioned to table the resolution 3-19 - LEG-2 2nd by Michael Didio.

- 3-19-LEG-2 Authorizing the elimination of individual departmental Corporate Compliance Plans and adoption of a single County-Wide Corporate Compliance Plan.

All members present voted in favor to table the motion, passed.

Tim Lattimore motioned to approve and move resolution 3-19 - LEG-3, 2nd by Michael Didio.

- 3-19-LEG-3 Requesting Amazon to consider White Pine Commerce Park located in Onondaga County, New York for the new Amazon Headquarters.

All members present voted in favor of the motion, passed.

Tim Lattimore motioned to approve and move resolution 3-19 - LEG-4 2nd by Charlie Ripley.

- 3-19-LEG-4 Resolution Opposing Reproductive Health Act.

Members Ripley, Lattimore, Didio approve, Members Batman, McNabb-Coleman, Vitale and Daly opposed, failed.

ADJOURNMENT: APRIL 11, 2019

Charlie Ripley motioned to adjourn the Health And Human Services Committee meeting at 8:52 p.m.

2nd by Keith Batman. All members present voted in favor of the motion, passed.

Next Judicial and Public Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2019 at the Cayuga County Chambers, 160 Genesee Street, Auburn, New York 13021 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant

Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development