



MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuLqgsDzKbQ>

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

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

EXCUSED: Legislators Michael Didio & Christina Calarco

ZOOM: Legislator Brian Muldrow

OTHERS: Chair of the Legislature David Gould, Kathleen Cuddy, Christine Bianco, Brenda Wiemann, Liz Burke, Debra Dennis, Rich Graham, and Secretary to the Chair Sarah Blowers

MINUTES TO APPROVE: May 11, 2023

Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS:

Persons with Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee (PWDD)

Elizabeth Signorelli, 6175 Court St, Cayuga, NY 13034, Term – 1/1/23 to 12/31/26

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –

- May is Recognized as National Bike month and the department hosted multiple events include:
 - Bike and Roll to School at Auburn elementary schools during the week of May 1 – May 5 and at Weedsport (May 9) and Moravia (May 10) schools.
 - Safety messaging was sent home with students in advance of the events.
 - Participants were given a helmet if they needed one.
 - Moravia schools had the largest number of participants (89).
 - Kids on Wheels Safety Rodeo held in collaboration with Auburn Police and Fire Department on Saturday, May 20 at the Auburn fire house.
 - Summer bicycle events are being planned in towns and villages throughout the county. Dates and location will be announced once they are confirmed.
- Staff attended Kindergarten Registration at Auburn elementary schools the week of May 15- May 19 to promote programs and services included immunizations.
- Our lead program is hosting Renovate, Repair and Paint (RRP) Training for landlords on June 27th. Anyone interested can register by calling our office.
- Information on Public Communication was shared with county staff and legislators, Board of Health and our Medical Director. This document is updated annually to make sure staff and members of the public know how to reach us, but also where we share our information. This was also an article in the Citizen on Tuesday, May 30.
https://auburnpub.com/lifestyles/cayuga-county-health-department-reaching-us-reaching-you/article_55cea564-fbcd-11ed-a1fe-cf118319a838.html#tracking-source=home-top-story
- Staff have started preparing seasonal outreach activities for a variety of topics including:
 - injury/disease prevention (bicycle and pedestrian safety, water recreation/swimming safety, summer BBQs and food preparation, ticks, and mosquitoes)
 - Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)
- WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupons are now available as of June 1st. Staff are busy working to get those out to participants and will be at some of the upcoming farmers' markets to assist participants at the market.
- Early Intervention and Preschool Nights (just had May 23rd and 25th next is June 27th and 29th)
 - June's topic will be Encouraging Language Development with Michele Westfall who is a speech language pathologist with Liberty Resources.
- Monthly breastfeeding classes being offered by our nurses who are also Certified Lactation Counselors (most recent one was held on June 8th)

Lauren Walsh (Community Services) –

- Clinic:
 - Census continues to increase- currently 2,253 total individuals engaged in services at the clinic
 - Total of 17 full time, 3 contracted social workers with caseloads of active clients between 90-100
 - Continue to recruit and hire for one full time Social Worker position
 - Mobile Crisis press release this month
 - Retreat planned for all staff June 30th
- DBT in Schools
 - Training for school staff in July
 - Implementation planned for next school year
 - Continue to wait on SAMSHA grant funding to expand DBT in our county
- MH in the jail
 - Working with the Sheriff to increase MH resources in the Jail

Christine Bianco (Social Services) –

- The 2023 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Cooling Assistance benefit opened May 1, 2023. If eligible, a qualified applicant may receive one Cooling Assistance benefit per applicant household for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner or a fan to help their home stay cool. (In circumstances where an air conditioner cannot be safely installed, a fan will be provided.) Information on the program, eligibility requirements and how to apply can be found at: otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/
- As of June 1, Cayuga County DSS was providing emergency housing assistance to 30 families and 90 individuals. The numbers have decreased significantly over the past few months due to warmer weather and some successful discharges into permanent housing. Lack of available housing options for very low-income families and individuals continues to be a barrier.

Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) – No updates

Debra Dennis (Youth Bureau) –

- Youth Advisory Board- By-Laws were adopted. Nominations for Chairperson, First Chairperson and Secretary were voted on and approved.
- Youth Bureau applications for NYS OCFS funding. The following programs will receive funding as a part of our 9-month allocation from NYS OCFS for programs running 1/1/23-9/30/23. Booker T. Washington, YMCA, Salvation Army's Long Point Camp (scholarships for Cayuga County youth, The REV Theatre, Auburn Music Boosters, Perform 4 Purpose, Meridian, Ira, Cato's (MIC) Summer STREAM Program.
- NYS Governor's Youth Council- 7 applications were received. Currently being judged at our county level. Three will move on to the State level for judging.

RESOLUTIONS:

HEALTH: Motion to bundle HH 1 & 2 by Patti Ruffini, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.
6-23-HH-1 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill a PT Lactation Peer Counselor Position in the Health Department's WIC Program.

6-23-HH-2 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Public Health Director to fill an F/T E-I Service Coordinator Position.

SOCIAL SERVICES:

6-23-HH-3 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to Fill two Caseworker Vacancies in the Adult Protective Services Unit. **Motion by Patti Ruffini, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**

MENTAL HEALTH:

6-23-HH-4 Authorizing the creation of a temporary leave bank for a Cayuga County Mental Health employee. **Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**

6-23-HH-5 Authorize the creation and fill of one Part-Time Temporary Jail Social Worker Position. **Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.**

6-23-HH-6 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to Create and Pre-Fill a Senior Clerk Position at the Community Mental Health Center of Cayuga County. **Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.**

- OFA:**
- 6-23-HH-7 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to sign agreement with Elderchoice for meal service.
Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2nd by Patti Ruffini, all in favor.
- 6-23-HH-8 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to sign a contract with Elderchoice under funding from the Alzheimer’s Association of CNY Caregiver Respite Initiative (ALZ-CSI).
Motion by Patti Ruffini, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.
- 6-23-HH-9 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to sign annual contracts with various subcontractors.
Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.
- Motion to adjourn by Nightengale at 6:08 PM, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.**