



MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Monday, June 14, 2021 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/uojDLY-mJVI>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair – **5:30 pm**

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

OTHERS: Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Brenda Wiemann, Ray Bizzari, Rich Graham, Lacey Bailey, Jodie Nickerson, JoAnn Hildebrandt, Christine Bertot

MINUTES TO APPROVE: **May 10, 2021. Motion by Dido, 2nd by Foley. All in favor.**

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

Community Services Board

Monika Salvage, 146 North Street, Auburn, NY 13021, Term – 6/1/21 to 12/31/24

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee

Sarah Dawson, 250 Lake Avenue, Auburn, NY 13021, Term – 6/1/21 to 12/31/24

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) –

- Waiting on cost estimates for proposed build out of office space for OFA at Boyle.
- Five senior citizens have contributed in significant ways to their communities for decades and will be recognized through our newsletter, Facebook and a small event in August.
- Working with CCHD to increase availability of vaccines for homebound individuals.

Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –

- COVID-19 vaccination update
- ELC grant school focus
- Funding maximization for response—state aid, FEMA, insurance
- HAB awareness
- WIC move update

Ray Bizzari (Mental Health/Social Services) –

Mental Health

- The clinic remains very busy, caseloads for both therapists and prescribers are higher than they've ever been and our visit count exceeds projections. We struggle to see patients as often as they need because of caseload size and the pace of new intakes
- Spikes in overdoses and suicide ideation/attempt/completions remains alarmingly high
- Working to add resources to mobile crisis to open it to all behavioral health emergencies and also open the service for the public to call
- In-person visits are increasing
- The Local Plan is due for submission on 7/1/21
- We are developing plans for strengthening behavioral health infrastructure
- Will be restarting a suicide prevention steering committee to review practices, make recommendations and guide infrastructure investments
- The clinic's move into a more integrated treatment model is progressing with staff gaining competency through trainings and experience
- HEALing Communities Study moves into its second year of implementation
- The adult, 4 bed peer supported respite program opens 7/1

Social Services

- New York State’s Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) began accepting applications on June 1. Our community-based partners are doing a great job with assisting county residents with applying for the funds (updated numbers to be brought to HHS).
- DSS continues to work on Family First Readiness....may need more resources for supervision/case management and JD Diversion. We have to decide on the Qualified Individual (QI) who will be conducting assessments of youth in foster care.
- The Department continues to become the Guardian of vulnerable individuals.
- Telephone waivers for applications and recertification for Temporary Assistance remains in effect.
- Emergency housing numbers hover around 75 with approximately 20 of the cases involving families.
- DSS will do some work with the school districts over the summer to work on strategies related to Education Neglect CPS reports as we expect there to be spikes in attendance issues as the schools move to more in-person instruction.

RESOLUTIONS:

OFA:

- 6-21-HH-1 Authorization to accept additional funding from the NYS Office for Aging (NYSOFA) through the Corona Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. **Motion by Dido, 2nd by Nightengale. All in favor.**
- 6-21-HH-2 Authorization to create and fill one (1) full-time Aging Services Specialist to provide additional services through CARES Act revenue. **Motion by Kerr, 2nd by Nightengale. All in favor.**
- 6-21-HH-3 Authorization to abolish a senior typist position and create and fill one (1) full-time Aging Services Assistant position in the Office for Aging. **Motion by Foley, 2nd by Strong. All in favor.**
- 6-21-HH-4 Authorization to accept additional funding from the NYS Office for Aging (NYSOFA) for Expanding Access to COVID-19 Vaccines via the Aging Network (VAC5). **Motion by Foley, 2nd Nightengale. All in favor.**

HUMAN SERVICES: Motion by Foley to bundle, 2nd by Nightengale. All in favor.

- 6-21-HH-5 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to fill 2 FT Caseworker Positions in the Child Welfare Services Units of the Department of Social Services.
- 6-21-HH-6 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to Fill a Principal Social Welfare Examiner Position in the Department of Social Services
- 6-21-HH-7 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to Fill a Sr. Account Clerk position in the Child Support Services Unit

MENTAL HEALTH: Motion to bundle 8&9 by Nightengale, 2nd by Didio. All in favor.

- 6-21-HH-8 Amending the Mental Health 2021 Budget to adjust State Aid funding for Contract Agencies
- 6-21-HH-9 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to accept a grant from the New York State Office of Mental Health
- 6-21-HH-10 Authorize the creation and filling of one (1) full-time staff Social Worker (CMH) position at the Community Mental Health Center of Cayuga County and unfunding one (1) full-time Health Home Care Manager. **Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Didio. All in favor.**

ADJOURNMENT: 6:24 pm. Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Kerr. All in favor.