



**MINUTES**  
**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, July 13 2023 at 5:30PM**

**Live Stream Link:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_JuV68rhho0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_JuV68rhho0)

**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

**OTHERS:** Chair of the Legislature David Gould, Legislator Jim Basile, Kathleen Cuddy, Christine Bianco, Jen Marshall, Brenda Wiemann, Debra Dennis, Grace Blowers, Lynn Marinelli, Chris Palermo, Rich Graham, and Secretary to the Chair Sarah Blowers

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:** June 8, 2023

**Motion by Didio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

**Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –**

Health Department highlights July 2023:

- Special summertime vaccination clinics scheduled and booked in July and August for back to school students in grades K-12 for required vaccinations
- Education on how to help prevent mosquito and tick bites provided through media sites
- Healthy Neighborhoods program staff are canvassing eligible neighborhoods and making home safety visits
- The Lead Poisoning Prevention program hosted a successful and well attended EPA accredited Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Training course on June 27, 2023. The course certifies people trained in lead safe work techniques. A very beneficial course for property owners, a money saver for landlords by increasing the number of contractors certified for work with Lead painted homes.
- The Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is also partnering with our county Foster Care Program offer lead risk home assessments. Additionally an educational mailing to offer a home assessment will be sent to clients meeting demographic and housing criteria that may put them at greater risk for lead poisoning.
- Children with Special Health Care Needs program staff continue to work with PlaySpace and families to provide special theme nights for families to enjoy the PlaySpace and learn more from a licensed professional about how to work with their child/ren regarding speech, physical, occupational therapy or special educational ideas.
- The initial portion of the McGuinness portal for Pre School provider billing portal submission began July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Environmental Health Staff are particularly busy this time of year assisting children's camps with attaining their permits, special food events, swimming pool openings and attending to rabies calls this time of year.
- WIC has gone back to in person monthly clinic sites in Cato and Moravia. Farmers Markey coupons are available to participants. WIC staff have partnered with Cornell Cooperative Extension and the markets for a few special events where Farmer Market coupons are issued onsite, a facilitated tour of the market is provided and a demonstration of cooking with in -season foods are provided.
- Accounting staff are submitting our quarterly state aid documentation, vouchers and budget modifications for grants, billing for vaccination and the ongoing Early Intervention and Preschool Education as they are year round programs.
- Our Department continues to work on recruiting for employment vacancies. At the time of this submission the following are vacant position we are looking to fill:
  - Director of Nursing/ Community Health Services
  - Junior Accountant
  - Senior Public Health Educator
  - Nutritionist/ Certified Professional Authority at WIC
  - Early Intervention Service Coordinator/s

**Lauren Walsh (Community Services) –**

- Clinic: Fully staffed as of 7/10/23 for the first time in over

**Christine Bianco (Social Services) – No updates**

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

**Debra Dennis (Youth Bureau) – No updates**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**HEALTH:**

- 7-23-HH-1 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Public Health Director to create and fill a part-time Public Health Nurse position within the WIC Program.  
**Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**
- 7-23-HH-2 **(Revised 7/12/23)** Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Public Health Director to fill a WIC Nutritionist.  
**Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Muldrow, all in favor.**
- 7-23-HH-3 **(Revised 7/11/23)** Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Public Health Director and the County Attorney’s Office to enter into a contract with Bond Schenck and King Law Firm for assistance on legal work.  
**Motion by Patti Ruffini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**

**SOCIAL SERVICES:**

- Motion by Didio to bundle HH 4-7, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**
- 7-23-HH-4 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to accept \$25,000 funding from NYS OTDA and enter into a contract with CAP.
- 7-23-HH-5 Authorize Co-operation agreement between Department of Social Services and County Attorney’s Office for Legal Services.
- 7-23-HH-6 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to contract with multiple service agencies (listed) for the provision of Child Welfare Placement Services.
- 7-23-HH-7 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to contract with Community Action Programs Cayuga/Seneca (CAP) for Rapid Re-housing Case Management Services.
- 7-23-HH-8 **(Revised 7/11/23)** Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to fill a Director of Fiscal Management (DSS) position and abolish a Director of Administrative Service position in the Department of Social Services.  
**Motion by Didio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**
- 7-23-HH-9 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill (4) Clerk (Seasonal) Positions in the HEAP Unit of the Department of Social Services.  
**Motion by Muldrow to bundle HH 9 & 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**
- 7-23-HH-10 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill a Sr. Caseworker vacancy in the Adult Protective Services Unit.

**MENTAL HEALTH:**

- Motion by Didio to bundle HH 11 & 12, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**
- 7-23-HH-11 Amending the Mental Health 2023 budget to adjust State Aid Funding for contract agencies.
- 7-23-HH-12 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to accept grant funding from OMH for Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Certification.

**OFA:**

- 7-23-HH-13 Authorization to adjust OFA budget due to unexpected changes in department needs.  
**Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.**
- 7-23-HH-14 Authorization to fill one (1) Full-Time Aging Services Assistant Position in the Office for the Aging due to a vacancy.  
**Motion by Nightengale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**

**YOUTH BUREAU:**

7-23-HH-15 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Youth Bureau to execute agreements with various agencies to provide Youth Development Services.

**Motion by Muldrow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor**

**Motion to adjourn by Calarco at 6:42 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Muldrow, all in favor.**