



**AGENDA**  
**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 5:30PM**  
**Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/tSoJ3zTEb-s>**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair called to order at 5:33 PM

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

**EXCUSED:** Christina Calarco and Michael Didio

**OTHERS:** Chair of the Legislature David Gould, Legislator Tricia Kerr, Kathleen Cuddy, Christine Bianco, Brenda Wiemann, Lauren Walsh, Kelly King, Nancy Purdy, Rich Graham, and Secretary to the Chair Sarah Blowers

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:** June 9, 2022, **Motion by Shea, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

**Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –**

COVID-19: Our department continues to host bi-weekly calls with our community leaders/ partners and a separate call with the Auburn Community Hospital to discuss COVID response.

The AMMS pediatric hospital practice will provide COVID vaccination to our youngest eligible people in our community. East Hill Family Medical will be providing this opportunity as well.

Immunizations: Special days are reserved to serve the back to school immunization needs of our children. The days are: 7/22; 7/28; 8/24 and 8/25. An appointment can be made by calling 315-253-1560. The purpose is to provide ample opportunity for children to receive their required school vaccines.

“Our Best Shot” : This campaign is meant to celebrate how far we’ve come as a community – shops, schools, and theaters are open, people are out socializing with friends and family, enjoying live music, celebrating exciting milestones like graduations. It’s our community back at our best and we want to remind people that the Covid-19 vaccine helped get us there—and can help us keep it that way.

<https://www.cayugacounty.us/1726/Our-Best-Shot>

Environmental Health: The past few weeks have had particular focus in assisting Children’s Camps inspections to meet the safety inspections required. Sharing information about Hydrilla herbicide application and Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) information.

- **OWASCO LAKE WATERSHED RULES AND REGULATIONS UPDATE:**
  - NYS Department of Health has organized a State Inter-Agency Working Group that will include representatives of the Cayuga County Extended Staff Working Group that developed the proposed 1984 WSRR updates in 2017-2020. The Inter-Agency Working Group, hosted by NYSDOH, will hold a series of work sessions to systematically work through the proposed regulations submitted for review in December 2020, until outstanding issues can be resolved and a consensus set of updated WSRRs agreed upon.
  - State Agencies included are the NYS Departments of Health, Agriculture and Markets, Department of State, Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Transportation. The County Staff working group has representatives from County Health and Planning Departments, CCSWCD, CCE, City of Auburn Municipal Utilities, and the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council.
  - The State DOH has established a tentative Process Timeline:
    - ~ 6-8 Work Sessions between June and October 2022;
    - DOH publishes proposed WSRR amendments in November 2022;
    - Three-Month public comment period extends through February 2023;
    - DOH submission of response to comments in March 2023; and
    - DOH publishing amendments to WSRRs in May or June 2023.

**Lauren Walsh (Community Services) –**

**Christine Bianco (Social Services) –**

- DSS Emergency Housing numbers as of July 5, 2022: 51 homeless individuals and 13 homeless families.
- The HEAP Cooling Assistance Program is closing on July 8, 2022. Over the last two months, approximately 130 Cayuga County households received either an air conditioner or a fan to help their home stay cool.

- DSS Case Integrity Unit and the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department continue to work together to help combat the fraudulent use of SNAP benefits. DSS has referred approximately 10-12 cases to the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department over the past two months.

**Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) –**

- Awarded \$19,800 from the Central New York Regional Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Initiative – 100% funding to pay for respite services for caregivers caring for someone with dementia – provides for inhouse aides, social or medical adult day care or inpatient respite.
- 2022-23 Annual NYSOFA funding application has been submitted for a total of \$1,402,186.76
- Although we received fewer Farmer's Market Coupons to distribute this year, each booklet is now worth \$25 and the total value to the community increased to \$16,250. Drive through distributions starting July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Each year we are unable to utilize all of the available funding that we receive to provide aide services for seniors due to the ongoing severe aide shortage. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, there has been no indication that our enhanced aide rate for PCA II services has led to any improved availability of this hourly service for our clients. At this time, talks are being held with two providers who may be willing to contract for dedicated aides 35 hours/week specifically for our clients with the goal of improving our ability to serve the older adults in need of these services.
- Eight ramps have been/are in the process of being installed for eligible seniors with disabilities throughout the county as a result of the NYSOFA Unmet Need funding received in 2021. We plan to extend the contract with ARISE to purchase more ramps to continue to expand this program with more Unmet Need funding received in 2022.
- Plans to move to Boyle on or about July 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to IT and to the Boyle Manager and Superintendent for working to prepare the space.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**HEALTH:**

- 7-22-HH-1 (AMENDED) Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill 2 PT Lactation Peer Counselor Positions in the Health Department's WIC Program. **Motion to move as amended Muldrow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shea, all in favor.**
- 7-22-HH-2 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill a full-time public health nurse position within the Health Department. **Motion by Patti-Ruffini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shea, all in favor.**
- 7-22-HH-3 Authorizing the Public Health Director to enter into 5-year agreements with colleges or universities for public health and/or nursing student interns. **Motion by Patti-Ruffini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Muldrow, all in favor.**
- 7-22-HH-4 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into the Public Health Preparedness Contract with HRI (Working in Collaboration with NYSDOH) and Accept Funding for the time period of 7/1/22-6/30/23. **Motion by Shea, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

- 7-22-HH-5 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Auburn Community Hospital to participate in the Section 340B Discount Drug Program. **Motion by Shea, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**
- 7-22-HH-6 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Accept \$25,000 Funding from NYS OTDA and Enter Into a Contract with CAP. **Motion by Patti-Ruffini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shea, all in favor.**
- 7-22-HH-7 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Contract with Community Action Programs Cayuga/Seneca (CAP) for Rapid Re-housing Case Management Services. **Motion by Patti-Ruffini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shea, all in favor.**
- 7-22-HH-8 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Contract with Cayuga Centers for Diversion Case Management Services. **Motion by Patti-Ruffini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daly, all in favor.**
- 7-22-HH-9 (PULLED) Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to enter into an agreement with Empire Interpreting Services to provide language interpreting services for the Department of Social Services.
- 7-22-HH-10 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill 4 Clerk (Seasonal) Positions in the HEAP Unit of the Department of Social Services. **Motion by Patti-Ruffini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daly, all in favor.**

- 7-22-HH-11 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill a FT Caseworker Position in the Child Welfare Services Unit of the Department of Social Services. **Motion by Shea, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**
- 7-22-HH-12 **(PULLED)** Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to enter into agreements with various process servers to deliver legal documents for the Department of Social Services.

**MENTAL HEALTH:**

- 7-22-HH-13 Authorize the creation and filling of one (1) full-time Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Position at the Cayuga County Community Mental Health Center. **Motion by Patti-Ruffini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Muldrow, all in favor.**
- 7-22-HH-14 Amending the Mental Health 2022 Budget to adjust State Aid funding for Contract Agencies. **Motion by Shea, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**

**LEGISLATURE:**

- 7-22-LEG-1 Appropriating \$250,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to the Cayuga County Youth Bureau

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