



MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 8, 2019, Chambers – 5:30PM

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

MEMBERS: Legislators Keith Batman, Michael Didio, Aileen McNabb-Coleman (Vice Chair), Benjamin Vitale and Charlie Ripley

EXCUSED: Legislator Timothy Lattimore

OTHERS: County Attorney Chris Palermo, Director of Office for the Aging Brenda Wiemann, Public Health Director Kathleen Cuddy, Youth Bureau Director Lloyd Hoskins, Director of Community Services Ray Bizzari, Staff Development Supervisor Jennifer Marshall, Citizen Reporter Ryan Franklin and Benefits/ Tax Associate Kristy Capone.

MINUTES TO APPROVE: July 11, 2019, Motion by Batman, 2nd by Ripley, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Vitale, 2nd Batman, all in favor.
Community Services Board`

Camille Johnson, 6 Gardenier Rd., Oswego, NY 13126, Term – 1/1/17 to 12/31/20

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

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

Discussion:

Wiemann says we did get more farmers market coupons in and we already distributed 820, now we have another 100 to give out. She said our big event “Senior Moments Resource Fair” is coming up at the Fingerlakes Mall. Last year we had, around 54 vendors participate and it seems like we will have around the same again this year if not more. Wiemann says we are going to meet with representatives from Senator Gillibrand’s office to talk about our meal program and the need at the federal level for increased funding.

- Three-part caregiver education series started 7/24 with “Respite Options.” OFA staff presented “Paying for Care” on 7/31.
- Staff distributed 820 Farmer’s Market Coupons with a total value of \$16,400 this month.
- Annual NYSOFA review completed 7/24
- Several opportunities involved community education regarding the needs of the growing senior population.
- Senior Moments Resource Fair and CCOFA Annual Public Hearing coming up September 13, 2019 at the Fingerlakes Mall
- **Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –**
 - HAB update
 - WSRR status update
 - Other program updates: Lead regulation

Discussion:

Cuddy says Watershed Rules and Regulations, it has been a challenge to coordinate our schedules to get together to go thru things but we have sorted thru some of the comments and we will have an internal group meeting on Tuesday and then another on the following week. She says it is no secret, harmful algae blooms all over the place. We will be sending out updated information just as a refresher in case we get any phone calls. Cuddy says the Big Latch on took place last Saturday at Hoopes Park and it was well attended. She says Tania Young sent me some

statistics from the event, they had 23 mothers participate with 61 attendees, there were vendors there with great products and WIC has seen a positive improvement with breast feeding rates. She says last year they 70.9 % of WIC mothers had initiated breastfeeding and this year they are up to 72.6 %. Last year 13.6 % of infants were exclusively breast fed at six months old, this year it is up to 24.7% which is huge. Cuddy says, with the kids getting back to school, we are seeing a rise with immunizations. She says the schools districts are following the regulations and there were children that were excluded from summer school because they were not immunized and the same thing will happen in the fall if they are still not immunized or up to date with their shots. Cuddy says there is a tick study with a doctor at Upstate that will look at ticks if you take them to him and he can let you know if they are carrying lime disease. She says on lead regulations, we have not heard back yet on whether they will be implemented on October 1 or if there will be any postponement so we have to work as if it will happen on October 1. She says there is a webinar on Monday that will explain more about the states expectations. Cuddy says on a side note with our lead task force, we have been doing many preventive things and we had a presentation to the Allen foundation and Emerson foundation. She says they are open to us to applying as a group to do a piolet study on window and door replacements with the focus on the city of Auburn with the focus on homes that children living in them. She says just a little bit before this meeting, we had a child that went to their pedestrian at nine months old, since they were close to the one-year mark they decided to do a lead test, which came back slightly elevated. Therefore, they decided to test their two and half year old sibling, the test came back off the charts and the toddler had to go straight to the hospital. Ripley says going back to the watershed rules and regulations I know myself, DeForest and Batman have been getting disgruntled phone calls from residents around the lake. He says they are being held to a higher standard than what is legally enforceable because of the new rules and regulations. Cuddy asks is that septic systems you thinks. Ripley says yes, personally I have been meeting with these people and I do not know quite to say to them and if it is not in print we cannot hold them responsible to the new rules. Cuddy says the rules proposals right now and are not being enforced.

- **Ray Bizzari (Mental Health/Social Services) –**

Highlights:

- Began working with Columbia to launch HEALing Communities
- Continuing to re-imagine child welfare practice and restructure/redeploy staff
- SAMHSA 3 day System of Care grant visit went as expected

Stuff to Pay Attention To:

- The question of oversight for the jails behavioral health programs. A lot of risk and exposure out there.
- Continue to work on CFCO, Family First, next phase of Raise the Age readiness/implementation
- Continue to work on Value Based Payment readiness/implementation
- Changes in how LDSS pay for domestic violence shelter services has changed and will require a greater local share even if managed properly.

FYI:

- Working with OTDA shelter budget/operations staff on shelter RFP. Also talking with affected groups.
- Identified a foster family to act as a “Family Resource Center” for kids removed from the caregiver. Average 30 days stay where we continue search for relative resources, continue to work CPS case to mitigate safety issues so kids can return home or, identify the most appropriate placement. Aligns us with a best practice and/or Family First impact by further reducing residential facility placements

Motion by Vitale to bundle HH-1 & HH-4, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.

8-19-HH-1 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract with Cayuga Centers for the Provision of Preventive Services

8-19-HH-4 Authorize the filling of a vacant Account Clerk Typist position at the Cayuga County Mental Health Center due to a retirement

End bundle

8-19-HH-2 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to create and fill one full-time Project Manager. **Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2nd by Vitale, all in favor.**

8-19-HH-3 **(TABLED)** Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to contract with an Epidemiologist for the NYS HEALing Communities Study Grant

Discussion:

Bizzari says the Family First Legislation is going to have a significant impact on the department of Social Services and Foster care services and how they are paid for, along with how the practices will be effected in order to meet the federal rules. He says here are a bunch of things we are going to do in order to get ready. Essentially, what you want to do is not have any kids in residential treatment centers because they are not going to reimburse counties for that cost any longer. He says PINS cases is 100% local share if the kid gets placed. Daly says is that effective now or in January. Bizzari says yes, it is effective now. He says we have a kid in a residential treatment facility today that runs about \$220,000 a year so I want to not put kids in residential treatment centers any more. He says they are expensive and I feel like they do not really work. Bizzari says there is a challenge on recruiting foster homes, keeping foster homes and giving them the support that they need to keep these kids. He says kids end up in RCT's a couple of different ways, one being there is nowhere to place them, second way is they are not able to be kept in foster homes because they do not have enough support. He says we need to change out practice to get those placements more stable. We have been exploring Family Resource Centers as an option as well for the kids we get custody of so they have a place ready to take them at any time.

Bizzari says in regards to the nursing home we have a couple conference calls coming up OTDA program for the operations and the OTDA finance people to figure out how to structure this thing because it is difficult to write the RFP without knowing all of that. He says I gave Tucker a serious of questions I need answered from the County's perspective relating to the building that we will need answers to. Bizzari says there are several organizations interested in responding to it, so that is where we are at with it right now. Vitale says the more clear you can be with the RFP the more honest the proposals will be, because if there unclear they will put money in their proposals to protect themselves.

Motion by Ripley to adjourn at 6:24 PM, 2nd by McNabb- Coleman, all in favor.