



MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 5:30PM

Live Stream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnARZpT6B2o>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair at **5:33 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, Kathleen Cuddy, Christine Bianco, Jen Marshall, Brenda Wiemann, Debra Dennis, Grace Blowers, Lynn Marinelli, Rich Graham, and Secretary to the Chair Sarah Blowers

MINUTES TO APPROVE: July 13, 2023

Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –

In addition to routine work, staff are busy with seasonal work including:

We are attending a lot of **summertime outreach events** and sharing information on various programs available through the Health Dept.. Some sites we had on the calendar for July and August include

- Auburn Farmer's Market with our WIC staff and Cornell Cooperative Extension partner showing people how to utilize their Farmers Market coupons and cook various foods
- Numerous Pedestrian and Wheel sport safety programs including ones at the Auburn city Parks, Fair Haven, Port Byron, Moravia and libraries
- Attending the 4H Fair in Union Springs, Unity in the Community at Booker T Washington Community Center, Conquest Community Day, Auburn Housing Authority Back to School event

WIC is sponsoring **Latching Littles** at Clifford Park in Auburn is being held Saturday **August 5 from 10-12**. This is in honor of National Breastfeeding week. It is free and open to breastfeeding mothers and their support people. There will be activities for young children and WIC farmers market coupons can be used with the farmer's market vendor who is attending.

Back to school immunization clinics have quickly filled up and more have been scheduled.

Healthy Neighborhoods canvassed the village Port Byron and one of the Auburn census tracts during June and July. Our summer helpers and staff have performed 55 home visits in June and July with more scheduled.

The National Center for Healthy Housing is making a site visit on Tuesday August 8, 2023 to meet with **Lead Prevention** staff and discuss outreach. The **No Home for Lead** campaign has had a soft launch with more to come. The website can be found here <https://www.cayugacounty.us/1824/No-Home-For-Lead> The digital billboard, bus ads and shelters have information with others rolling out. Postcards have been sent to families with young children engaged with our social services programs to encourage a lead prevention visit.

In the process of updating our **Harmful Algal Bloom emergency response**, with focus on emergency communications if a Do Not Drink Order were necessary. Information has been shared with Health Staff, the Legislature, the Local Emergency Planning Committee and key stakeholder groups.

Rabies vaccination clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets is scheduled for **August 16, 2023** from 4pm – 6pm at the Finger Lakes SPCA.

At the meeting I will provide an update re. **positions** and re. the **Watershed Rules and Regulations**

Lauren Walsh (Community Services) –

- Mobile Crisis:
 - Statistics:
58 Total Crisis calls: 30 Females; 28 Males; 42 Adults; 16 Kids; 5 Respite Referrals; 13 calls from APD; 45 calls from agencies/community members.
 - 5 cases connected to housing and/or referred to MH treatment that were not connected to such resources before.
- HEALing Cayuga/ BJA Grant Updates:
 - Overdose and fatality levels are low- almost to where they were pre-covid.
 - 1350 Narcan kits have been distributed.
 - 53 Narcan community trainings conducted.

- 911 diversion program to start Sept. 1st- where MH calls will be diverted to 988 where Mobile Crisis can be sent without a law enforcement response.
- Exploring housing assistance for people with SUD leaving jail or treatment.

Christine Bianco (Social Services) – No updates

Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) – No updates

Debra Dennis (Youth Bureau) –

- NYS Governor’s Youth Council- 7 applications were received. Three have moved on to the State level for judging. I have notified all applicants.
- New allocations for 10/1/23-9/30/24 will be coming in next couple of months. I have a meeting on 8/25/23 for more information on a new stream of funding Cayuga County should be eligible for- Youth Team Sports allocation.
- Currently completing various summer program assessments and completing necessary paperwork for reimbursement for programs ending 9/30/23.
- Student Government Day- Tuesday, October 24th. Finalizing Departments that can allow students to shadow them on this day.

RESOLUTIONS:

HEALTH:

- 8-23-HH-1 Authorizing the Public Health Director to enter into a contract with Nurse Core for RN services to fill the need of a preschool special education student.
Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.
- 8-23-HH-2 Authorize the Director of Public Health fill a Sr. Public Health Educator Position or a Public Health Educator position within the Health Department.
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.
- 8-23-HH-3 Authorizing the Public Health Director to carry out a budget modification in the WIC program budget.
Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.

SOCIAL SERVICES:

- 8-23-HH-4 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to Fill two Caseworker Vacancies in the Child Welfare Unit.
Motion by Calarco to bundle HH 4 & 5, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.
- 8-23-HH-5 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to Fill a Sr. Human Services Examiner Position in the Medicaid Unit of Social Services.
- 8-23-HH-6 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to enter into a contract with Community Action Programs Cayuga/Seneca (CAP) to perform any outreach activities for this State Mandated HEAP Program (100% Federally Funded), for the period of September 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024.
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.
- 8-23-HH-7 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a Contract with Northwoods for provision of software solution technology and services.
Motion by McNabb-Coleman 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.

MENTAL HEALTH:

- 8-23-HH-8 Authorize the filling of a full-time staff Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner position at the Community Mental Health Center.
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

OFA:

- 8-23-HH-9 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Director of the Cayuga County Office for the Aging to sign an agreement with iCircle Services of the Finger Lakes, Inc. for meal service through the Cayuga County Office for Aging Senior Nutrition Program.
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.

YOUTH BUREAU:

8-23-HH-10 Authorize the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and Director of the Youth Bureau to enter into an agreement with HELPRA, LLC (Helping Empower Local People Recovery Associates) for LJ's Safe Place using ARPA funds.

Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor except Patti Ruffini.

Motion by Didio, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.