



MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 12, 2019, Chambers – 5:30PM

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

MEMBERS: Legislators Keith Batman, Timothy Lattimore and Benjamin Vitale

EXCUSED: Legislators Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Michael Didio, and Charlie Ripley

OTHERS: Legislators Joseph DeForest, Ryan Foley, 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 and Benefits/ Tax Associate Kristy Capone.

MINUTES TO APPROVE: Motion by Batman, 2nd by Vitale, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) –

Notable Activity:

- Legislators Keith Batman and Elane Daly, Jenna Adams, Nutrition Program Coordinator, Kristie Brazee, Principal Account Clerk Typist and Jimmy Giannettino, City Council Representative, met with Gil Ruiz, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand’s Legislative Assistant for Health and Aging on Aug. 12th. Jenna presented information regarding the growing need for funding for senior services, especially meal programs, in our county, resulting in a “stimulating and productive” session. Additional supporting documents were provided for the Senator.
- Five staff are taking skills-based training through Boston College’s CADER/NYSOFA Online Training Academy, which will lead to certification in Aging and Disabilities or Supervision and Leadership, as well as course work in Mental Health Training in Options Counseling.

Upcoming:

- The 4th annual Senior Moments Resource Fair and CCOFA Annual Public Hearing coming up September 13, 2019 at the Fingerlakes Mall
- Preparation is underway for the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period, the busiest season for our office, especially our 2 FTE Health Insurance Counseling staff. We continue to be the only local provider of highly trained, unbiased assistance with Medicare insurance

Discussion:

Wiemann says the Senior Fair is tomorrow at the Fingerlakes Mall, have about 62 vendors lined up this year. She says we are expecting over 300 people to participate so it should be a good day and our goal is to get people out to find out what is available in our community. She says they are always surprised to find out how much is out there that they did not know about and to encourage people to start thing about some of these possibilities down the road. Daly asks is the 62 vendors consistent with what you have had in the past. Wiemann responds we only had about 50 last year and 30 the first year. Lattimore asks is the meals all set. Wiemann says we were able to get pretty much everybody off the waiting list, at this point there may be one or two but only because we lack volunteers on the rural routes. She says we have defiantly grown, we have a much higher number of meals that will be served by the end of the year. Daly says in your 2020 budget you did include some additional funding for the Senior Nutrition Program and you are still waiting to see if there is any movement with the Federal level for increase funding, correct. Wiemann says correct, we will probably know more later in the fall. Batman says the increase was around \$40,000. Wiemann responds yes, that will allow us to provide just about the same meals, maybe a few less that we have provided this year.

HEALTH:

- 9-19-HH-1 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill 2 part-time driver vacancies in the Children with Special Health Care Needs Division of the Health Department (if the need should arise) for transportation of preschool special education and/or Early Intervention students. **Motion by Batman, 2nd by Lattimore, all in favor.**
- 9-19-HH-2 Authorizing the Public Health Director to purchase a large-scale image scanner for the Health Department **Motion by Batman, 2nd by Lattimore, all in favor.**
- 9-19-HH-3 Authorizing the Public Health Director to carry out a budget modification in the WIC program budget **Motion by Batman, 2nd by Lattimore, all in favor.**

Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –

- Emergency Preparedness Drills Update
- Watershed Rules and Regulations Update

Discussion:

Cuddy says we had received funds for reducing premature birth and this is one initiative supporting the Nurse Family Partnership program. She says you all are invited to a press conference that will be held next Wednesday out at BOCES to talk about these programs. Daly asks is this how the commercial came about. Cuddy says yes, it all a part of that and the women who spoke in the commercial will also be speaking at the press conference next week.

Cuddy says next Tuesday or Wednesday depending on when the school started will be the date where children will be excluded from school or daycare if they are not fully immunized. She says we have been very busy trying assist students and many of these students have had no vaccines before now. Just to give you a number as of the 11th of this month, August of last year we had given out 105 vaccinations, August of this year we gave out 154.

She says last year in September we gave 105 vaccines this year through the 11th we had gave out 90. We have more clinics scheduled, we have 11 clinics and 116 appointments from now until the end of October and that is before the kids will be excluded. Cuddy says I saw one of the superintendents yesterday and he was saying he was planning on calling some of the students directly to remind them.

Cuddy says we had a drill a couple weeks ago with a phone bank and it went fantastic. She says we used it on the premise of there was a do not drink order as part of our drill and we able to communicate, take a bunch of phone calls and roll them out to the various phones. She says we did it on a limited scale but we were pleased.

Cuddy says we received some nice compliments from the contractors who were involved with putting the pipe at the end of Cayuga Lake to address the Hydrilla around the Marina. She says you may recall how the contractors had gotten out a week ahead of schedule so people were not prepared not to swim in the area, the public waters neighborhood served was not ready at that point of time so our staff mobilized very quickly. She says we gave door-to-door notification, there were about 35 homes that were impacted, and we used reverse 911, press releases and posted on our website. DeForest says I received some constituents comments from people who live there that they were very impressed.

Cuddy says the Lead Task Force, we are applying for a grant to the Emerson Foundation and the Allyn Foundation, we would like to a Window and Door Replacement Pilot Program because windows and doors tend to have the most friction surfaces that have lead dust if the home has lead paint. She says hopefully we will be successful at that and we are also supporting Home Headquarters in their grant application to AEI, it is a regional grant and they are focused on more environmental housing issues.

Cuddy says the Watershed Rules and Regulations, I thought I was going to send out an email to you before I came here but that did not happen. She says we are still meeting and getting close to final drafts. We are hoping to get something prepared for people to look at by the end of October and then something to hand to the town of Owasco and city of Auburn in November. Lattimore says I submitted forty-five recommendations, are they commented in there. Cuddy says every comment that we received is recorded, we try to combine them, some of them are going to be word for word and others generalized if we received repeat ones and every comment will have a response. Lattimore says in water quality, the master plan with the County is to build a new pipeline to Aurora, with chemicals being added to the water, should we be concerned.

Batman says there are several issues with that one being it is not Aurora, it is South of Aurora but more importantly in terms of the chemical application, there is no Hydrilla in that area. He says even if there were that pipe would go out a long way and Hydrilla is not a deep-water plant. Lattimore says Skaneateles has two pipes, a high pipe and a low pipe and toxins still get to the low pipe. Batman says toxins will not go this deep. Lattimore says water quality should be the number one issue and I hope my comments make the final cut. I want them in there. Cuddy says I certainly cannot say whether they will change what is in the rules and regulations because I do not know which ones were yours, but we are responding to all the comments. Lattimore says I would like to go record that I brought them forward whether or not anyone take them into consideration, I want them in there. Cuddy says vaping is another hot topic. She says the CDC is studying some of the people that have had serious health impacts related to vaping. . She says it look like the Governor is going to place a ban on vape flavors to try to prevent children from trying vaping.

HUMAN SERVICES:

9-19-HH-4 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community 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 October 21, 2019 through April 30, 2020. **Motion by Batman, 2nd by Lattimore, all in favor.**

9-19-HH-5 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract with Cayuga County Department of Mental Health for the provision of Community, Detention or Respite based Mental Health Diagnostic Assessments to Children and to make recommendations for treatment. **Motion by Batman, 2nd by Lattimore, all in favor.**

9-19-HH-6 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to fill a full-time Human Services Examiner position in the Support Collection Unit of Social Services **Motion by Batman, 2nd by Vitale, all in favor.**

MENTAL HEALTH:

Motion by Batman to bundle HH-7 – HH-9, 2nd by Vitale, all in favor.

9-19-HH-7 Authorize the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract for Mental Health Counseling

9-19-HH-8 Amending the Mental Health 2019 Budget to adjust additional State Aid funding

9-19-HH-9 Authorize the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract for Mental Health Counseling

End bundle

9-19-HH-10 (**Pulled by Bizzari at committee**) Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to contract with an Epidemiologist for the NYS HEALing Community Study Grant

Ray Bizzari (Mental Health/Social Services) –

Highlights:

- Department awarded a 5 year \$150k per year Solutions to End Homelessness Grant (stipends rent)
- Continuing to re-imagine child welfare practice and restructure/redeploy staff. Moving towards integrating preventive/foster care/CPS work via teaming
- MH on-going work with Auburn City Court on Behavioral Health Court stuff

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
- Big spike in CPL 730 competency exam orders...could result in significant forensic hospital costs at 100% local share

FYI:

- Continue working with OTDA shelter budget/operations staff on shelter RFP. Also talking with affected groups.
- At CNYDPG annual Minnowbrook retreat, we will meet with Commissioners and staff from MH/OASAS/PWDD/OCFS to develop pilot ideas to serve the dual diagnosis kids that end up landing in DSS custody as placement of last resort.
- Attending NYS CLMHD Fall meeting in Lake Placid September 9-11
- Preparing a draft succession plan for 2021 to discuss with HHS Chair
- Auburn Housing Authority writing grant for 40 enhanced rental vouchers for folks with SA/MH issues...

Discussion:

Bizzari says the Boyle Center asked us if we could send staff over to meet with the residents and do some groups. He says we have started the groups and we will see how that goes.

Bizzari says the RFP for the Nursing home is being drafted. He says Don gave me the templet of the County's traditional RFP so we sit down and put this together hopefully during the next week to ten days. He says schedule a day where people can take a tour of the facility and we have staff on hand to show them around. Bizzari says then there will be a bidder conference when people can come and ask questions about the RFP. Batman says I know you had a meeting with the Town of Sennett, what feedback do you have from them. Bizzari says I did meet with the town board and a couple of other people were there and they wanted me to run through the presentation I gave to the Legislature, they asked a lot of questions and their position is why does this stuff happen to us. He says they were appreciative I came out to talk to them and they way they left it was they were going to speak to the residents that live near the Nursing home that would be effected and if they were interested in having me come back out to talk to them I would.

Motion by Vitale to adjourn at 6:58 PM, 2nd by Lattimore, all in favor.