



**MINUTES**  
**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 5:30PM**  
**Live Stream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAh2YBh8tdI>**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair at 5:31 PM

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

**EXCUSED:** Legislators Aileen McNabb-Coleman & Michael Didio

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

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:** August 10, 2023

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

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

**Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –**

- School Immunizations have been busy. In August we served 79 county residents. Priority for these clinics are given to students requiring immunizations for school. School Nurses verify student's immunization records for meeting minimum requirements. If the student is not appropriately vaccinated, they will be excluded from attending school until they meet requirements. [https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/docs/2023-24\\_school\\_immunization\\_requirements.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/docs/2023-24_school_immunization_requirements.pdf)
- This time of year due to outdoor activities and typical animal behavior, we often see an increase in certain communicable be waterborne and vector borne diseases. In July 2023 we had 63 reported cases of Lyme disease. We all need to reminder people to protect themselves against ticks and mosquitos. . Avoid interacting with feral animals. Have your pet dogs, cats and ferrets vaccinated against rabies. Additionally, if exposed to a bat, to try to capture the bat for testing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80yR2zEOJwo>
- At the NYSAC conference there will be a resolution proposed to have school districts have responsibility to work with counties to provide preschool special education transportation. For schools that do work with their counties to do this, there is significant cost savings which is beneficial to taxpayers. It has the added benefit of providing better equity to preschool children with delays or disabilities by removing transportation as a barrier. All typical UPK children would have bussing to school but a Special Needs child may need to go to a different program and challenges to linking transportation can be a barrier to attendance.

**Lauren Walsh (Community Services) – No updates**

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

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

**Debra Dennis (Youth Bureau) –**

- New allocations for 10/1/23-9/30/24 will be \$142,096 from NYS OCFS for Youth Development, Youth Sports and Education and (new for 2024) Youth Sports Teams. Requests for applications will go out this month. This will include requests for ARPA funding as well with same criteria.
- In the process of securing contracts from the County Attorney's Office so the 2023 OCFS funded programs can be reimbursed. Their program year ends 9/30/23 for funding received.
- Student Government Day- Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Invitations in the process of being sent out to 10 area school districts and are due back to my office 10/6.
- I will be attending the Annual Youth Development Leadership Training Conference in Syracuse 11/2 and 11/3. Youth Bureau Directors across the state will be in attendance.

## RESOLUTIONS:

### HEALTH:

- 9-23-HH-1 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into a contract with NYS for the Bike/Pedestrian/Wheelsport Safety Program.  
**Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**
- 9-23-HH-2 **(PULLED)** Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature to create a Fiscal Supervisor position and the Public Health Director to fill the Fiscal Supervisor position in the Health Department.
- 9-23-HH-3 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill a PT Lactation Peer Counselor Position in the Health Department's WIC Program.  
**Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Muldrow, all in favor.**
- 9-23-HH-4 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into contract with Venesky & Company, for JACK-Time & Activity Tracking Software.  
**Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**

### SOCIAL SERVICES:

- Motion to bundle HH 5 & 6 by Muldrow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**
- 9-23-HH-5 Authorizing the Legislature to create and the Commissioner of Social Services to fill one (1) Human Services Examiner (Help Program) Position in the Department of Social Services due to a vacancy.
- 9-23-HH-6 Amending the Social Services 2023 Budget to Accept 100% Federal Funding from the Flexible Fund for Family Services (FFFS)
- 9-23-HH-12 **(Added 9/11/23)** Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to execute one or more agreements with Sapphire Recruitment Inc, dba CPS Recruitment (CPS) to assist with sourcing direct hire candidates for the Director of Fiscal Management and Social Services Attorney(s) positions within the Department of Social Services and to authorize the transfer of funds within the 2023 DSS budget from the salary lines into professional services.  
**Motion by Patti Ruffini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**
- OFA:**
- 9-23-HH-7 Authorization to make necessary adjustments to Cayuga County Office for the Aging budget lines to fully utilize remaining Covid funding.  
**Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**

- 9-23-HH-8 Authorization to fill Part-time Aging Services Specialist in the Office for the Aging.  
**Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patti Ruffini, all in favor.**

### MENTAL HEALTH:

- Motion to bundle HH-9 & 11 by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Muldrow, all in favor.**
- 9-23-HH-9 Authorize the filling of a full-time Staff Social Worker position at the Community Mental Health Center.
- 9-23-HH-10 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to provide two Nurse Practitioners a stipend for psychiatric care at Cayuga County Jail.  
**Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**
- 9-23-HH-11 **(Revised 9/11/23)** Authorize the filling of a full-time Staff Social Worker position at the Cayuga County Jail.

**Motion to adjourn at 6:48 PM by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Muldrow, all in favor.**