



MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 10, 2019, Chambers – 5:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Elane Daly called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

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

EXCUSED: Aileen McNabb-Coleman

OTHERS: County Attorney Chris Palermo, Director of Office for the Aging Brenda Wiemann, Director of Community Health Services Nancy Purdy, Youth Bureau Director Lloyd Hoskins, Human Resources Administrator Lisa Lippoldt, Confidential Secretary to the County Attorney Brittany Massi, Director of Community Services Ray Bizzari, and Deputy Clerk of Legislature Amanda Morgan

MINUTES TO APPROVE: September 12, 2019, Motion by Batman, 2nd by Didio, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

- **Kathleen Cuddy (Health) – No updates**

Motion by Batman on HH 2 & 3, 2nd by Vitale, all in favor.

HEALTH:

10-19-HH-2 Authorizing the Public Health Director to carry out a budget modification in the immunization program budget.

10-19-HH-3 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to extend the public Health Preparedness contract with HRI (working in collaboration with NYSDOH) and accept funding for the time period of 7/1/19-6/30/20

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

Notable Activity:

- We had over 425 participants for the 4th annual Senior Moments Resource Fair on September 13, 2019 at the Fingerlakes Mall. Feedback from everyone involved was overwhelmingly positive with many requests to hold the event again next year. The event provides a one-stop opportunity for information gathering for older individuals and their families, providing tools and resources for healthy active aging and long term care planning.

Upcoming:

- The Medicare Annual Election period starts Oct. 15th. Staff have attended required trainings in preparation. At least 50 people are already scheduled for appointments.

Motion by Vitale on HH 1 & 7, 2nd by Batman, all in favor.

10-19-HH-1 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to enter into an agreement with Nazareth College School of Social Work MSW program for student field placement for the 2019-2020 school year.

10-19-HH-7 Resolution urging the State to provide funds to offset federal cuts to the Senior Nutrition Program

- **Ray Bizzari (Mental Health/Social Services) – No updates**

Motion by Lattimore on HH 4 & 5, 2nd by Vitale, all in favor.

10-19-HH-4 Authorizing the amendment of a temporary leave bank for a Cayuga County Department of Social Services employee which was created through Resolution #204-19

10-19-HH-5 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community Services to accept \$25,000 funding from NYS OTDA and enter into a contract with CAP

Discussion

Bizzari makes a suggestion with leave bank resolutions. He says they come up to the legislature quite regularly and maybe just have a resolution that says if there is a leave bank request that the department head could just take it to the Chair. Daly asks if something like that had been done. Batman says they were told there was some legal restriction. Palermo says that his understanding was that it was started it, but stopped to have a committee evaluate because maybe the cause of request and it needed to be discussed somewhere. He says this was under the administrator, but then kind of broke down from there. Batman thinks that it is a good suggestion. Daly says the department head should scrutinize whether the leave bank is warranted or not. Batman says the specifics are not really any of the legislature's business. Palermo says that it seems like a Government Operations issue, but he can reach out to Whitman to see if he would like him to prepare that. He asks if the approvals would be the Chair, HR, and the Treasurer's Office (payroll) and everyone agrees.

OTHER:

10-19-HH-6 Fixing Day and time for Public Hearing on Local Law No. _____ for the year 2019- regulating the use of polystyrene foam disposable food service ware by food service establishments in Cayuga County.

Discussion:

Daly says what she has been told is there are about five counties who have taken this action – Albany, Dutchess, Nassau, Suffolk, and Ulster. She says Yates and Rensselaer have approached it by asking the state to take the lead on this like they did with the plastic bag ban. She says Eileen O'Connor talked with the environment health staff and most of the restaurants use the Styrofoam take out containers and most they feel would take issue with the additional costs. She says that there could be some push back from the restaurants, but that is the purpose of the public hearing. She says in Oswego County the mayor is looking for a ban and what she had said is the concerns that Styrofoam is not biodegradable, no practical method to recycle it, incineration of it releases toxic fumes, breaks apart and gets into the environment, and has been classified as a probable human carcinogen.

Batman thinks the law was well crafted and it provides exemptions for small operators. He says that if they cannot find an alternative that they can afford then there is a way for them to get an exemption. He says we should come up with a list of things that we need to figure out in advance like what alternatives are available, what are the costs, etc., so when we have the public hearing there is some fact base stuff.

Motion by Vitale to amend resolution to have two Public Hearings (November 26th and December 12th), 2nd by Didio, all in favor.

Motion by Vitale to adjourn at 6:24PM, 2nd by Didio, all in favor.