



MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CNj3X0sYVA>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair at 5:32PM

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

EXCUSED: Aileen McNabb-Coleman and Mike Didio

ZOOM: Christina Calarco and Heidi Nightengale

OTHERS: Chair of the Legislature David Gould, Legislator Jim Basile, Richard Graham, Shereen Androsko, Kathleen Cuddy, Christine Bianco, Lauren Walsh, Debra Dennis, Brenda Wiemann, Stefani DeVito and Sheila Smith, Clerk of the Legislature

MINUTES TO APPROVE: September 14, 2023, motion by Patti Ruffini, 2nd by Muldrow, all in favor

APPOINTMENTS: None

Daly, I asked Mr. Trevisani to give us a short presentation and did send out copies of the proposal from Housingvisions, attached, I also I have copies here if anyone needs one and when he arrives I will let him speak.

Debra Dennis, Youth Bureau I have one thing to add to my committee report, on Student Government Day, Tuesday, October 24 at 10:00AM with Lunch at Emerson Park at 12:00PM, the RSVP's were due to me last week and I have heard from all but 3 of the schools and 92 will be joining us that day. We have a good number of departments allowing the students to shadow them.

PRESENTATION: Chris Trevisani, re: Housingvisions Proposal, Attached.

Daly, handed out a new Resolution

10-23-HH-12 Appropriating \$1 million of ARPA Funds to assist in building a new emergency shelter in Cayuga County
Motion by Patti Ruffini, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor

Chairman Gould asked Mr. Trevisani to do a short presentation at the full Legislature meeting on, October 24th.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Kathleen Cuddy (Health) – No updates

Lauren Walsh (Community Services) – No updates

Christine Bianco (Social Services) – No updates

Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) –

- The annual Senior Fair at the Fingerlakes Mall September 13th had over 300 participants and 50 vendors. We received great feedback.
- Hired a Jr. Accountant to fill our long-vacant fiscal position. Should help us catch up on overdue work to be done including our annual application for funding and required quarterly reports for NYSOFA.
- We were notified on Sept. 21st that our nutrition vendor, Advanced Meals, is ending their contract with us 12/31/23. Working with Purchasing Director Amanda O'Grady to get an RFP out asap to find and get in place a new vendor to avoid a disruption in our congregate and Meals on Wheels service for more than 500 seniors a year.
- Our Volunteer Coordinator and Aging Services Assistant positions remain vacant.
- Our certified Medicare Insurance counselors have over 100 people already scheduled to review their coverage during the Medicare Annual Enrollment Oct. 15th – Dec. 7th.

Debra Dennis (Youth Bureau) –

- Requests for applications have been sent out with a deadline of 10/27/24. We have some flexibility on this. New allocations for 10/1/23-9/30/24 will be \$142,096 from NYS OCFS for Youth Development. Meeting with Youth Advisory Board 10/19/23 to begin program year discussions.
- Contracts from the County Attorney’s Office have been received for 2023 OCFS funded programs. State Aid Vouchers will be sent out this month.
- Student Government Day- Tuesday, October 24th. RSVP and student lists are due 10/6. Assignments will be made after this date. Dr. Brian Durant will be our guest speaker.

RESOLUTIONS:

OFA:

- 10-23-HH-11 Authorizing the Office for the Aging to Advertise for Bid for Preparation of Meals for the Senior Nutrition Program and Award the Meal Contract to the bidder with the best value for the county.
Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Muldrow, all in favor

HEALTH:

- Motion to bundle HH-1 & 2 by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor**
- 10-23-HH-1 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Public Health Director to rescind resolution 309-23 and fill a Supervising Nutritionist position in the WIC program.
- 10-23-HH-2 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to Enter into a Contract with the County’s Information Technology Department for Provision of Services
- 10-23-HH-3 Authorizing the Public Health Director and the Chair of the County Legislature to amend the current contract with James McGuinness & Associates, Inc. for Preschool Special Education electronic software
Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor

SOCIAL SERVICES:

- Motion to bundle HS-4, 5, 6 & 7 by Patti Ruffini, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor**
- 10-23-HH-4 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a Contract with Cayuga County Mental Health for Reports and Assessments on the Placement of a Child in a Qualified Residential Treatment Program
- 10-23-HH-5 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter Into a Contract with Chapel House for Provision of a Supportive Case Manager
- 10-23-HH-6 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a Contract with Chapel House for the provision of Transitional Housing Alternative for Homeless Clients
- 10-23-HH-7 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to Fill a Caseworker Vacancy in the Adult Protective Services Unit

MENTAL HEALTH:

- Motion to bundle MH -8, 9 & 10, by Muldrow, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor**
- 10-23-HH-8 Amending the Mental Health 2023 Budget to adjust State Aid funding for Contract Agencies
- 10-23-HH-9 Authorize the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to Accept Funds and Enter into Contract with Farnham Family Services
- 10-23-HH-10 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to accept a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for System of Care Expansion and Sustainability

Motion by Muldrow to adjourn at 6:41, 2nd by Patti Ruffini, all in favor



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October 11, 2023

Elane Daly, Chair
Cayuga County Health and Human Services Committee
160 Genesee Street
Auburn, NY 13021

RE: REQUEST FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS

Dear Elane:

Over the past several years, Housing Visions has been working in collaboration with various members of the City of Auburn staff and Councilors, Cayuga County Legislators, Cayuga County Department of Social Services, Rescue Mission, Auburn Housing Authority, Cayuga Health Network and others to determine the feasibility of a scattered site supportive housing development that will increase the number of emergency shelter beds and permanent supportive housing units to help alleviate the homeless housing crisis in Cayuga County.

We have received tremendous support from all of the aforementioned agencies, including a \$250,000 grant from Cayuga County to help with the due diligence and feasibility of the proposed development. The current scope of the development is as follows:

290-292 Grant Ave

Demolish the existing structures on the property that currently comprise the Chapel House Homeless Shelter and reconstruct a new facility that will include 82 new shelter beds, offices for Rescue Mission and Cayuga County Department of Social Services staff, counseling offices, dining facility, 9 permanent supportive housing units and other support service space.

197 State Street

Redevelop the vacant property located at 197 State Street to convert to 16 –20 one bedroom apartments along with community space, common laundry, tenant storage and other amenities.

3-5 Westlake St, 8-10 Fort St, 12-14 Fort St

Renovate and modernize the existing 12 apartments located at 3-5 Westlake, 8-10 Fort St. and 12-14 Fort St. These properties were originally acquired and renovated by Housing Visions in the early 2000's and are in need of modernization. Some of the new units will be offered with support services provided by Cayuga Health Network.

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Former Holy Family School

We have a pending offer on the former Holy Family School to adaptively reuse the structure into 18-20 permanent housing units.

Based on the various properties involved, the numerous funding sources and applications required to fund the development, as well as the extended review from all agencies, including New York State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service (on State Street, West Lake Fort and Holy Family School), putting all of these properties into one development is very time consuming and involves a tremendous amount of coordination.

As we presented before, we are seeking the following funds to complete the proposed development:

HHAP Funds through New York State OTDA
Supportive Housing Opportunities Program Funds through NYS HCR
Federal Housing Trust Fund—NYSHCR
LIHTC Allocation—NYSHCR
Federal Historic Tax Credit Allocation—NYSHPO and USNPS
NYS Historic Tax Credit Allocation—NYSHPO
Private Loan—Local Lending Institution

The timeline to obtain the above funds with the various applications, review and competition for funds could push this development out as far as 2027-2028.

If we were allocated a minimum of \$1mm in ARPA Funds, we would be able to break the Grant Ave portion of the development from the rest of the properties as we would then be within the limits of HHAP to fund the new shelter and treat this as a stand alone project. The HHAP Funding Round is currently open so we could apply as soon as we receive our site plan approval from the City of Auburn. This could shorten the timeframe for the shelter by 12-24 months.

We respectfully request \$1mm in ARPA funds to assist our efforts in building a new emergency shelter, in the most expeditious manner for those in need in Cayuga County.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Trevisani

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Vice President, Business Development