



AGENDA
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 11, 2020
Live Stream Link: [https://youtu.be/ ODE2O-3Jgs](https://youtu.be/ODE2O-3Jgs)

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair

MEMBERS: Legislators Michael Didio, Tricia Kerr, Timothy Lattimore, Heidi Nightengale, Hans Pecher, and Charlie Ripley (Vice Chair)

MINUTES TO APPROVE: May 14, 2020

APPOINTMENTS:

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) –

The Office for the Aging received our walk-through from Public Health staff. We will be ordering appropriate barriers to help protect staff. Thinking ahead to an eventual COBRe- opening to clients, there is concern that the OFA COB office lacks sufficient space to safely accommodate clients **and** staff, which will impede our ability to conduct face-to-face caregiver, benefits, and insurance counseling with the public.

Farmer's Market Coupons are expected to be available on or after July 15th, 2020.

Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –

Update on COVID-19 activities
Update on other programs

Ray Bizzari (Mental Health/Social Services) –

Mental Health:

- Furloughs have been a challenge here compounded by a support staff going out on an extended medical. We've asked to call a support staff person back but have to receive a reply as of this writing.
- We currently have two social work staff openings with permission to fill one. Social workers carry between 90-150 cases and bill out for twice their salary/fringe. We are struggling to meet the community need and are no longer always able to see people same day. People are reacting to the pressures of loss of routine, loss of social support, loss of employment, fear of COVID and an unsettled society. Staff is having a hard time keeping up.
- We are working on a re-opening plan. In-person sessions are the standard. Telehealth options are helpful and useful as one tool in the bag but the experience of in person treatment is most valuable. We are waiting to see what happens with the OMH/OASAS/DOH telehealth waivers.
- The HEALING Community's work is impactful and timely. There's been a spike in overdoses and overdose deaths. Nick's Ride for Friends partnership with the county continues.

Social Services:

- Furloughs have been challenging for the Department. As of this writing, we have not received a reply to our request to return the Support Collection Staff in preparations for SC Court reopening. The docket is full of catch up cases.
- SNAP caseloads while high, have stabilized. Our guess is that job losses have leveled off: everyone that might lose their job has lost their job
- The Accounting Unit is down several positions and is looking to fill a senior level staff position. The Unit moves over \$30 million in claiming every year and is responsible for accurate and timely claiming/reporting. This has reached crisis levels
- We continue to position ourselves to manage Family First implementations and are eager to make the proposed/abled organizational changes in child welfare. The purpose of all this work is to improve out foster care work, perfect eligibility and claiming and protect the county from what is accurately millions of dollars of congregate care expenses.

- We need to know the status of the OTDA waivers to accurately craft a plan for when the public is allowed back in the building. Further complicating this work is the status and needs of other departments operating in the COB, use of shared space, etc.
- Substance Use and domestic violence continues to be a prime driver of CPS complaints.
- We've also experienced an increase in Adult Protective referrals and Article 81 guardianships. Many folks have lost their natural supports, suffered emotionally and/or physically from social isolation and even access to regular medical care.
- Case Integrity is staffed by a lone supervisor and we are unable to keep up with Front End Detections (FEDS) and fraud investigations.
- It's worth noting again how valuable Northwoods software has been during this time. We appreciate having it.

RESOLUTIONS:

HEALTH:

6-20-HH-1 Authorizing the Public Health Director to carry out a budget modification in the WIC program budget.

ADJOURNMENT: Thursday, July 9, 2020

IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY AND NEED ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE'S OFFICE AT 253-1308 AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED MEETING TO ADVISE WHAT ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE NECESSARY.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

6/23/20

HD WIC Budget Modification

Authorizing the Public Health Director to carry out a budget modification in the WIC program budget.

BY: Elane Daly, Chairman of the Health & Human Service Committee
Christopher Petrus, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee

WHEREAS, the WIC program had unexpected vacancies and staff changes throughout the course of the budget year; and

WHEREAS, these vacancies and staff changes created a surplus in the WIC budget salary line; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOH WIC grant oversight office is giving us permission to utilize these grant funds to offset costs associated with program deliverables and unanticipated costs associated with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a resolution is required by Cayuga County to move money from a salary line to any other expense line;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, to adjust the WIC program grant budget funds in the following ways:

Reduce: A40821-51001	\$15,000.00	Increase: A40824 54052	\$6150.00
A40821-58001	\$543.00	A40824 54049	\$6370.00
A40821-58002	\$1,203.00	A40824 54046	\$300.00
A40821-58003	\$1,008.00	A40824 54125	\$2250.00
A40821-58004	\$2.00	A40824 54055	\$1200.00
A40821-58005	<u>\$244.00</u>	A40824 54224	\$1550.00
	\$18,000	A40824 54065	\$80.00
		A40824 54075	<u>\$100.00</u>
			\$18,000.00

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