



MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 12, 2022 at 5:30PM
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CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair at **5:28 PM**

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

OTHERS: Chair of the Legislature David Gould, Legislator Jim Basile, Kathleen Cuddy, Eileen O'Connor, Christine Bianco, Jen Marshall, Brenda Wiemann, Lauren Walsh, Rich Graham, and Secretary to the Chair Sarah Blowers

MINUTES TO APPROVE: December 1, 2022

Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Didio, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: NONE

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –

- I welcome all Legislators to set a time with me to tour our Health Dept. offices and meet some of our personnel. It is a great way to supplement knowledge of the tremendous variety of programs and services we provide all county residents and the staff appreciate meeting you.
- I accepted a Board member position representing the Central New York Region on the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) Board of Directors. I will be completing a term previously vacated.
- NYSDOH shared it received federal strengthening US Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce and Data Systems funding. A facet of that mandates apportioning funds to local health departments based upon census and Community Resilience Estimator (data to measure the capacity of individuals and households to absorb the external stresses of the impacts of a disaster) Cayuga County was deemed 1.06. Cayuga County Health Dept. is allocated \$648,178 from 2022-2027. Details as to specifics of how these funds may be utilized will be forthcoming. This funding, along with the revised state aid base grant and fringe benefit funding, is to help local Health Depts. expand and strengthen workforce.
- The jointly created Cayuga County Health Department and Auburn Community Hospital state required Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) has been completed. A public process for sharing this information with our residents, community agencies, health providers and regional and state partners is underway. In the interim you may find the reports at:

Community Health Assessment button on our Health Dept. home page – www.cayugacounty.us/health

CHA webpage - <https://www.cayugacounty.us/1760/Community-Health-Assessment> and report can be accessed from here.

This is a comprehensive report that clearly identifies numerous needs in our community. Priorities were chosen in part based on survey response from public, key stakeholder interviews, work being currently performed by other entities in areas of need. Our agencies, Health Dept. and hospital, will work with our partners and provide regular updates to NYSDOH on our efforts these areas. This is work done in addition to the mandated programs and services regularly performed by our agencies.

Lauren Walsh (Community Services) – No updates

Christine Bianco (Social Services) – No updates

Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) –

- The Annual Medicare Enrollment saw 412 callers during the 10-week period, with 530 units of service provided by our certified Medicare Insurance Counselors. Due to the increasing number of Medicare insurance options available, counselors are finding that many of their appointments are taking longer as they sort through and explain coverage to find the option that best suits the individual's needs.
- Met with Rusty Ingerson in EMO for input on the CCOFA COOP plan.
- Recent data from the NYS Office for the Aging highlights how CCOFA demonstrates diversity in our service delivery and shows that services are targeting those in greatest economic need.

Debra Dennis (Youth Bureau) -

- Claims for our OCFS 2022 funding have been complete. Checks were sent out end of last month. State Aid Vouchers are complete and will be sent out to NYS OCFS this week. Program Annual Reports for each awarded agency have been sent out, waiting on 2 to come back to me.
- 2023 Allocations have been approved by NYS. Amount awarded to Cayuga County is still currently unknown. Request for Proposal has been developed to send out to Cayuga County agencies, local newspaper, Youth Bureau's Website, and other appropriate entities once allocations are received.
- Youth Board By-Laws have been updated. Waiting for final approval from County Attorney. Will begin board recruitment after they are finalized.

RESOLUTIONS:

HEALTH:

Motion to bundle HH 1-3, 5, 26 & 27 by Calarco, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.

- 1-23-HH-1 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill a full-time public health nurse position within the Health Department.
- 1-23-HH-2 Authorize the Director of Public Health to fill a Sr. Public Health Educator Position within the Health Department.
- 1-23-HH-3 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill one Supervising Nutritionist position in the WIC program.
- 1-23-HH-4 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill an Administrative Assistant position in the Public Health Department due to the reclassification of a principal typist position by the Civil Service Commission.
Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.
- 1-23-HH-5 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Public Health Director to accept additional funding for the ELC School based grant.
- 1-23-HH-6 Authorizing the Public Health Director and the Chair of the County Legislature to enter into contract with the VMC Transportation Group.
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.
- 1-23-HH-26 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill the WIC Program Coordinator Position due to a vacancy.
- 1-23-HH-27 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill the Director of Community Health Services Position within the Health Department.

SOCIAL SERVICES:

Motion to bundle HH 7-17 by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

- 1-23-HH-7 Amending the Department of Social Services' 2023 Budget to accept funds from New York State in the form of Safe Harbor: NY and to contract with Booker T. Washington Community Center, Inc. for provision of Safe Harbor: NY services.
- 1-23-HH-8 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a Contract with the County's Information Technology Department for Provision of Services.
- 1-23-HH-9 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a Contract with the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department to Provide Security and Transportation Services.
- 1-23-HH-10 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a Contract with Catholic Charities to Provide SSI Maximization for Safety Net Assistance (SNA) and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).
- 1-23-HH-11 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a Contract with Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes to Provide Supervised Visitation Services for Clients Referred to them by the Department of Social Services.
- 1-23-HH-12 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a Contract with Cayuga Centers for Family Preservation Program, Family Support Program, Enhanced Foster Parent Support Program, and MST.
- 1-23-HH-13 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a

Contract with Children's Home of Wyoming Conference for the Recruitment, Training and Retention of Foster Parents.

- 1-23-HH-14 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Renew the Contract with Community Action Programs Cayuga/Seneca for the Provision of Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services.
- 1-23-HH-15 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter Into a Contract with Chapel House (Temporary Homeless Shelter for Men).
- 1-23-HH-16 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into Contracts for Day Care Services.
- 1-23-HH-17 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and Commissioner of Social Services to enter into a Support and Maintenance Agreement with Q-Matic Corporation for maintenance of software installed in Intake Unit of Department of Social Services.
- 1-23-HH-18 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill a Supervising Social Services Attorney Position in the Department of Social Services.
Motion to bundle HH 18-20 by Calarco, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.
- 1-23-HH-19 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill a Director of Administrative Services (DSS) Position in the Department of Social Services.
- 1-23-HH-20 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to Fill three (3) Human Services Examiner Positions in the Department of Social Services.
- 1-23-HH-21 Authorizing the Legislature to create and the Social Services Commissioner to fill a Senior Social Welfare Examiner (Grade 17) position and abolish a Principal Social Welfare Examiner (Grade 19) position in the Department of Social Services due to a retirement.
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

MENTAL HEALTH:

Motion to bundle HH 22-24 by Calarco, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor

- 1-23-HH-22 Authorizing the Cayuga County Mental Health Department to accept Regional OMH State Aid and to pay various state aid contracts on behalf of the Central New York Director's Planning Group.
- 1-23-HH-23 Authorize the filling of one vacant full-time Senior Clerk Position at the Mental Health Center due to a resignation.
- 1-23-HH-24 Authorize the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract for part-time psychiatric duties at the Community Mental Health Center.

OFA:

- 1-23-HH-25 Authorizing the Chairman of the County Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to amend Resolution #498-22 to replace the wording "Cayuga County Administrator" with the wording "Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature".
Motion by Patti Ruffini, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.

LEGISLATURE:

- 1-23-LEG-1 Encouraging the Governor of New York State, to direct the New York State Department of Health to complete their review of the proposed draft of the Owasco Watershed Rules and Regulations.

Motion to adjourn at 6:52 PM by Didio, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.