

# CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES



## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: JANUARY 15, 2019, CHAMBERS – 5:30PM

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

<i>Elane Daly</i>	<i>Legislator District 11, Chair</i>
<i>Keith Batman</i>	<i>Legislator, District 7</i>
<i>Michael Didio</i>	<i>Legislator, District 14</i>
<i>Timothy Lattimore</i>	<i>Legislator, District 13</i>
<i>Aileen McNabb-Coleman</i>	<i>Legislator, District 6</i>
<i>Charlie Ripley</i>	<i>Legislator, District 9</i>
<i>Benjamin Vitale</i>	<i>Legislator, District 3</i>

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:33PM

**EXCUSED:** Ben Vitale

**OTHERS:** Chair Tucker Whitman, Legislators Ryan Foley, Joseph DeForest, County Attorney Chris Palermo, Chief Assistant County Attorney Richard Graham, County Administrator J. Justin Woods, Director of Public Works Dave Gardner, Director of Community Services Ray Bizzari, Treasurer Jim Orman, HR Administrator Michael Russell, Sheriff Brian Schenck, Planning Director Steve Lynch, Director of Office for the Aging Brenda Wiemann, Public Health Director Kathleen Cuddy, Citizen Reporter Ryan Franklin and Deputy Clerk of the Legislature

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:** DECEMBER 6, 2018, Motion by Ripley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Batman, all in favor.

**APPOINTMENTS & RESOLUTIONS:** Discussed with each committee report

### REPORTING DEPARTMENTS:

- Cayuga County Mental Health & DSS
  - Cayuga County Health Department
  - Cayuga County Office for the Aging
- Raymond Bizzari, Director of Community Services  
Kathleen Cuddy, Director  
Brenda Wiemann, Director

## CAYUGA COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING

BRENDA WIEMANN, DIRECTOR

### ROUTINE RESOLUTIONS

- None

### RESOLUTIONS WITH BACKGROUND

- 1-19-HH-16 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to create and fill an Aging Services Coordinator position and abolish one Aging Services Specialist position in the Office for the Aging Senior Nutrition Program. **Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ripley, all in favor.**
  - The demonstrated management and supervisory demands of this role in the Nutrition Program necessitates returning the position to a Coordinator level of responsibility. 2019 Budget includes sufficient funds for this position and the position will be budgeted annually with program funds. Routine Resolution 2 w/ Background Explanation provided by department, etc.,
- 1-19-HH-17 Authorization to fill a part-time Food Service Helper position in the Office for the Aging Senior Nutrition Program due to the resignation of a former employee. **Motion by Ripley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Didio, all in favor.**
  - Notice of resignation was received 1/4/19 from the Food Service Helper that manages the Boyle senior center meal site. This is a critical position responsible for daily meal orders, meal preparation and serving, and kitchen/dining room management for the largest senior nutrition meal site in the county, and is fully budgeted.

### APPOINTMENTS

- None

### POLICY MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE

None

## CAYUGA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT & LONG TERM CARE

KATHLEEN CUDDY, DIRECTOR

### ROUTINE RESOLUTIONS:

- 1-19-HH-15 Authorizing the County Administrator and the Public Health Director to renew our contract with Venesky & Company, for Auditing and Consulting Services for the Health Department's Diagnostic and Treatment Center. **Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ripley, all in favor.**
  - The Health Department desires to obtain professional accounting and auditing services for its Diagnostic and Treatment Center Program to properly compile & audit the AHCF-1 (D&TC) Medicaid Cost Reports to be filed with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) for the cost reporting years 2018, 2019 and 2020 when the NYSDOH issues the requests for each year.

### RESOLUTIONS WITH BACKGROUND:

- None

### APPOINTMENTS

- None

### POLICY MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE:

- Tobacco/Vaping Artwork
- CHIP Update

## MENTAL HEALTH & DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

### RAY BIZZARI, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### APPOINTMENTS

- Community Services Board
  - Brian Schenck, 5348 Lockwood Rd., Auburn, NY 13021, Term 1/1/17 to 12/31/20 (Unexpired term of James Brady) – New appt.
  - Stephen Smith, 33 Elizabeth Street, Auburn, NY 13021, Term 1/1/16 to 12/31/19 (Unexpired term of Margaret Phinney) – New appt.
- Alcohol & Substance Abuse Committee
  - Laurie Piccolo, 33 S. Hunter Ave., Auburn, NY 13021, Term 1/1/19 to 12/31/22- Reappt. (Has served 4 years)
- PWDD (People With Developmental Disabilities)
  - Timothy Donovan, 23 Chedell Pl, Apt 17, Auburn, NY 13021, Term 1/1/19 to 12/31/22- Reappt. (Has served 4 years)
  - Lorie Fischer, 8 Dill St., Auburn, NY 13021, Term 1/1/19 to 12/31/22 – Reappt. (Has served 4 years)

**Motion by Batman, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.**

#### ROUTINE RESOLUTIONS

**Motion by Ripley to bundle HH 1-8, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.**

- 1-19-HH-1 Authorizing the County Administrator and the Director of Community 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
- 1-19-HH-2 Authorizing the County Administrator and the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract with Cayuga Counseling Services, Inc. for the provision of Juvenile Special Supervision Services
- 1-19-HH-3 Authorizing the County Administrator and the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract with Cayuga Counseling Services, Inc. for the provision of Restorative Youth Case Management
- 1-19-HH-4 Authorizing the County Administrator and the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract with Cayuga Counseling Services, Inc. for the provision of Employment Experience for Public Assistance Recipients
- 1-19-HH-5 Authorizing the County Administrator and the Director of Community Services to contract with Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. for the provision of Residential Domestic Violence Services, for a 5 yr. period commencing 1/1/19 – 12/31/23

- 1-19-HH-6 Authorizing the County Administrator and the Director of Community Services to enter into contracts for Day Care Services
- 1-19-HH-7 Authorizing the County Administrator and the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract with Cayuga Counseling for provision of services through the Journey Program
- 1-19-HH-8 Authorizing the County Administrator and Director of Community Services to enter into a contract with Salvation Army Pathway of Hope for Case Management of TANF Clients (100% Funded)

**End of bundle**

**Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ripley, all in favor.**

- 1-19-HH-9 Authorization to create and fill a Caseworker position
- 1-19-HH-10 Authorization to create and fill a Sr. Caseworker position
- 1-19-HH-11 Authorization to fill a Supervising Social Services Attorney position in the Department of Social Services

**End of bundle**

- 1-19-HH-12 Authorization to fill a full-time Clerk vacancy in the SNAP Unit in Social Services.

**Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ripley, all in favor.**

**RESOLUTIONS WITH BACKGROUND**

- 1-19-HH-13 Authorizing the County Administrator and the Director of Community Services to contract for Psychiatrist Duties at the Community Mental Health Center. **Motion by Batman that the resolved in the resolution is changed to indicate the lines that need to be moved in the budget and to be clear it is a contract and not a part-time position, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ripley, all in favor.**
  - We have an opportunity to hire an outstanding psychiatrist to add to the medical staff. This was budgeted as a half-time staff psychiatrist but he changed his mind to work under contract. We have the work and psychiatry is reimbursed well by Medicaid and other 3<sup>rd</sup> party providers. He plans to start in May but the authorization to contract is necessary for recruitment purposes.
- 1-19-HH-14 Authorizing the County Administrator and the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract with the Mental health Center for a three-quarter time Staff Social Worker and creating and filling a full time Staff Social Worker as a fill behind at the Mental Health Center. **Motion by Ripley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.**
  - DSS is receiving \$70,000 from OCFS via a national SAHMSA grant in each of 5 years to hire a behavioral health specialist to work Child Protective cases. We propose contracting with MH to provide a seasoned .75FTE LCSW that can be embedded in CPS. The other .25FTE remains in the clinic seeing patients. We also propose hiring another staff social worker to take the caseload. Between the \$70,000 and the reimbursement, we expect to generate more revenue and see more patients. The new staff social worker position is eliminated once the funding ends.

**POLICY MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE**

- CHAD continues to be a concern.

- Community First Choice Option places another burden on Long Term Care staff and the Department. It's a well-intentioned Medicaid Waiver that requires the department to conduct more level of care assessments and plans of care for fee for service Medicaid recipients. CFCO has the ability but not the capacity to make a level of care/accommodations for folks to keep them out of nursing homes.
- The Homeless Services Plan required by OTDA calls for the integration of all regional and local homeless/housing services under a DSS umbrella that calls for the creation of services that do not currently exist.
- Continued efforts to restructure the supervision and oversight of child protective services
- Paying attention to the rollout and reception of the Department decision to stop paying security deposits and move towards security agreements.
- Plenty of challenges with Raise the Age and local courts/so-called gap-kids

**Motion by Ripley to adjourn at 6:27PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.**