



**MINUTES**  
**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 5:30PM**  
**Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/AjLa59kxLTQ>**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31PM

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

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:** January 12, 2023, **Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Muldrow, all in favor.**

**APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Muldrow to approve appointments, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**  
**Office for the Aging Advisory Board**

Betty Maute, 13806 Martville Rd, Martville, NY 13111, Term – 2/1/23 to 12/31/28

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

**Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –**

- Our Department is actively working to transition responsibilities to staff to continue smooth operations while seeking employees for the vacant positions we have and anticipate.
- Staff from our Health Education team presented this week to Leadership Cayuga and to a public health class at Nazareth College.
- We are pleased to have received official word the Public Health Fellows grant is being extended into 2024. This has allowed our department to bring in people interested in working in Public health with a range of educational degrees, to work in our department. The Fellows have been a tremendous support to our office operations in every programmatic area.

**Lauren Walsh (Community Services) – No updates**

**Christine Bianco (Social Services) –**

- As of 1/27/23, DSS was proving Emergency Housing to 27 families and 103 Homeless Individuals.
- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Emergency Allotment benefits that have been provided throughout the pandemic are ending in this month due to federal rules. These temporary benefits have provided an extra payment each month to ensure all SNAP households received at least the maximum monthly benefit. The last month that SNAP Emergency Allotments will be issued is February. Beginning in March, only regular monthly SNAP benefits will be issued to all eligible households. The regular monthly benefit is based on household size, income, and other factors. For more information, visit [otda.ny.gov/EA-SNAP](https://otda.ny.gov/EA-SNAP)
- DSS is working with the HR/Civil Service Department to implement the Hiring Emergency Limited Placement (HELP) Program that was recently announced by New York State in response to the significant challenges local government offices are having filling much needed positions. The HELP Program addresses staffing issues for critical health and safety titles by allowing local civil service agencies to temporarily reclassify competitive positions as non-competitive and bypass the civil service exam requirement. The Human Services Examiner title is only Cayuga County DSS position that would qualify for this program. We are working with our local civil service department to facilitate the state approval process and, once approved, the Human Services Examiner candidates hired under this HELP program will not be required to take a Civil Service Exam in order to gain permanent status in their position.

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

- The Senior Nutrition Program served 544 clients 74,888 meals in 2022, averaging 357 served each day. Five hundred and six of the meal recipients received hot MoW deliveries to their door 5 days a week. The congregate meal sites are gradually growing again following the pandemic.
- We are in the process of getting bids to upgrade the quality of our newsletter for 2023.
- NYS Office for the Aging has initiated a survey for households with an adult 60 or over to gather information to develop the NYS Master Plan on Aging. Older community members may receive a blue postcard inviting them to participate.

**Debra Dennis (Youth Bureau) -**

- 2023 Allocations have been approved by NYS. Amount awarded to Cayuga County totals \$72,010. \$19,513 of this amount is for sport and recreation programming alone (not for profits and municipalities eligible only).

Due to funding calendar change made by NYS OCFS, we will receive another allocation in October 2023 for October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024.

- Currently accepting applications for youth program funding. This includes programs to utilize APRA funding.
- Youth Board By-Laws have been updated. Continuing to work on board recruitment. Have 3 youth members committed.
- Student Government Day- Confirmed for 10/24/23 at 10 AM. Save the Date email was sent out to all Cayuga County High School Principals with information to follow early Fall.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **OFA:**

- 2-23-HH-17 Authorizing the Chairman of the County Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to enter into a contract for 2023-2024 Expanded In-Home Service for the Elderly Program (EISEP) with provider Staffings.  
**Motion by Nightengale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**

#### **YOUTH BUREAU:**

- 2-23-HH-18 Authorize the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and Director of the Youth Bureau to enter into a Contract Agreement with HELPRA, LLC (Helping Empower Local People Recovery Associates) for LJ's Safe Place using ARPA funds. **Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Muldrow, all in favor.**

#### **HEALTH:**

- 2-23-HH-1 Authorizing the Public Health Director to create and fill a Public Health Engineer position in the Health Department. **Motion by Nightengale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**

#### **Motion by Calarco to bundle HH 2 & 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Muldrow, all in favor.**

- 2-23-HH-2 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill the Coordinator of Services for Children with Special Healthcare Needs position within the Health Department

- 2-23-HH-3 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill a Junior Accountant Position

#### **End of bundle**

- 2-23-HH-4 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill a Principal Account Clerk Position Grade 14 in the Health Department's Accounting Division and vacate a Senior Account Clerk Position Grade 10. **Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**

- 2-23-HH-5 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into a contract with Board of Health approved Hearing Officers to conduct administrative hearings for the Cayuga County Board of Health.  
**Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Muldrow, all in favor.**

- 2-23-HH-6 Authorizing the Public Health Director and the Chair of the County Legislature to amend the current contract with James McGuinness & Associates, Inc. **Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES:**

#### **Motion by Muldrow to bundle HH 7-10, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**

- 2-23-HH-7 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to enter into an agreement with Finger Lakes Business Services to provide after-hours emergency answering services for the Department of Social Services.

- 2-23-HH-8 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to enter into a contract with Cayuga Centers for provision of three respite beds

- 2-23-HH-9 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a Contract with Cayuga Centers for the Provision of Supervision & Monitoring Services

- 2-23-HH-10 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a Contract with Elderchoice, Inc. for provision of personal care services

#### **End of bundle**

**Motion by Calarco to bundle HH 11 & 12, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**

2-23-HH-11 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill a FT Caseworker Position in the Child Welfare Services Unit of the Department of Social Services.

2-23-HH-12 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill a Transportation Aide Position on a PT basis in the Department of Social Services.

**End of bundle**

**MENTAL HEALTH:**

**Motion by Calarco to bundle HH 13, 14, 15 & 19, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale,**

**Motion by Daly to amend HH-14 in the first resolved to remove Crisis Intervention and replace with Health Home Care Manager, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patti Ruffini, all in favor.**

**All in favor of resolution as amended.**

**All in favor of bundle.**

2-23-HH-13 Authorizing the Director of Community Services and the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature to sign contracts with various human service agencies for services to individuals with disabilities for a period of five (5) years

2-23-HH-14 Authorization to amend Resolution No. 319-22 to extend the authorization to fill the position of Health Home Care Manger

2-23-HH-15 Authorizing the Director of Community Services and the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature to sign contracts with various agencies for Substance Use and Mental Health Services funded by Opioid Settlement Funds

2-23-HH-19 Authorize the filling of a full time Staff Social Worker position at the Community Mental Health Center before the vacancy

**End of bundle**

2-23-HH-16 **(PULLED)** Authorization to continue contracting with OneTouch Brands for telemental health services at the Cayuga County Community Mental Health Center

**Motion by Muldrow to adjourn at 6:45PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor.**