



MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 12, 2020, Chambers – to follow Government Operations

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:28PM

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

OTHERS: Chair Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Legislators Chris Petrus, Ben Vitale, Ryan Foley, County Attorney Chris Palermo, Assistant County Attorney Richard Graham, Director of Office for the Aging Brenda Wiemann, Public Health Director Kathleen Cuddy, Assistant County Attorney Brittany Massi, Director of Community Services Ray Bizzari, Deputy Director of Community Services Christine Bianco, Staff Development Supervisor Jennifer Marshall, Confidential Secretary to the County Attorney Lacey Bailey and Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Amanda Morgan

MINUTES TO APPROVE: February 13, 2020, Motion by Ripley, 2nd by Kerr, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) – No updates

Highlight of 2019 largest service areas:

- over 58,600 meals were delivered by 43 volunteers and 3 agencies
- over 10,300 hours of in-home aide service and caregiver respite were provided
- over 1000 individuals received Medicare insurance counseling
- over 950 individuals received NYConnects assessment, options counseling, and eligibility assistance

Update on March for Meals activities

Discussion:

Wiemann says that Meals on Wheels is working on logistics in regard to the Corona Virus.

Motion by Kerr on HH 1-3, 2nd by Pecher, all in favor

- 3-20-HH-1 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to sign agreement with Elderchoice for meal service
- 3-20-HH-2 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to sign agreement with VNA Home care Options, LLC for meal service
- 3-20-HH-3 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to sign agreement with iCircle Services of the Finger Lakes, Inc. for meal service through the Cayuga County Office for Aging Senior Nutrition Program

End of bundle

- 3-20-HH-4 Authorization to create and fill part-time Aging Services Assistant in the Office for the Aging (2/3). **Motion by Kerr, 2nd by Ripley, all in favor.**

Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –

- Communicable Disease Update: Corona Virus
- Early Intervention and Preschool Services

Motion by Kerr on HH 5 & 6, 2nd by Didio, all in favor.

3-20-HH-5 Authorizing the Public Health Director to purchase vehicle for the Health Department

3-20-HH-6 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into a MOU with Birnie Bus for transportation of preschool child

Discussion:

Cuddy wants to bring forward a resolution to create and fill a different title for a person at the function they are working at currently. They would like to put her into Grade 18 due to the supervision and duties. She says they do have the budgetary funds to cover this and this would be a good pattern for their future. Nightengale thinks that it sounds like Cuddy has been thoughtful and diligent on this and would like to see the resolution. Cuddy discusses Covid-19, they are testing, monitoring people in cautionary and mandatory quarantine. She says that information is constantly changing. She says the labs are also challenge.

Ray Bizzari (Mental Health/Social Services) – No updates

Discussion on housing homeless:

Daly says they have been meeting on emergency housing and brainstorming. The need for focused attention on the problem and desperately needing to get people out of hotels. Kerr, the point of work group is too look at more affordable and effective solutions. She says we are spending a lot of money and not getting solutions with homeless in the hotels. She says the hotels are unregulated, unsupervised, and unsafe. They are ripe for abuse, little structure, and no accountability on population we are trying to serve. She says we are attracting people from out of our county. They are seeing bills for hotel rooms being trashed. There are no services within the hotels and not a great model when working with the people we are trying to serve. She says they are trying to look at their end goal. She mentions Gary Mann from the Auburn Rescue Mission and Merriman Circle project and she says maybe look at their success. She says co location of services for the people we are trying to serve. She says inquiries made to use the nursing home as a shelter. She says we need to find a new space, either build new, renovate, but adds that it can take 3-5 years. She says we need to continue to have conversations and elevate the problems.

RESOLUTIONS:

HUMAN SERVICES:

3-20-HH-7 **(PULLED)** Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract with the Auburn Police Department to accompany staff on motel visits.

3-20-HH-8 Amending the Social Services 2020 Budget to accept funds from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance in the form of a Noncustodial Parent Employment Program Award. **Motion by Ripley, 2nd by Didio, all in favor**

Motion by Didio to bundle HH 12-18, 2nd by Ripley, all in favor.

3-20-HH-12 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to purchase four vehicles for Department of Social Services

3-20-HH-13 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to fill a Human Services Examiner position (100% funded) in the Medicaid Unit of Social Services

3-20-HH-14 Authorizing the Director of Community 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

MENTAL HEALTH:

3-20-HH-15 Authorize the filling of a full-time Community Mental Health Nurse Supervisor at the Community Mental Health Center of Cayuga County due to a retirement

3-20-HH-16 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to contract with agencies for the HEALing Communities Study

3-20-HH-17 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to contract with Liberty Resources, Inc., for the provision of adult crisis respite

3-20-HH-18 Authorization to create and fill one full-time grant funded Technical Assistance Coordinator position

End of bundle

Motion by Nightengale to bundle HH 9-11, 2nd by Kerr, all in favor.

3-20-HH-9 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to create and the Director of Community Services to fill a Sr. Social Welfare Examiner position and abolish a Clerk position in the Department of Social Services.

3-20-HH-10 Authorizing the County Legislature to create and the Director of Community Services to fill a Case Supervisor Grande B (Permanency Specialist) position in the Children & Family Services Unit

3-20-HH-11 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to create and the Director of Community Services to fill a Supervisor of Family Services in the Department of Social Services

Motion by Nightengale to adjourn at 7:45PM, 2nd by Kerr, all in favor