



MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOcB9hCZcA4>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair at 5:30 PM

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

EXCUSED: Michael Didio & Aileen McNabb-Coleman

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

MINUTES TO APPROVE: March 9, 2023

Motion by Patti Ruffini, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS:

Office of the Aging Advisory Committee

Michael Chapman, 11290 Myers Rd, Cato, NY 13033, term – 5/1/23 to 12/31/28

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

PRESENTATION: JoLynn Mulholland, re: BOCES Student Led Youth Survey Results

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –

April 3- April 9, 2023 is National Public Health week.

Some of the ways this is being recognized can be viewed through the links below:

NYSDOH Public Health Works! acknowledgement

Cayuga County Health Dept. acknowledgement:

[COVID-19 Response Team, Cayuga County Health Department \(ny.gov\)](https://www.cayugacountyhealth.org/covid-19-response-team)

Nancy Purdy, RN, BSN acknowledgement:

https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/public_health_works/honor_roll/2021-2022/cayuga_nancy_purdy.htm

Cayuga County Health Dept Facebook page highlights throughout the week some of the people and work done by public health locally:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=cayuga%20county%20health%20department>

An article was in **The Citizen newspaper** on 4/3/2023:

https://auburnpub.com/lifestyles/tarby-the-work-of-the-cayuga-county-health-department/article_038ae111-8407-5abc-a4b1-8e5fa23da83e.html?utm_campaign=snd-autopilot&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook_The_Citizen&fbclid=IwAR03yhS8wOSSFqwKETC-SUrCasCVE5khDyWxKiau66GoepfLFk2BIH-ADOo

A video of county health officials put together by **New York State Association of County Health Officials**

[Click Here to Watch NYSACHO's "This is Public Health Video"](#)

[NYSACHO Version 4.mp4 - Google Drive](#)

An excerpt from **New York State Department of Health Acting Commissioner James McDonald's letter:**

... And I am inspired by the way you respond to your community's own set of challenges, whether that involves access to nutritious food, chronic disease screening and prevention, wastewater surveillance, care of migrant workers or the homebound elderly. The list goes on and on. Within the districts you serve—from rural areas to large, urban settings—you face your own set of challenges.

To address these challenges—and to do so through a lens of health equity—partnering with community-based organizations is so important. Your local expertise allows us to identify the trusted messengers of communities that face barriers to care and prevention, and to break down these barriers—whether they be physical, economic, emotional, or cultural. ...

Lauren Walsh (Community Services) –

○ **CLINIC UPDATE:**

- Last year's monthly average for intakes was 134 per month and so far, this year we are averaging 147 per month for the first three months. For the first two months of this year, we had 514 more visits than the first two months of 2022.

- Received notice we have been awarded a \$170,000 Evidence-Based Practice Grant to pursue Dialectical Behavior Therapy certification for individual therapists and certification of our DBT program
- DAYTIME MOBILE CRISIS:
 - April 17th start date with roll out to Law Enforcement

- HEALING CAYUGA UPDATES
 1. Overdoses
 - Current overdose data is available on the county website www.cayugacounty.us/overdosedata
 - Digital promotion of data dashboard is under way
 2. Narcan Distribution: 5 Narcan trainings were conducted: 31 organizational staff were trained (food pantry, business, labor); 20 volunteer fire personnel; 26 students; 24 online Narcan requests were mailed; 15 new Narcan wall boxes were placed
 3. Grant Application
 - Project Director drafted and submitted a \$2.5M SAMHSA grant application to support people with substance use disorders who experience homelessness over the next 5 years
 - Grant would expand capacity of DSS Emergency Shelter Program and Cayuga Community Health Network Street Outreach Program and provide additional on-site case management support for people housed in motels
 4. Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Grant
 - Goal is the diversion of substance use-involved individuals away from criminal justice and child welfare systems toward treatment
 - \$1M funding over 3 years is going to:
 - a. Nick's Ride 4 Friends to provide peer support at CPS and Foster Care division of DSS to keep families together and increase family reunification
 - b. Nick's Ride 4 Friends to provide reintegration support for individuals leaving substance use treatment and incarceration
 - c. Nick's Ride 4 Friends to provide peer support at CAP arraignments for rapid linkage of people with opioid use disorder toward treatment and opioid court (Auburn Intervention Court)
 - d. CHAD for clinical assessments and intensive case management of Auburn Intervention Court participants
 - e. Training costs for 911 dispatchers to facilitate the 911 call diversion of people in crisis toward crisis counselors to free up law enforcement resources
 - f. Mental Health Center's Opioid Overdose Prevention Program to expand Narcan distribution to rural areas and LE/EMS personnel
 - g. Creation of an overdose fatality review board
 - h. Project director facilitates regular grant implementation planning meetings with partner agencies
 5. Overdose Taskforce: Direct responders meet monthly to discuss individuals at high risk for overdose and death

Christine Bianco (Social Services) – No updates

Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) – No updates

Debra Dennis (Youth Bureau) –

- Applications for OCFS Funding were sent to various contracts. 12 agencies have applied for funding for a variety of programs. Funding requests do exceed the amount we have to allocate.
- Youth Advisory Board- April 27th 5 PM meeting. Brief orientation and discuss applications for funding.
- NYS OCFS approved the Cayuga County Youth Bureau's 2023 Administrative Summary. The next step is completing our Resource Allocation Plan (RAP). That will be due to the state 6/1/23.

RESOLUTIONS:

- HEALTH:**
- 4-23-HH-1 **Motion by Muldrow to bundle HH 2-6, 2nd by Patti Ruffini, all in favor.**
Authorizing the Public Health Director to create and fill a Director of Health Education and Public Information position in the Health Department and vacate a Supervising Public Health Administrator position.
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Muldrow, all in favor except Patti Ruffini.
- 4-23-HH-2 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Public Health Director to create and fill a Women, Infants and Children Competent Professional Authority or Nutritionist position.

- 4-23-HH-3 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill a 100% grant funded Deputy Director of Health Services position in the Health Department
- 4-23-HH-4 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into a contract with the Finger Lakes SPCA of CNY to Provide Rabies Vaccination Clinics
- 4-23-HH-5 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to Accept WIC Award and Contract with the NYS Department of Health
- 4-23-HH-6 Authorizing the Public Health Director and the Chair of the Legislature to enter into contract with NYSACHO

SOCIAL SERVICES: Motion by Calarco to bundle HH 9-11 & 20, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

- 4-23-HH-7 Authorizing the Legislature to create and the Commissioner of Social Services to fill Two (2) Principal Account Clerk II positions in the Department of Social Services and to abolish an Assistant Payroll Systems Specialist and a Resource Assistant position.
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.
- 4-23-HH-8 Authorizing the Legislature to create six (6) budgeted Human Services Examiner (HELP) positions in the Department of Social Services.
Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.
- 4-23-HH-9 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill a Senior Caseworker Position in the Department of Social Services.
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.
- 4-23-HH-10 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill a Social Services Attorney position in the Department of Social Services
- 4-23-HH-11 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to renew the Contract with Rescue Mission for Homeless Family and Transitional Housing
- 4-23-HH-20 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to Fill a Caseworker Vacancy in the Adult Protective Services Unit
- 4-23-MH-22 Appropriating \$60,000 of ARPA Funds for Homeless Outreach and Advocacy
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

MENTAL HEALTH: Motion by Calarco to bundle HH 14-15 & 21, 2nd by Patti Ruffini, all in favor.

- 4-23-HH-12 Amending the Mental Health 2023 Budget to adjust State Aid funding for Contract Agencies
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.
- 4-23-HH-13 Authorize the creation and filling of a full time Staff Social Worker position at the Community Mental Health Center.
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.
- 4-23-HH-14 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to accept Regional Abatement Dollars from state Opioid Settlements.
- 4-23-HH-15 Amending the Mental Health 2023 Budget to adjust and reflect county opioid settlement fund
- 4-23-HH-21 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to accept Regional Abatement Dollars from state Opioid Settlements as a pass through to the City of Auburn

OFA: Motion by Calarco to bundle HH 16 & 17, 2nd by Muldrow, all in favor.

- 4-23-HH-16 Authorization to fill an Aging Services Specialist position due to a resignation in the Office for the Aging
- 4-23-HH-17 Authorization to fill a Food Service Helper position in the Office for the Aging
- 4-23-HH-18 Authorizing the Office for the Aging Director to purchase two vehicles for the Office for the Aging
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Muldrow, all in favor.

YOUTH BUREAU:

4-23-HH-19 Authorize the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and Director of the Youth Bureau to enter into a contract agreement with ABC Cayuga, Inc. using ARPA funds

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

Motion by Calarco to adjourn at 7:32 PM, 2nd by Muldrow, all in favor.