



MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 9, 2019, Chambers – 5:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Elane Daly at 5:31PM.

MEMBERS: Legislators Keith Batman, Michael Didio, Timothy Lattimore, Charlie Ripley, Benjamin Vitale and Aileen McNabb-Coleman (Vice Chair)

OTHERS: County Attorney Chris Palermo, County Administrator J. Justin Woods, HR Administrator Michael Russell, Director of Office for the Aging Brenda Wiemann, Public Health Director Kathleen Cuddy, Director of Community Health Services Nancy Purdy, Director of Community Services Ray Bizzari and Benefits/ Tax Associate Kristy Capone.

MINUTES TO APPROVE: April 11, 2019, Motion by Batman, 2nd by Ripley, all in favor.

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

OFA Advisory Board:

Terry Debiaw, 8 Tex Pultz Pkwy, Port Byron, NY 13140, Term - 5/1/2019 – 12/31/2023 (New appt.)

OFA:

5-19-HH-1 Authorizing the Cayuga County Administrator and Director of the Office for the Aging to reclassify the Typist Position in the Office for the Aging to Senior Typist. **Motion by Ripley, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.**

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

Discussion:

Wiemann says we have Senior citizen day coming up and I had mentioned that in the previous meeting that if you plan on attending please see Sheila. She says we have a couple volunteers to recognize this year.

HEALTH:

Motion by Batman to bundle HH-2 & HH-3, 2nd by Ripley, all in favor.

5-19-HH-2 Authorizing the Public Health Director to enter into a contract with Central New York Care Collaborative (CNYCC) for services related to the reducing premature births grant and accept funds associated with that grant.

5-19-HH-3 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to extend the Public Health Preparedness Contract with HRI (Working in Collaboration with NYSDOH) and accept funding for the time period of 7/1/19-6/30/20

End bundle

5-19-HH-4 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill a Supervising Public Health Nurse position and a part-time Public Health Nurse position within the Health Department. **Motion by Batman, 2nd by Didio, all in favor.**

Discussion:

Cuddy says we have a request, we would like to a little job shifting around. She says we have the Nurse Family Partnership program that is fantastic. She says our census is lower than we would like it to be right now so we want to be practical about how we are moving forward. She says there is a lot of investment in this program for all the right reasons, we have better health outcomes for women and children, better immunization rates, better school preparedness and better education rates for the parents.

Cuddy says there are staffing requirements as part of this and it is very regimented because this is such an evidence based evaluated program. She says we have spoken to our national office and they are looking to help us make an exception, we would like to take one of our fulltime nurses and elevate her to a supervising public health nurse. She says that supervising nurse will not only provide supervision of to the Nurse Family Partnership program but will be able to provide supervision to other programs as well. She says what we like about this position is it can help align somebody to later move up to the Director of Community Health position. Cuddy says the person that is currently in the part-time supervising public health position would like to step away from that position and would like to go to a part-time public nurse position. She says this allows the flexibility to retain her skill set in a part-time capacity and be able to have her work wherever we may need her, so it is the best of both worlds. She says if we are able to create this position, it will be around a \$3,400 change to our budget, which we do have within our salary line at this time due to vacancies. Purdy says within the last few years this program has become a conversation in Washington because of the value based payment system coming into health care and looking at outcomes. She says this program has thirty-five years of research and study and has proven to reduce costs of health care. Batman says I agree that this is a great program and it is cost effective but this issue is you are taking a part-time supervisor position and making it a full-time supervisor position just curious why we would do this in regards to this program and why it cannot wait until the next budget cycle. Batman says my other question is will this require us to send this employee somewhere for training. Cuddy says yes, this will require supervisory training. Batman says that could be a big expense so to make a change like this there must be fundamental reasons why. Purdy says I would like to try to answer this and they are all very good questions. She says the last two people that have been in that program when it was reinitiated were part-time and that was based on the fact how much leadership it would need per client. She said then there was turn over from that and now we have a part-timer that really wants out of the position with the reason being it is very difficult to be a part-time leader. Batman says that is a new piece of information, that answers my question.

- Kathleen Cuddy (Health)

Discussion:

Cuddy says there are purposed changes to lead poisoning state law that will take effect in October. She says currently if a child has lead poisoning and their blood lead level is fifteen micrograms or higher it requires both a nursing intervention as well as an environmental health intervention. She says so when the law changes it will be lowered to five micrograms and this will increase the workload on the health departments. Cuddy says with no funding to support this it is disconcerting and there will be a lot more staff time dedicated this work. Daly asks what is your current lead grant. Cuddy says about \$40,000 and we will often exceed that. Batman say how many do we have on average the past year kids testing positive for lead. Cuddy says, in 2018 we had twenty-four children from five to nine and a total of forty-nine children we needed to follow up with. She says we have a lead task force and we have some ideas of things that we would like to do also there is a legal act which could be enacted. If lead paint in disrepair is found in a home where a child may be impacted, subsidized rent could be withheld which could be a motivating factor to get it repaired before a child is impacted. She says the city of Auburn is trying to do a rental registry established, I am not sure where they are with that and we are hoping to get an update on that at our next lead task force meeting whether this will be going forward.

Cuddy says we have received the bids back on the preschool special education transportation and there were two of them. She says one of them was extraordinary high and the other one was extra high so we are discussing what our options are and I believe we may be able to have some discussion with one of the bidders for potential modification. Cuddy says looking at the numbers we are currently looking at least \$100,000 more for the next school year. Daly says there are just not enough venders. Cuddy says that is exactly right, there needs to be more bus drivers. She says we are looking into other things we can do like possibly utilizing a van rather than a bus for certain rounds. She says we know we are going to have to do a closer route analysis and one of the things I would like to do is talk with the primary preschool provider because now there is full day programs and that is something different that we didn't have previously. She says just so you are aware we do the families if they could transport their children first, many families do, and that is certainly the best situation. We can sometimes pay mileage to pay family members take the children to preschool.

Cuddy says we received a call on a potential measles case but we are still waiting on the final lab results but it looks like its negative. She says this caused us to step in our game, you think you are ready but until it happens. We do not have a good assessment of all of our staff's measles vaccination status, we have it for our clinical staff, so we are working with HR to set it up that upon hire that health department staff will show their vaccination status. Cuddy says we do not want out breaks happening as a cause of our response.

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

Motion by Ripley to adjourn at 6:18 PM, 2nd by Vitale, all in favor.