



MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD AT WIC OFFICE
100 North St Suite #1, Auburn, NY
Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: https://youtu.be/EoD4_ccWauI

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair called to order at 5:35PM

MEMBERS: Legislators Christina Calarco, Heidi Nightengale (Vice Chair), Lydia Patti-Ruffini, and Robert Shea

Excused: Legislator's Michael Didio and Brian Muldrow

OTHERS: Chair of the Legislature David Gould and Legislator Tricia Kerr, Kathleen Cuddy, Liz Burke, Christine Bianco, Brenda Wiemann, Rich Graham, and Kristy Capone

MINUTES TO APPROVE: April 11, 2022, Motion by Patti-Ruffini, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –

- Successful Bike to School events held this week at schools in Auburn and Moravia sponsored through the Pedestrian and Wheelsport Safety grant

Pictures on the Citizen website https://auburnpub.com/news/local/education/gallery-bike-and-roll-to-school-week-at-seward-elementary-in-auburn/collection_82da0b86-acc3-526c-91e8-b4c3382d9be7.html

- Public Health Partners Conference
 - Alzheimer's as a public health crisis: prevention research
 - Copper and Lead rules forthcoming
 - Climate change impact
- COVID-19 Vaccination clinics ongoing

Lauren Walsh (Community Services) –

- Mental Health awareness month events (see attached – in the DropBox)
- Medication Assisted Treatment at the Jail
- Parking at Mental Health
- Opioid Settlement Funds process recommendation

Christine Bianco (Social Services) –

- The 2021-2022 HEAP Cooling Assistance benefit opened May 2, 2022. If eligible, a household may receive one Cooling Assistance benefit per applicant household for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner or a fan to help their home stay cool. Like HEAP funding, cooling assistance funds are limited and are distributed on a first-come-first-served basis.
- DSS Case Integrity Unit and the Cayuga County Sheriff Department is working together and will be implementing some strategies to help combat the fraudulent use of SNAP benefits.
- The State FY 2023 budget included major investments in Child Care. New York State is investing \$7 billion over four years, reflecting that access to quality Child Care is critical to children, families, and the economic recovery. This more than doubles New York's support for Child Care subsidies. The Budget increases the income eligibility threshold for Child Care subsidies to 300 percent of the federal poverty level (\$83,250 for a family of four) effective August 1, 2022, extending eligibility to more than half of young children in New York.
- DSS Emergency Housing numbers at the end of April: 74 homeless individuals and 20 homeless families. This number is down some from prior months. We are seeing some positive outcomes of individuals and families locating permanent housing options.

Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) –

- OFA Office space update – IT planning and workstation design work started
- May is Older Americans Month – 3 seniors will be recognized at the 5/24 Leg Meeting
- Volunteer picnic June 16th – invitations going to all Legislators.

RESOLUTIONS:

HEALTH:

- 5-22-HH-1 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Public Health Director to create and fill a Women, Infants and Children Program Support Specialist position. **Motion by Patti-Ruffini, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.**
- 5-22-HH-2 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into a 3-Year Agreement with the NYS Department of Health to allow the Health Department continued participation in the Zoonoses (Rabies) Program. **Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Shea, all in favor.**

HUMAN SERVICES: Motion to bundle HH-3-5 by Calarco, 2nd by Shea, all in favor.

- 5-22-HH-3 Amending the Social Services 2022 Budget to accept funds from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) in the form of Grants to Enhance Adult Protective Services to Respond to COVID-1. 9
- 5-22-HH-4 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to Fill Human Services Examiner Position in the Department of Social Services
- 5-22-HH-5 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to enter into a contract with Laboratory Corporation of America ® Holdings (AKA Lab Corp) for the Provision of Parentage Testing for the Child Support Enforcement Unit of Department of Social Services

MENTAL HEALTH:

- 5-22-HH-6 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to fill a Senior Clerk Position at the Community Mental Health Center of Cayuga County due to the reclassification of a position by the Cayuga County Civil Service Commission. **Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**
- 5-22-HH-7 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to Accept a Grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice System. **Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Shea, all in favor except Patti-Ruffini abstained.**
- 5-22-HH-8 Amending the Mental Health 2022 Budget to adjust State Aid funding for Contract Agencies **Motion by Shea, 2nd by Shea, all in favor.**
- 5-22-HH-10 Authorize the creation and filling of one Full-Time Crisis Intervention Care Manager Position **Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Shea, all in favor.**

OFA:

- 5-22-HH-9 Authorizing the renewal of the lease agreement between PFI Housing Company of Auburn, Inc. for a portion of the premises located at 149 Genesee St., Auburn, New York (“Edward T. Boyle Center”) for the Long Term Care Office. **Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Patti-Ruffini, all in favor.**

LEGISLATURE:

- 5-22-LEG-2 Commitment of the Cayuga County Opioid Settlement funds to the Treatment, Recovery and Prevention of Opioid Use Disorders and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorders or Mental Health conditions

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 6:24PM by Patti-Ruffini, 2nd Calarco, all in favor.