



**MINUTES**  
**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 5:30PM**  
**Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/SoGvGUPZYuE>**

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

**MEMBERS:** Legislators Christina Calarco, Michael Didio, Brian Muldrow, Heidi Nightengale (Vice Chair), Lydia Patti-Ruffini, and Robert Shea

**OTHERS:** Chair of the Legislature David Gould, Legislators Tricia Kerr, Jim Basile, Kathleen Cuddy, Christine Bianco, Brenda Wiemann, Lauren Walsh, Chris Palermo, and Secretary to the Chair Sarah Blowers

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:** July 14, 2022 **Motion by Shea, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**

**APPOINTMENTS: None**

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

**Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –**

This time of year, particular effort is put forward toward education on the

- Prevention of rabies exposure,
- “Fight the Bite” messaging to prevent and reduce mosquito and tick-borne illnesses,
- Back to school vaccination
- Harmful Algal Bloom awareness and reporting

A community wide survey as part of our community health assessment, in partnership with our local hospital, will be coming out soon. We will share with county legislators, staff and perform public outreach to generate feedback on community health concerns. When you receive the link, we encourage you to share it with Cayuga County residents to respond.

Monkeypox is a communicable disease of concern, globally/nationally/statewide. NYSDOH and CDC have shared protocols and guidance for response and our county is staying apprised of them.

NYSDOH shared information on some revised priorities for the state and actions being taken to respond to them. One of which is to **ensure New Yorkers can age in place as long as possible with dignity and independence and have access to quality care if they need it**. To achieve these goals, the Commissioner is reshaping the leadership structure of our department. The NYSDOH Commissioner is establishing a cabinet of senior leadership. The team will consist in part with leaders from the Office of Public Health (OPH), the Office of Primary Care and Health Systems Management (OPCHSM), the Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP), the New York State of Health (NYSOH) and of two new offices --- Health Equity and Human Rights, and Office of Aging and Long-Term Care. Together, with the different perspectives and portfolios, we will collaborate to help the Department advance public health policies and decision making.

Below is the link for the CBS Sunday Morning News shown on July 24,2022 that highlighted public health. It is a good general summary on the national/state/ local status of public health.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/how-public-health-works-and-why-it-sometimes-doesnt/#x>

**Lauren Walsh (Community Services) –**

**Christine Bianco (Social Services) –**

- As of 7/29/22, Emergency Housing was being provided for 16 families and 56 individuals.
- Effective 8/1/2022: The income guidelines for the Child Care Assistance Program have increased to 300% of Federal Poverty Level. Please see the chart below. If your gross household income is at or below the yearly amount you may be eligible for Child Care Assistance.

<u>Number of persons in household</u>	<u>Income Yearly 300% FPL</u>	<u>Income Monthly at 300%</u>
1	\$40,770	\$3,397.50
2	\$54,930	\$4,577.50
3	\$69,090	\$5,757.50
4	\$83,250	\$6,937.50
5	\$97,410	\$8,117.50
6	\$111,570	\$9,297.50
7	\$125,730	\$10,477.50
8	\$139,890	\$11,657.50
9	\$154,050	\$12,837.50
10	\$168,210	\$14,017.50

- The Child Care Assistance program can help pay for care for children up to 13 years old (or older in certain circumstances). Most families will have a weekly family share. Parents select the childcare provider that best suits their needs.
- Daycare assistance available for the following:
  - \*\*Income eligible parent(s) who are working
  - \*\*High school students
  - \*\*Foster parent(s) and Guardians
  - \*\*Trade schools: BOCES, NTTTS, etc. (inquire to see if covered)
  - \*\*Approved and In-Demand 2-year degrees
- Call the Day Care Unit at (315) 253-4700 if you are interested in learning more about the program.

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

- We are extremely pleased to have the entire OFA staff now located in one place at the Boyle Center, 149 Genesee St. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors. The new office is far superior to the previous office, with more space for HIPPA compliant interviews, handicapped parking right in front of the door, street level access, and significantly more natural light. Thank you to everyone who recognized the importance of providing a more appropriate place for the older adults and their families seeking our services and assistance. Special thank you to Maintenance and IT for all of their work on the move and to Boyle Supt. John Sheftic for the preparation of the space for our use.
- OFA staff held 8 drive-through distributions throughout the county and coordinated with multiple subsidized senior apartment buildings to distribute 770 Senior Farmers’ Market Coupons, exhausting the supply allocated to Cayuga
- An RFP will be issued this month for our Senior Nutrition Meals. Last year we served 71,147 meals. This year we are likely to serve over 72,000 meals. Our biggest challenge now is a significant need for volunteers in the Moravia/Locke area and the Weedsport/Sennett area due to the continued rising demand for this service, and recent volunteer illness and family obligations.
- In collaboration with NYSOFA, our office will be promoting a new Virtual Senior Center that allows older adults to participate in virtual classes, watch programming, hear news, play games, and connect with others in real time. One of our Aging Services Specialist will be devoting time to enrolling and orienting community members to this service with the goal of reducing social isolation among older adults.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**HUMAN SERVICES: Motion to bundle HH-1, 2, 3 and 4 by Shea, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**

- 8-22-HH-1 Authorizing the Legislature to create and the Social Services Commissioner to fill a 100% reimbursed Principal Social Welfare Examiner position in the Medicaid Unit of the Department of Social Services due to a pending retirement.
- 8-22-HH-2 Authorizing the creation of a temporary leave bank for a Cayuga County Department of Social Services Employee

- 8-22-HH-3 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to enter into a contract with Community Action Programs Cayuga/Seneca (CAP) to perform any outreach activities for this State Mandated HEAP Program (100% Federally Funded), for the period of September 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023
- 8-22-HH-4 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to Enter into a Contract with Northwoods for provision of software solution technology and services

**OFA: Motion to bundle HH-5, 6, and 7 by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shea, all in favor.**

- 8-22-HH-5 Authorizing the Chairman of the County Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to enter into a contract for 2022 Expanded In-Home Service for the Elderly Program (EISEP) with provider Seniors Helping Seniors.
- 8-22-HH-6 Authorizing the Chairman of the County Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to enter into a contract for 2022 Title III E, Title IIIB, ALZ-CSI with provider Seniors Helping Seniors.
- 8-22-HH-7 Authorizing the Chair of the County Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to sign a contract with ARISE for the installation of aluminum ramps for Senior Citizens

**MENTAL HEALTH: Motion to bundle HH-8 and 9 by Shea, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**

- 8-22-HH-8 Authorize the filling of one vacant full-time Health Home Care Manager position at the Mental Health Center due to a resignation
- 8-22-HH-9 Authorize the filling of one vacant full-time Senior Clerk position at the Mental Health Center due to a resignation

**Motion to adjourn by Shea at 5:51 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**