



MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 13, 2020
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CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Elane Daly, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:14PM

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

EXCUSED: Michael Didio and Tim Lattimore

OTHERS: Chair Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Legislators Chris Petrus, Ben Vitale, 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, Human Resources Administrator Lisa Lippoldt, and Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Amanda Morgan

MINUTES TO APPROVE: July 9, 2020, Motion by Ripley, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

Motion by Batman to approve appointments, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mental Health Subcommittee

Elizabeth Vuillemont, 7 Merriman St., Auburn, NY 13021, Term – 7/28/20 to 12/31/21 (New appt.-unexpired term)

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee

Arianna Halter, 89 York St., Auburn, NY 13021. Term – 7/28/20 to 12/31/21 (New appt.-unexpired term)

RESOLUTIONS:

HEALTH:

Motion by Batman to bundle HH 1,2, & 8, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

8-20-HH-1 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into a contract with NYS for the Bike/Pedestrian/Wheelsport Safety Program

8-20-HH-2 Authorizing the Public Health Director to enter into 5 year agreements with colleges or universities for public health and/or nursing student interns

8-20-HH-8 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill 2 PT Lactation Peer Counselor Positions in the Health Department's WIC Program

End of bundle

8-20-HH-9 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature to create and the Public Health Director to fill three (3) Health Screening Assistant position in the Public Health Department. **Motion by Kerr, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**

MENTAL HEALTH:

8-20-HH-3 Amending the Mental Health 2020 Budget to adjust State Aid funding for certain Contract Agencies. **Motion by Ripley, 2nd by Kerr, all in favor.**

8-20-HH-10 Authorize the filling of one (1) full-time Staff Social Worker (CMH) position at the Community Mental Center of Cayuga County due to a resignation. **Motion by Kerr, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**

8-20-HH-11 Authorize the create and filling of one (1) full-time Staff Social Worker (CMH) position at the Community Mental Health Center of Cayuga County and unfunding one (1) Community Mental Health Professional. **Motion by Kerr, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**

Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –

- COVID-19 related work
 - Isolation and Quarantine, interactions with nurses, drive by checks, essential needs
 - Education related to guidance interpretation
 - Complaint and concern follow up
 - Enforcement activities
- Immunization Clinics for school readiness
 - NYS has not altered any requirements of Public Health Law related to mandatory school immunizations, children attending school in person or at home are required to be immunized
 - Dr. Gioia, our Medical Director and Vaccine for Children participant, provided critical immunizations to children who were not his patients during the past few months, as our office was not able to serve them.
- Lead referrals are up, home visits have resumed for those sites requiring inspection due to elevated lead levels in children
- Septic system inspection reminder letters are being distributed to required towns (Mentz, Venice, Ira) and lake front properties. Overdue septic system inspection letters have been mailed
- Rabies is busier during warm weather months
- Mosquito and Tick vector borne illness education is being provided
- Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) education is underway.
 - One beach temporarily closed due to bloom
 - Educational letters were sent to residences around the lake to remind people not to drink, cook or shower with water drawn directly from the lake, illustrated HAB bookmarks were included

HUMAN SERVICES:

Motion by Nightengale to bundle HH 4-6, 2nd by Kerr, all in favor.

8-20-HH-4 Authorizing the creation of a temporary leave bank for a Cayuga County Department of Social Services Employee

8-20-HH-5 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to fill 4 FT Caseworker Positions in the Child Welfare Services Units of the Department of Social Services

8-20-HH-6 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to fill 4 FT Clerk (Seasonal) Positions in the HEAP Unit of the Department of Social Services

End of bundle

8-20-HH-7 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. **Motion by Ripley, 2nd Kerr, all in favor except Batman.**

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

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) –

- As we prepare for the busy Medicare Annual Enrollment season, we continue to identify a space deficit that impedes our ability to meet with clients in-person for insurance counseling and benefits eligibility assistance. This is on Aileen's radar for resolution.
- All OFA staff have been involved in the Farmer's Market Coupon drive-through distributions at 8 locations throughout the county with almost 700 booklets given out to-date.
- The Meals on Wheels program is on track to serve at least 71,000 meals in 2020. The additional federal funds that we received are expected to help cover the costs resulting from another record year of meals.

Motion by Kerr to go into executive session at 7:35PM, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: re: Employment history of a particular person

Motion by Nightengale to come out of executive session at 8:05PM, 2nd by Kerr, all in favor.