



MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 14, 2019, Chambers – 5:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Elane Daly called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

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

EXCUSED: Keith Batman

OTHERS: Legislators Joseph Bennett, Joseph DeForest, Patrick Mahunik, Christopher Petrus, County Attorney Chris Palermo, Director of Office for the Aging Brenda Wiemann, Youth Bureau Director Lloyd Hoskins, Human Resources Administrator Lisa Lippoldt, Confidential Secretary to the County Attorney Brittany Massi, Director of Community Services Ray Bizzari, Tricia Ottley Kerr, and Deputy Clerk of Legislature Amanda Morgan

MINUTES TO APPROVE: October 10, 2019, Motion by Ripley, 2nd by Didio, all in favor

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Brenda Wiemann (Office for the Aging) –

- The 2019 Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) is keeping our Certified Medicare insurance counselors extremely busy. Our office has received almost 300 inquiries for insurance counseling since early October, and has been able to serve about 150 individuals to date. This means we are half way to last year's 8 week total number after only 2 weeks in 2019! It is very likely we will have to refer people to phone counseling with Statewide Senior Action Council or the Medicare 1-800# before the AEP is done.

Kathleen Cuddy (Health) –

- Program Updates

Ray Bizzari (Mental Health/Social Services) –

Highlights:

- Department awarded 2nd year CAPTA funding for behavioral health specialist embedded in CPS
- Northwoods installation/roll out progressing on schedule...scanning of open cases commences soon and we go "live" in January
- Exploring adding Cayuga County to Oswego County Assertive Community Treatment program...NYS OMH making state aid available to Cayuga County. We would have 20 slots.
- \$130,000 RFP being written for adult, peer supported respite...this was original funding for the nursing home but is being repurposed
- Cayuga County is in Wave 1 of the HEALing Communities grant.

Stuff to Pay Attention To:

- The question of oversight for the jails behavioral health programs.
- Continue to work on CFCO, Family First, next phase of Raise the Age readiness/implementation
- Continue to work on Value Based Payment readiness/implementation
- Increases in neglect petitions related to substance use/sexual abuse...foster care system under considerable stress

FYI:

- Continue to explore other shelter options but nothing on the horizon...motels are raising their day/weekly rates...budget staff predict a \$300,000 or so increase for 2020 in emergency housing
- ARISE provides representative payee services to about 140 residents...they plan to end this service and transfer clients to another Onondaga based agency. ARISE refuses to sit with the county to discuss this or make a plan with us. The resulting effect on many of our most vulnerable residents is one confusion and worry. In certain cases, there is potential for interruption in their income.

RESOLUTIONS:

OFA:

11-19-HH-1 Authorization to fill a part-time Food Service Helper position in the Office for the Aging Senior Nutrition Program due to the resignation of a former employee. **Motion by Didio, 2nd by Ripley, all in favor.**

HEALTH:

Motion by Vitale to bundle HH 2-5, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.

11-19-HH-2 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill one Public Health Sanitarian position due to a retirement

11-19-HH-3 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill one Supervising Nutritionist position due to a retirement

11-19-HH-4 Authorizing the Public Health Director to purchase an X-Ray Fluorescent Machine (XRF)

11-19-HH-5 Authorizing the Public Health Director to accept funds from the NYSDOH-Legislative Award to support the Nurse Family Partnership Program

End of bundle

11-19-HH-6 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into a contract with an engineering firm to assist with the completion of the Health Department's Certificate of Operation. **Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2nd by Ripley, all in favor.**

HUMAN SERVICES:

Motion by Ripley to bundle HH 7-10 & 12, 2nd by Vitale, all in favor.

11-19-HH-7 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature to create and the Director of Community Services to fill a Jr. Accountant position in the Accounting Unit and abolish a Principal Account Clerk Position

11-19-HH-8 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to fill 3 Caseworker vacancies in Child Welfare Unit

11-19-HH-9 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to fill a full-time Human Services Examiner position in the Support Collection Unit of Social Services

11-19-HH-10 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to fill part-time Transportation Aide position in the Services Unit of Social Services

11-19-HH-12 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to fill a Sr. Clerk position in the SNAP Unit of Department of Social Services due to the reclassification of a Clerk position by the Cayuga County Civil Service Commission

MENTAL HEALTH:

11-19-HH-11 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to contract with an Epidemiologist for the NYS HEALing Communities Study Grant. **Motion by Vitale, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.**

Motion by Vitale to adjourn at 6:12PM, 2nd by Didio, all in favor.