

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
October 15, 2024

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: J. Shaw (Chair), M. Hilderbrant, E. Micha (Acting representative for L. Augostini), M. Whalen, K. Myers

Members Absent:

Others Present: C. Hall, Legislature; J. Garnar, M. Ponticiello, Executive; L. Bellmore, C. Fedor, Health; N. Williams, K. White, T. Survilla, DSS; J. St. Amour, OMB; J. Marsh, K. Saunders, Mental Health; Vincent Gialanella, Resident.

The Health & Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:30 PM. Ms. Myers made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Whalen.

The Chair requested that renewals, including Resolutions #19-21, 23-27, be grouped together and voted on in a single vote. Ms. Myers asked that Resolution #23 be pulled. Mr. Hilderbrant made a motion to consider the resolutions as one vote, seconded by Mr. Whalen. The vote to consider the resolutions as one vote carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0. The resolutions grouped together carried, Ayes-5, Nays-0

The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF BROOME COUNTY FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMMUNITY CANCER PREVENTION IN ACTION GRANT FOR 2024-2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN SAFETY FIRST PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, WORKFORCE AND DATA SYSTEMS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2024-2027

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE SAFE HARBOUR PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF WYOMING CONFERENCE (CHOWC) FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE YOUTH ALTERNATIVES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2024-2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE HOMELESS CODE BLUE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET, RENEWING AGREEMENTS WITH THE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, THE YWCA, THE YMCA AND A-1 COURTESY CAB TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023-2024

Ms. Myers made a motion seconded by Ms. Micha to change the total amount in "Exhibit A" From \$911,000 to \$848,796 and to change the date from September 30, 2025 to June 30, 2025. Amendment carried Ayes-5, Nays-0

Resolution as amended carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF GUTHRIE LOURDES HOSPITAL PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH GUTHRIE LOURDES HOSPITAL TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2025

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-0, Abstain-1 (Myers)

#24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOLS PROJECT GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH BROOME TIOGA BOCES TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY OPTIONS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY OPTIONS OF NEW YORK, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHERN TIER PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHERN TIER, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#27 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE HELIO HEALTH PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH HELIO HEALTH INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#37 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH EMPIRE STATE HOTELS LLC FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#46 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RETENTION INCENTIVE FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Representatives of the Department of Mental Health gave a presentation to the Committee regarding the direction of the Department under new leadership. (On file with minutes)

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Whalen seconded by Ms. Myers. The meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM.