

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2025

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: J. Shaw (Chair), M. Hilderbrant, L. Augostini, K. Myers, T. Ames

Members Absent: None

Others Present: A. Martin, C. Hall, M. McDonald, C. French, Legislature; M. Ponticellio, Executive; T. Adams, N. Angeline, OMB; Olivia Catalano, C. Fedor, Health; J. Marsh, E. Warneck, Mental Health; Vincent Gialanella, Resident.

The Health & Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:24 PM. Mr. Augostini made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Ames.

The Chair requested that renewals, including Resolutions #10,12-14,16,17,19 be grouped together and voted on in a single vote. Mrs. Myers made a motion to consider the resolutions as one vote, seconded by Mr. Ames. 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:

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE 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 2026

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 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 2026

In response to a question from the Committee Mrs. Catalano stated that Helio runs two programs, one is for detox and the other is for inpatient. Detox had 8,000 clients and inpatient had 2,400 clients the last 5 years. Detox is a 5-7 day process and inpatient is a 28 day process. Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE ADDICTION CENTER OF BROOME COUNTY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE ADDICTION CENTER OF BROOME COUNTY TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2026

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOLS PROJECT GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH BROOME TIOGA BOCES TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2026

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE COUNTY REENTRY TASK FORCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN TIER AIDS PROGRAM, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2025-2026

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTOPHER J. STRENO FOR HEALTH LIAISON SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PERIOD 2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH PARTNERS FOR INSIGHTFUL EVALUATION (PIE) FOR OD2A LOCAL DATA COLLECTION AND EVALUATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2025-2026

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE EARLY INTERVENTION ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2025-2026

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2025-2026

Mrs. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ames, to amend the Resolution to add a PSI to the resolution.

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Resolution as amended. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM (NSIP) GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2024-2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH COMFORT KEEPERS FOR RESPITE SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR THE PERIOD 2025-2026

Mr. Ames made a motion, seconded by Mr. Augostini, to amend the Resolution to replace "respite" with "EISIP" in the title, first WHEREAS paragraph and the RESOLVED paragraph.

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MEALS ON WHEELS WESTERN BROOME FOR MEAL SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR THE PERIOD 2025-2026

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF TITLE III-D HEALTH PROMOTION GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET IN CONNECTION THEREWITH FOR 2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF TITLE III-C-1 CONGREGATE MEALS GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET IN CONNECTION THEREWITH FOR 2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF TITLE III-E FAMILY CAREGIVER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET IN CONNECTION THEREWITH FOR 2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INC. FOR SUPERVISION AND HOME VISITING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PERIOD 2025-2026

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

#27 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHERN TIER INDEPENDENCE CENTER FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2020-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Food Bank of the Southern Tier Director of Policy, Programs & Partnership Sarah DeFrank updated the Committee on their operations in Broome County.

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