

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
October 10, 2023

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 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, M. Whalen, K. Myers

Members Absent: None

Others Present: A. Martin, C. Hall, J. Scott, M. McDonald, Legislature, M. Ponticiello, County Executive; J. St. Amour, OMB; M. McFadden, Health Department; N. Williams, K. White, DSS; K. Empett, Mental Health; E. Kerr-Wilson, K. Hawk WPRNC, Vincent Gialanella, Resident.

The Health & Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:16 PM. Ms. Myers made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Augostini.

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

The Chair requested that all renewals, which include Resolutions #13, #14, #17 – #27, be grouped together and voted on in a single vote. Ms. Myers 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

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH PRIME TIME HEALTHCARE FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH PROVALIDUS MEDICAL STAFFING FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ASSURANCE QUALITY STAFFING FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2023-2024

In response to a question from Ms. Myers, Ms. Hawk responded by stating that the nursing home is doing its best to keep at least one member of the County staff on the floor for each shift every day. She continued by stating that the facility cannot solely depend on agency personnel.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH UNITEDHEALTHCARE OF NEW YORK, INC., OXFORD HEALTH PLANS (NY) INC., AND UNITEDHEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY ON BEHALF OF ITSELF AND OTHER ENTITIES THAT ARE UNITED'S AFFILIATES (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS "UNITED") FOR AN ANCILLARY PROVIDER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2020-2025

In response to a question from the Committee, Ms. Hawk stated that United pays on a level close to Medicaid and many residents are eligible for dual insurance. Salesmen come in and go room to room trying to sell insurance to the residents. This resolution would give the nursing home a reimbursement for the services provided to the United customers.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#17 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 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF WYOMING CONFERENCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF WYOMING CONFERENCE TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CLEAR PATH FOR VETERANS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#20 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 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE FAIRVIEW RECOVERY SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH FAIRVIEW RECOVERY SERVICES, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BROOME COUNTY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BROOME COUNTY TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#23 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 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES OF CORTLAND COUNTY, INC. PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES OF CORTLAND COUNTY, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2024

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 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE HUD LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023 – 2027

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#27 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 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Myers seconded by Mr. Whalen. The meeting adjourned at 4:36 PM.