

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2024

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 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, S. Ryan (Voting representative for M. Whalen), K. Myers

Members Absent:

Others Present: J. Garnar, C. Wagner, M. Ponticiello, Executive, L. White, T. Survilla, N. Williams, DSS, C. Segrue, Personnel, C. Fedor, Health, S. King, Mental Health, S. Jerzak WPRNC, C. Marian, Arena, J. St. Amour, T. Adams, OMB, J. Solak, Visitor, V. Gialanella, Resident.

The Health & Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:20 PM. Mr. Augostini made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Myers.

The Chair requested that renewals, including Resolutions #26, 29-31, 34-36, 39, 46, be grouped together and voted on in a single vote. Mrs. Ryan made a motion to consider the resolutions as one vote, seconded by Mrs. Myers. 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:

- #26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CHILD SAFETY PASSENGER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2024-2025
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #27 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO VARIOUS VENDORS FOR SERVICES CLASSIFIED UNDER THE CONSOLIDATED BILLINGS PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES FOR 2025
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE COORDINATED CARE SERVICES INC, PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH COORDINATED CARE SERVICES INC. FOR 2024
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #29 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE COORDINATED CARE SERVICES INC. PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH COORDINATED CARE SERVICES, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2025
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

- #30 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S COUNSELING SERVICES FOR ADULT FOSTER FAMILY PERSONAL CARE SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2025
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #31 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH FOOD BANK OF THE SOUTHERN TIER FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2025
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #32 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF SHELTER ARREARS EVICTION FORESTALLMENT (SEAF) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2025
Mrs. Myers made a motion seconded by Mr. Augostini to add the following to the Resolution:
"FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Social Services is authorized to accept and allocate additional Program funds, for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, provided there is no increase in employee head count, the County's financial contribution is not increased and the salary rate is not changed, and be it"
Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
Resolution as amended carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #33 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT PREVENTION & TREATMENT (CAPTA) COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION & RECOVERY ACT (CARA) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF WYOMING CONFERENCE TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2024-2025
Mrs. Myers made a motion seconded by Mrs. Ryan to add the following to the Resolution:
"FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Social Services is authorized to accept and allocate additional Program funds, for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, provided there is no increase in employee head count, the County's financial contribution is not increased and the salary rate is not changed, and be it"
Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
Resolution as amended carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #34 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS PROVIDER AGENCIES FOR SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' PURCHASE OF SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR 2025
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #35 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR ASSISTED LIVING CARE SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2025-2026
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

- #36 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH INDUSTRIAL MEDICINE ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2025
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #37 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH HOTELS/MOTELS FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2025
Mrs. Ryan made a motion seconded by Mr. Hilderbrant to add the following to the Resolution:
“FURTHER RESOLVED, that this County Legislature authorizes agreements with any or all hotels or motels that agree to Temporary Housing Assistance contractual provisions as prescribed by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), at rates no higher than the highest authorized rate as set in Exhibit A, and be it”
Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
In response to a question from the Committee, Mr. White stated that the last time a Hotel or Motel backed out of the agreement was about two years ago. He continued stating that the Hotels and Motels will work with the department to determine where rooms are available.
Resolution as amended carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #38 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MEDICAID TECHNOLOGIES ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENTS WITH VEN TEK INC. AND WELLSKY HUMAN & SOCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION FOR 2025
Mrs. Myers made a motion seconded by Mr. Augostini to add the following to the Resolution:
“FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Social Services is authorized to accept and allocate additional Program funds, for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, provided there is no increase in employee head count, the County’s financial contribution is not increased and the salary rate is not changed, and be it”
Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
Resolution as amended carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #39 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH TWIN TIER HOME HEALTH INC., AND MSS ELECTRONICS INC., D/B/A LIFEONE FOR PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2025-2026
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #40 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY OFFICE FOR AGING ADVISORY BOARD
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #46 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR 2025
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#49 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH LONG TERM CARE SOLUTIONS OF NY LLC TO ASSUME THE ROLE OF ADMINISTRATOR OF RECORD AT THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2024

In response to a question from the Committee Mrs. Jerzak stated that her LNHA is pending with the state and that she will oversee of the day to day operations at Willow Point.

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 Mrs. Myers seconded by Mrs. Ryan. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM.