

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2019

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: J. Shaw (Chair), M. Hilderbrant, C. O'Brien, M. Kaminsky, S. Ryan.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: R. Kaufman, M. McFadden, Health Department; N. Williams, S. Bennett, DSS; R. LaClair, WPNRHC; M. Tanzini, C. Hall, J. Weinheimer, Legislature
J. Garnar, K. McManus, C. Cramer, Executive; J. Knebel, G. Bucciarelli, OMB.

The Health & Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:00 PM. Ms. Kaminsky made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Hilderbrant.

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

#1 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020](#)

Carried. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

#2 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNERSTONE FAMILY HEALTHCARE FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN TIER FOR 2019-2023](#)

Carried. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

#3 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF ENDICOTT FOR SERVICE DELIVERABLES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CREATING HEALTHY SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR 2019](#)

Carried. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

#4 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF MAINE FOR SERVICE DELIVERABLES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CREATING HEALTHY SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR 2019](#)

Carried. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

#5 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF FENTON FOR SERVICE DELIVERABLES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CREATING HEALTHY SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR 2019](#)

In response to a question from the Committee, Ms. McFadden stated this grant is in its fourth of five total years. Broome County is one of 25 recipients in the state that have received this grant. In general, the grant aims to create policy systems and environmental changes that allow people to take part in behaviors that are good for them, regardless of age and abilities. The Safe Streets program aims to create streets and sidewalks that are accessible. The grant applies to "higher need civil divisions", which include school districts within Binghamton, Deposit, Johnson City and Harpursville. In November, the Health Department sent out an RFP and no recipients submitted a proposal. After the RFP process, the Health Department reached out to municipalities for interest. The municipalities that have signed on include the Town of Fenton, Village of Endicott, Town of Union, Village of Johnson City, Village of

Deposit and the Town of Maine. The City of Binghamton has already completed a Safe Streets policy. The remaining municipalities that are eligible for the grant include the Town of Dickinson, Town of Chenango, which pulled their request, the Village of Afton and the Towns of Colesville and Coventry. In the case of the Town of Fenton, Ms. McFadden stated this grant would provide funding for concrete used to repair sidewalks, and not new construction. Ms. O'Brien stated the Town of Fenton would not accept the money because it would cost the Town more out of pocket to start a project, which would not make the grant worth accepting. Ms. McFadden stated that it has been difficult to find municipalities that want to take part in the program due to its regulations.

Carried. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

#6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE POPULATION HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

#8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF SCHOOL BASED DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM GRANT FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH LOURDES CENTER FOR ORAL HEALTH TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2019-2020

In response to a question from the Committee, Ms. Kaufman stated this funding only reaches certain schools. In this case, the money is being awarded to the Binghamton Central School District. Ms. Kaufman stated the grant prioritizes the school district based on need, and the BCSD has the most need according to the State.

Carried. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

#9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE UHS PREP PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Ms. Kaminsky stated she will be abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

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

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S PRESCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

#11 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 2019

Carried. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF DEPOSIT FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMMUNITY CANCER PREVENTION IN ACTION GRANT FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE STAP ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Ms. Kaminsky stated she will be abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

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

#54 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY DECKER SCHOOL OF NURSING FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

#55 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE HEALTHY FAMILIES BROOME PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH LOURDES HOSPITAL FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

#56 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUESTS FOR WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER

This resolution was withdrawn at the request of the Administration.

The Committee took no action.

#59 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

#62 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH UNITED MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, PC D/B/A UHS MEDICAL GROUP, FOR MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2019-2024

Carried. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

The Chairman introduced Willow Point Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Administrator Ryan LaClair to provide an update to the committee on overall facility operations. In April, the Department of Health conducted a survey for one week. Mr. LaClair stated it was one of the best surveys the facility has ever seen. The facility received four low-level health deficiencies, which is an improvement from 2014-2016, where the average number of deficiencies was 14. This affects the facility's Star Rating. A recent news article indicated that WPRNC had a 1-Star rating. Mr. LaClair attributes the change in Star Rating to a new formula adopted by the State. The 1-Star rating was given to WPRNC before the latest survey. After the survey was conducted, the Star Rating was adjusted to 3-Stars. Mr. LaClair stated this rating system is a publicly recognized system that many people look to when they are considering which facility to send a family member to. Mr. LaClair stated the Quality rating could hit a 5-Star rating by the end of the year.

Mr. LaClair discussed staffing at the facility and cited that employment has been relatively steady over the last few months. Mr. LaClair stated that when people begin working at WPNRC, some only last for a few months and leave without notice. He stated the employees try to get ahold of those who have stopped showing up to try and get them back or find out what happened. In one case an employee was contacted after not showing up for a few days and came back to work. Mr. LaClair stated he would ideally like to bring in around 20 more nurses and many CNA employees. He also stated that the facility relies heavily on agencies to fill open positions. Mr. LaClair mentioned the Dementia unit is difficult to

staff because of the demands and difficulty of the positions.

Mr. LaClair has started a pilot program where an employee shuttles referred patients from the hospital to WPNRC.

Typically, Mr. LaClair says the occupancy of the facility is around 97% or 98%.

Regarding food, Mr. LaClair says the quality has drastically improved since the County switched to Sodexo. The menu changes regularly based on suggestions from residents. Meals have been coming out hot and ready to eat.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Ms. Ryan. The meeting adjourned 4:43 PM.