

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2022

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 via Zoom.

Members Present: J. Shaw (Chair) C. O'Brien, M. Hilderbrant, M. Kaminsky, R. Weslar (Voting Representative for K. Beebe)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: M. Whalen, M. Tanzini, J. Scott, Legislature; J. Garnar, C. Wagner, M. Ponticiello, County Executive; J. Knebel, G. Bucciarelli, OMB; D. Griffin, K. Andrews, IT; M. McFadden, Health Department; A. Aranov, WPRNC.

The Health & Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:31 PM. Mr. Hilderbrant made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Weslar.

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

#6 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH USA STAFFING SERVICES, LLC FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2022](#)

In response to question from the Committee, Mr. Aranov stated that there are 47 vacant CNA positions and 29 LPN/RN vacant positions. These statistics do not include the two units that are currently closed. Mr. Aranov stated that he is trying to hire employees quickly, but some employees are leaving due to other opportunities with private nursing facilities. There are currently 216 available beds, and the current census is 198. In order to open the closed units, more employees will need to be hired.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#7 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH POINTCLICKCARE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., FOR AN ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS SYSTEM FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2022-2023](#)

In response to a question from the Committee, Chairman Shaw stated that an RFP was completed, and this vendor was selected because it would be cost prohibitive to switch vendors at this time. The other proposal was \$30,000 higher than the current vendor. Chairman Shaw stated that the employees enjoy using this system.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#8 [RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INC., FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S HEALTHY FAMILIES BROOME PROGRAM GRANT FOR 2021-2022](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE SCHOOL BASED DENTAL GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH LOURDES CENTER FOR ORAL HEALTH TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2022-2023](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

In response to a question from the Committee, Mr. Aranov stated that funds are being transferred from the personnel benefit budget line to cover the cost of agency staff. Chairman Shaw stated that this is a regular practice.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

The Chair introduced Public Health Director Mary McFadden to provide an update on drug overdose statistics for the first quarter of 2022. This year, there have been 21 suspected fatal overdoses, and 147 reported non-fatal overdoses. In 2021, there were a total of 54 reported fatal overdoses and 516 reported non-fatal overdoses altogether. The Health Department is working with community partners to increase Narcan training and provide fentanyl test strips.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hilderbrant seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. The meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.