

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2022

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: R. Weslar, A. Martin, R. O'Donnell, C. Hall, M. Tanzini, Legislature; J. Garnar, M. Ponticiello, C. Wagner, C. Whalen County Executive, J. Knebel, G. Bucciarelli, OMB; S. Medina, Health Department, N. Williams, J. Sullivan, DSS; K. Saunders, Mental Health; T. Moore, WPRNC; M. Whitcombe, T. Eaton, OFA; V. Gialanella, Resident.

The Health & Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:30 PM. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Ms. Ryan.

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

A [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH RELYUS STAFFING PROFESSIONALS, LLC TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY HEALTHCARE STAFFING SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2022-2023](#)

Several questions were raised by the Committee regarding the information displayed in "Exhibit A." Other concerns raised by the Committee include the legitimacy of Relyus, unclear information on the w9 form, and the matching of language in the agreement versus the resolution.

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-1 (Ryan)

#1 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE TITLE III-B SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#2 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE TITLE III-C-1 CONGREGATE MEALS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022](#)

In response to a question from the Committee, OFA Director Mary Whitcombe stated that the Meals on Wheels program participation has increased since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the numbers are not as high as they were prior to the pandemic.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#3 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE TITLE III-C-2 HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE TITLE III-E FAMILY CAREGIVER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY OPTIONS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY OPTIONS OF NEW YORK, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE HEALTHCARE WORKER BONUS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE HEALTHCARE WORKER BONUS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF NANCY J. WILLIAMS AS BROOME COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Willow Point Rehabilitation & Nursing Center Medical Director Dr. Rana Ahmad provided an update on medical care at the nursing home.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. O'Brien seconded by Ms. Ryan. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.