

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2023

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, January 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: R. Weslar, S. Ryan, E. Micha, C. Hall, M. Tanzini, J. Scott, Legislature; C. Wagner, County Executive; N. Williams, K. Saunders, J. Marsh K. Empett, Mental Health; J. Knebel, G. Bucciarelli, OMB; M. McFadden, Health Department; M. Whitcombe, OFA; A. Aranov, WPRNC; V. Gialanella, Resident.

The Health & Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:30 PM. Mrs. Myers made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Whalen.

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

#4 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE INMATE STD TESTING/JAIL PROGRAM GRANT FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#5 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAM PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#6 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CHENANGO BRIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR LEASE OF SPACE FOR A SENIOR CENTER FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2023](#)

In response to a question from the Committee, OFA Director Mary Whitcombe stated that all insurance requirements and needs are met prior to submission of the resolution request.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#7 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SEPP GROUP FOR MEAL SERVICES THROUGH THE OFFICE FOR AGING'S TITLE III-C-1 CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM FOR 2023](#)

In response to a question from the Committee, OFA Director Mary Whitcombe stated that SEPP purchases meals from the County for meals programs at its senior housing facilities.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#8 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN TIER MEDICAL CARE-NY FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER AND OTHER BROOME COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FOR 2023](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH REGIONAL CARE NETWORK LLC FOR TEMPORARY NURSING SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2023](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION COUNCIL

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE COORIDATED CARE SERVICES INC. PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH COORDINATED CARE SERVICES, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BROOME COUNTY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BROOME COUNTY TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF WYOMING CONFERENCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CHILDREN'S HOME OF WYOMING CONFERENCE TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2022

In response to a question from the Committee, Mental Health Commissioner Nancy Williams stated that this is passthrough funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health. Additional slots were added for the Children's Home to assist families who may be struggling.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE UNITED HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH UNITED HEALTH SERVICES TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE CLEAR PATH FOR VETERANS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CLEAR PATH FOR VETERANS INC., TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE OFFICE FOR AGING ADVISORY BOARD

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

The Committee discussed the transfer of funds to the temporary staff line and what the monetary saving would be if these positions were held by Broome County Employees compared to agency staff. WPRNC Administrator Adam Aranov stated that he's continuing to work with the County Administration to fill open positions.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CREDENTIALING OF MEDICAL STAFF AT THE BROOME COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE BROOME COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#37 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE HEALTHCARE WORKER BONUS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION & NURSING CENTER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2021-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#41 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO WAIVE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS OF ANNOUNCING A PROJECT AND SOLICITING BIDS FROM QUALIFIED VENDORS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE HEALING COMMUNITIES STUDY PROGRAM GRANT FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

In response to a question from the Committee, Mental Health Commissioner Nancy Williams stated that the request to waive the RFP process was made due to timing limitations dictated by New York State. Broome County Mental Health would not be able to complete this process in a timely manner to coincide with milestones that must be met to receive the funding.

Mr. Hilderbrant made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Myers, to amend the fifth WHEREAS paragraph to remove "Coordinated Care Services, Inc." and replace that language with "Broome County Mental Health."

Amendment carried Ayes-5, Nays-0

Resolution as amended Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

The Chair announced that WPRNC Administrator Adam Aranov submitted a letter of resignation (attached).

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Myers seconded by Mr. Whalen. The meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM.

1/6/2023

To the Broome County Administration,

I regret to inform you that I will be resigning my position as the Administrator of Willow Point Nursing Home.

You have all been nothing but helpful from the moment you offered me the position as administrator. Your care and commitment to the residents and staff at Willow Point is incredible and it has been an honor to work with you to better the lives of Broome County residents.

I loved my time at Willow point and the incredible staff at the facility. They have nothing but my utmost respect. It is an honor and privilege to have had this time with them.

My reasons for resigning my position are personal in nature and are a result of the time away from my family. It is with a heavy heart that I make this decision, but I need to take the time to focus on my family at this time.

Due to the difficulty in finding new administrators for facilities I have not specified an effective date for my resignation. I am willing to remain in my position while we find a replacement and ensure that Willow Point continues to maintain leadership during this transition.

Thank you again for your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Adam Aranov
Administrator of Willow Point Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

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