

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
March 7, 2023

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, March 7, 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, K. Myers, R. Weslar (Voting Representative for M. Whalen)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: S. Ryan, A. Martin, C. Hall, M. Tanzini, J. Scott, Legislature; J. Garnar, C. Wagner, M. Ponticiello, County Executive; N. Williams, K. White, J. Sullivan, DSS; K. Saunders, J. Ackley, J. McManus, J. Beloch, K. Empett, Mental Health; J. Knebel, OMB; J. Phelps, Environmental Health; M. Whitcombe, T. Eaton, OFA; J. Schmidt, H. Cauffman, Resident.

The Health & Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:07 PM. Mr. Weslar made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Myers.

The Chair requested that all renewals, which include Resolutions #8-#15 and #18-#22, be grouped together and voted on in a single vote. Mrs. Myers made a motion to consider the resolutions as one vote, seconded by Mr. Weslar. 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:

#7 [RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#8 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM \(EISEP\) GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE WELLNESS IN NUTRITION \(WIN\) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE NEW YORK CONNECTS EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT \(E&E\) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE UNMET NEED PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CONGREGATE SERVICES INITIATIVE (CSI) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NURSEFINDERS, LLC FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH USA STAFFING SERVICES FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE YOUTH TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT AND PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE ENHANCED WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE FLEXIBLE FUNDS FOR FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH RISE FOR 2023

The Chair mentioned that the third "FURTHER RESOLVED" paragraph included an incorrect amount of \$212,500 and was corrected to reflect the accurate amount of \$12,500.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUESTS FOR THE BROOME COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#48 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SIGMA HEALTH REHABILITATION FOR PROFESSIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

The Chair recognized Mental Health & DSS Commissioner Nancy Williams and Jillian Beloch to present on the Healing Communities NIDA Research Project (see attached).

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Weslar seconded by Ms. Myers. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM.

Key Terms & Definitions:	
<b>CID:</b> Community Impact Dollars	<b>IPA:</b> Implementation Plan Agreement
<b>CTH:</b> Communities That HEAL	<b>MOUD:</b> Medications for Opioid Use Disorder
<b>HCS:</b> HEALing Communities Study	<b>NIDA:</b> National Institute on Drug Abuse
<b>HCSWG:</b> HEALing Communities Study Work Group	<b>OEND:</b> Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution
<b>HEAL:</b> Helping End Addiction Long-term	<b>ORCCA:</b> Opioid-overdose Reduction Continuum of Care Approach

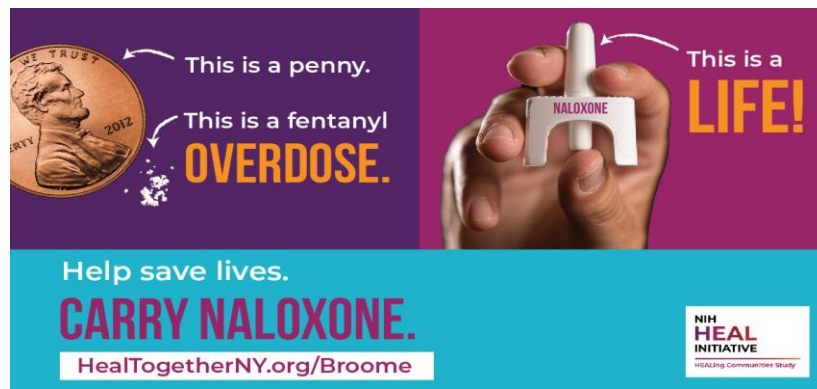
**HEALing Communities Study Overview:**

The NIDA HEALing Communities Study (HCS) is a multi-state study targeting 67 communities among 4 states, NY, KY, MA, and OH. In New York, the study is a partnership between the National Institute of Drug Abuse, Columbia University, and the participating counties. Currently, Broome County is in Phase 5 of Wave 2. The goal of the study is to reduce opioid overdose deaths by 40% over the course of three years based on fatal opioid overdose rates from 2018/2019. The study will utilize targeted interventions to address increasing access to medicated assisted treatment for Opioid Use Disorder, increasing Naloxone distribution, and reducing high-risk opioid prescribing.

Other States included in the Study:	Wave 2 Counties:
Kentucky	Broome (Urban) Monroe (Urban)
Massachusetts	Chautauqua (Rural) Orange (Urban)
Ohio	Cortland (Rural) Sullivan (Rural)
	Genesee (Rural) Yates (Urban)

**Study Phases Outline:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 0: January 2022 - July 2022</li> <li>Phase 1: July 2022 - August 2022</li> <li>Phase 2: August 2022 - September 2022</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 3: September 2022 - November 2022</li> <li>Phase 4: October 2022 - January 2023</li> <li><b>Phase 5: February 2023 – December 2023</b></li> <li>Phase 6: Ongoing after Phase 0</li> </ul> |
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<b>HCS Broome Overview:</b>	
<p><b><u>Phase 0: January 2022-July 2022</u></b> Developed Landscape Analysis, completed Readiness Assessment, began recruitment for Workgroup, attending Wave 2 Trainings, held initial orientation meeting for Workgroup.</p>	<p><b><u>Phase 1: July 2022-August 2022</u></b> Workgroup identified what is working, what is not working, training and TA needs, began Charter development, continued orientation for Workgroup. First System Dynamic Model Think-Tank held in June.</p>
<p><b><u>Phase 2: August 2022-September 2022</u></b> Subcommittees (Communications, Data, ORCCA) were developed, Community Profile was created and edited, began data analysis, identifying data gaps, Charter approval, introduced HCS Portal and Agent Based Modeling to the Workgroup. System Dynamic Model orientation continued for Implementation Team.</p>	<p><b><u>Phase 3: September 2022-November 2022</u></b> Subcommittees began meeting. Developed dissemination plan for Wave 2 Campaign 1 which focused on education and awareness about Naloxone and Fentanyl with a primary focus on audiences of individuals who use drugs and do not know about Fentanyl and those who use drugs and seek out/know about Fentanyl. Wave 2 Campaign 1 launched on social media, collected data metrics for W2C1. Development of dashboards and finalization of Community Profile. Continued work with SDM team.</p>
<p><b><u>Phase 4: October 2022-January 2023</u></b> Action Planning began, introduced Workgroup to Action Plan, brainstorming, mapping out ORCCA-based programs already in existence, identified strengths, barriers, data needs, feasibility of specific interventions, impact of specific interventions, potential community partners, and which interventions with need funding and RFPs. Action Plan draft was submitted. Received Feedback from CU, received feedback from Workgroup, made changes. Reviewed Action Plan and feedback with SDM team and incorporated models which accounted for COVID and ongoing high overdose risk. Finalized Action Plan submitted. Began RFP, application, and rubric development and introducing Workgroup to Implementation Plan Agreements.</p>	
<p><b><u>Phase 5: February 2023-December 2023</u></b> RFPs were released, submitted, reviewed, and scored in the first two months of Phase 5. As of March 1, 2023, awarded agencies have not been selected. Currently, the Implementation Team (Jillian Beloch, Megan Olmstead, and Dorian Feltner) are working with HCS Workgroup partners and additional community agencies to implement the selected interventions outlined in the Action Plan, including but not limited to: EMS and Broome County Sheriff Naloxone Leave-Behind Programs; Naloxone trainings at the Broome County Library twice a month geared toward increasing Naloxone access to those who are on probation; Drug Take Back Days; accredited education event for pharmacists and prescribers in partnership with Binghamton University's School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; increasing Naloxone distribution through OASAS and Opioid Overdose Prevention Programs in Broome County; enhancing linkage and retention in medicated assisted treatment programs; a mobile Harm Reduction Van supported by centralized HCS funding to address needs in overdose hotspots and rural communities. Wave 2 Campaign 2: MOUD Awareness &amp; Anti-Stigma launches March 6, 2023 and runs through May 5, 2023. The goal of this campaign is to reduce stigma associated with utilizing MOUD and increasing access and demand for MOUD in Broome County. The HCS Communications Subcommittee plans to utilize Peers employed in local treatment and harm reduction agencies as part of the campaign.</p>	
<b>Planning for Sustainability:</b>	
<p><b><u>Phase 6: Ongoing January 2022-December 2023</u></b> The goal of Phase 6 is to address sustainability of the projects implemented through the HEALing Communities Study. Columbia University has technical assistance coordinators to assist agencies with tasks such as grant writing or strategic planning for continuing these interventions beyond December 2023. The HEALing Communities Study Workgroup will utilize 2023 meetings to review data associated with the interventions, trouble-shoot, and plan for the longevity of the work being done by the community stakeholders taking part in this work.</p>	