

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2023

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, July 11, 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, M. Ponticiello, Chris Whalen County Executive; G. Bucciarelli, OMB; M. McFadden, Health Department; N. Williams, K. White, J. Sullivan, DSS; M. Olmstead, J. Beloch, Mental Health; K. Hawk, WPRNC; V. Gialanella, Resident.

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

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

#8 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY NURSING HOME ADVISORY BOARD

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE DSS/BU CREDIT AND NON-CREDIT TRAINING PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE DSS/BCC CREDIT AND NON-CREDIT TRAINING PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 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 2023

In response to a question from the Committee, DSS Representative Kyle White stated the terms of the contract run through September as opposed to December, when most programs expire. Last year, additional funds were identified so the program was extended to December.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS AND AGENCIES FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND INITIATIVES GRANT FOR 2023-2024

In response to a question from the Committee, Public Health Director Mary McFadden stated the opioid settlement process has been ongoing for several years. The funds will address opioid overdose from a variety of fronts including treatment, advocacy and outreach.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH UNITED MEDICAL ASSOCIATES - RANA Z. AHMAD FOR MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2022

Mr. Shaw stated that Dr. Ahmad has been doing a great job and cares about the residents he works with.
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#31 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOSPITAL FOR PROFESSIONAL LABORATORY SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2020

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#35 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT HINMAN, HOWARD & KATTELL, LLP FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2023

In response to a question from the Committee, WPRNC Administrator Katie Hawk stated this is related to guardianship for residents who are not in a position to adequately make their own healthcare decisions.
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Myers seconded by Mr. Augustini. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM.