

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 2023

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, November 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, G. Baldwin voting representative for L. Augostini, M. Whalen, K. Myers

Members Absent: None

Others Present: A. Martin, C. Hall, J. Scott, M. McDonald, Legislature, M. Ponticiello, County Executive; J. St. Amour, OMB; C. Fedor, Health Department; N. Williams, K. White, T. Survilla, C. Cortright, J. Sullivan, DSS; K. Empett, K. Saunders, J. Marsh, Mental Health, B Lucas, Planning, B. Gowe, Parks, T. Eaton, M. Turbush, B. Schrama, M. Witcomb , OFA; E. Kerr, K. Hawk, WPRNC, C. Coppens, T Bovier, YWCA, Vincent Gialanella, Resident.

The Health & Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:32 PM. Mr. Baldwin made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Ms. Myers.

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

The Chair requested that all renewals, which include Resolutions #6-17, 19-21, 25 and 53, be grouped together and voted on in a single vote. Ms. Myers pulled #11 from the agendas. Ms. Myers made a motion to consider the resolutions as one vote, seconded by Mr. Whalen. The vote to consider the resolutions as one vote carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0. The resolutions grouped together carried, Ayes-5, Nays-0

#5 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS PROVIDER AGENCIES FOR SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' PURCHASE OF SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH FOOD BANK OF THE SOUTHERN TIER FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S COUNSELING SERVICES FOR ADULT FOSTER FAMILY PERSONAL CARE SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AGREEMENTS WITH PERSONAL CARE SERVICES VENDORS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' MEDICAID PROGRAMS FOR 2024-2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MEDICAID TECHNOLOGIES ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENTS WITH VEN TEK INC. AND WELLSKY HUMAN & SOCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE HOMELESS CODE BLUE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET, RENEWING AGREEMENTS WITH THE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, THE YWCA, THE YMCA AND A-1 COURTESY CAB TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023-2024

In response to a question by the Committee Ms. Sullivan stated that the grant is state-funded and that they contract with shelters and will pay for hotel rooms when temperatures drop below 32 degrees.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH INDUSTRIAL MEDICINE ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE UNITED HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH UNITED HEALTH SERVICES TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE LOURDES HOSPITAL PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHERN TIER PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHERN TIER, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE COORDINATED CARE SERVICES INC. PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH COORDINATED CARE SERVICES, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF TITLE III-B SUPPORTIVE SERVICES GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TITLE III-B SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TITLE III-C-1 CONGREGATE MEALS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TITLE III-C-2 HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF III-C-2 HOME DELIVERED MEALS GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF TITLE III-C-1 CONGREGATE MEAL GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE TITLE III-D HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH K & A RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR PORTABLE RADIOLOGY SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO VARIOUS VENDORS FOR SERVICES CLASSIFIED UNDER THE CONSOLIDATED BILLINGS PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES FOR 2023-2024

In response to a question from the Committee Ms. Kurr stated that the fees are not very high because most of the cost is covered by Medicaid.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#53 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CHILD SAFETY PASSENGER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#55 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH SODEXO OPERATIONS, LLC FOR FOOD SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER AND THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2018-2024

Mr. Whalen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baldwin to amend the resolution by changing "Exhibit A" with a new exhibit. In response to a question from the Committee, Ms. Witcomb stated that this contract will save about \$300,000. The old contract had many things combined in to one contract and it did not handle the COVID-19 pandemic well.

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

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

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 Mr. Baldwin seconded by Mr. Whalen. The meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM.