

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2012

The Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: D. Jensen (Chair), J. Lewis, R. Heebner, J. Merrill

Members Absent: J. Sanfilippo

Others Present: J. Marinich, M. Schafer, R. O'Donnell, Legislature; J. Bernardo, County Exec's Office; M. Kalka, J. Flynn, OMB; C. Edwards, Health; A. Johnson, D. Bowersox, S. Sanzo, DSS; K. Bunnell, OFA; J. Cyganovich, FVPC; S. Reagan, WPNH

The Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:30 PM. Ms. Lewis made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Merrill.

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

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A SYSTEMS INTEGRATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2012-2014

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH VISITING NURSE SERVICE OF NEW YORK (VNSNY) CHOICE HEALTH PLANS FOR HOME DELIVERED MEALS AND/OR ADULT DAY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2012-2015

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN ADMINISTRATION ON AGING (AOA) FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF-HURRICANE IRENE AND TROPICAL STORM LEE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF AGING, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON CITY SENIOR CENTER TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2011-2012

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOVEMENT BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE AND SENIOR REGISTERED NURSE POSITIONS IN THE OFFICE FOR AGING WITHOUT FURTHER LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL

Ms. Bunnell stated that OFA is having a difficult time finding Public Health Nurses because Public Health Nurses are required to have a Bachelors Degree and many of the Registered Nurses (RN) who apply only have an Associates Degree, as they are not required to have a Bachelors Degree to be licensed as an RN. She further stated that OFA nurse salaries are roughly \$10,000-20,000 lower than hospital salaries and they cannot compete with that.

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION COUNCIL

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-0

#23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A CHILD CARE FRAUD PREVENTION & DETECTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FAMILY ENRICHMENT NETWORK TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2012-2013

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-0

#26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS INSTITUTIONAL CHILD CARE PROVIDERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2012-2013

Mr. Johnson stated that the County's local share for these agreements is 38% and New York State picks up the other 62%. He further stated that the rates are dictated by the State.

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-0

#30 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH BOCES AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2012

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-0

#47 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Heebner, seconded by Mr. Merrill. The meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.