

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2016

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Wednesday, March 9, 2015 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: K. Wildoner (Chair), G. Baldwin, R. Heebner, O'Brien, K. Myers

Members Absent: None

Others Present: J. Kelly, OFA; D. Bowersox, S. Bennett, DSS; K. White, K. Saunders Mental Health; S. Britton, Health Dept.; J. Knebel, OMB; J. Bernardo, County Exec's Office; L. Accardi, J. Slavik, J. Marte, J. Hadamik, Catholic Charities of Broome County; N. Mone, Legislative Intern; K. Bernhardsen, D. Reynolds, A. Martin, C. Dziedz, C. Hall, Legislature

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:06 p.m. Mr. Heebner moved the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Myers. The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#1 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE FLEXIBLE FUNDS FOR FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOME COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE AND RISE FOR 2016-2017

As requested by the Administration, Mr. Baldwin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Myers to amend the amount for the Broome County Urban League in the third paragraph and the eighth paragraph to \$336,784.

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

#4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE YWCA OF BINGHAMTON/BROOME COUNTY FOR A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2016

Responding to a question from Mrs. Myers, Mr. Bowersox explained that this is a new residential treatment program that will be offered to women and their children who have tested positive for opiates.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE YOUTH TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT AND PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2016-2017

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH SCHUYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN TIER GRANT FOR 2016-2017

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHEMUNG COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN TIER FOR 2016-2017

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2016-2017

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2016-2017

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE ENHANCED WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2016-2017

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THOMAS MORELLINO FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2016-2017

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE PRIMARY PREVENTION OF CHILDHOOD LEAD PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2016-2017

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH KEYSTONE MATERIAL TESTING, LLC FOR HOME INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2016-2018

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

- #14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE NYS ARC PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOME TIOGA CHAPTER NYSARC INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2016
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2016-2017
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2016-2017
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE DIRECT CARE WORKER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2016-2017
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #18 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 2016-2017
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2016-2017
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CONGREGATE SERVICES INITIATIVE (CSI) PROGRAM GRANT FOR OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2016-2017
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION AND COUNSELING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH ACTION FOR OLDER PERSONS INC., FOR 2016-2017
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH ACTION FOR OLDER PERSONS TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2015-2016
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH JEANNE STRACUZZI, R.D. FOR NUTRITION COUNSELING FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING'S SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR 2016-2017

Responding to a question from Mr. Heebner, Ms. Kelly stated that the Office for Aging is required to provide a Nutrition Counselor to anyone that collects benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE WELLNESS IN NUTRITION (WIN) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2015-2016

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#37 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHERN TIER, INC FOR 2016

There was lengthy discussion regarding the amendment to the agreement with the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier to provide a "Clubhouse Psychosocial Rehabilitation Center". Mr. White explained that a NYS Comptroller's audit noted that a neighboring County was not utilizing the competitive bid process when awarding contracts for Mental Health programs. An RFP for a Clubhouse Psychosocial Rehabilitation Center was issued in December of 2015 and Catholic Charities of Broome County and the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier submitted proposals. A committee of internal and external mental health professionals reviewed the proposals and recommended that the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier be awarded the contract which would result in a savings of over \$200,000. Lori Accardi, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Broome County brought to the Legislature's attention concerns regarding the RFP and that in her opinion it was ambiguous, unclear, inaccurate, incomplete and misleading and that it should be rewritten. She also believes that the process was flawed and that awarding the contract to another provider will have a serious impact on the people that use the service; increasing ER and hospitalizations and Medicaid costs to Broome County. Dawn Moore-Hovancik, Jen Hamilton-Kokesh and Yvonne Ross spoke about their experiences at the Stepping Stone Drop in Center. Patricia Collins, Siena Card and Ruth Blizard spoke of their experiences and the services provided by the Four Seasons Club. The members of the committee were in favor of delaying a vote at the March Session in order to give everyone more time to review the additional information that was provided.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#41 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES 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 2015

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#42 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2015

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#43 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH YANG-PATYI LAW FIRM, PLLC FOR ACCOUNT COLLECTION LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT NURSING HOME FOR 2016-2017

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#44 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#46 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE VETERANS SERVICES AGENCY

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#49 RESOLUTION REQUESTING NEW YORK STATE INCREASE THE REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTIES FOR THE COST OF INDIGENT BURIALS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Mr. Heebner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Baldwin. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.