

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
July 13, 2021

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, in the Legislative Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Government Plaza, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: J. Shaw (Chair), M. Hilderbrant, C. O'Brien, B. Weslar (Voting representative for K. Beebe), K. Myers.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: S. Ryan, A. Martin, C. Hall, R. O'Donnell, J. Scott, M. Tanzini, Legislature; J. Garnar, C. Wagner, M. Ponticiello, C. Whalen, County Executive; R. Kaufman, Health Department; K. Saunders, J. McManus, Mental Health; J. Knebel, OMB, N. Williams, E. Burns, DSS.

The Health & Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:50 PM. Mr. Weslar made a motion to move the agenda, seconded Ms. O'Brien.

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

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

Mr. Weslar made a motion to amend Resolution #5, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to include language to waive in-county residency for Broome County Community Services Board Member Pearl Reed-Klein, who lives outside of Broome County. The amendment also adds "Catholic Charities" under Ms. Reed-Klein's name to reflect the 232 Main Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 address that is listed on the resolution.

Amendment Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

**#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS) COVID-19 PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2022**

In response to a question from Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Williams stated that this is a new program for the Department of Social Services and the funding will be used to obtain computer equipment and to hire and train staff. Ms. Burns stated there was a decrease in referrals due to the suspension and closing of day programs for clients at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the pandemic, the numbers increased back to pre-COVID-19 levels.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

**#8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE OUTSTATIONED CASEWORKER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BINGHAMTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR DSS CASEWORKERS TO PROVIDE ON-SITE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 2021-2022**

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OUTSTATIONED CASEWORKER SERVICES FOR 2021-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMMUNITY PREVENTION IN ACTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR 2020-2021

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE CREATING HEALTHY SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE RURAL HEALTH NETWORK SUPPORT FOR HEALTHY AGING COALITION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF SCHOOL BASED DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM GRANT FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH LOURDES CENTER FOR ORAL HEALTH TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2021-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE STAP ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

Ms. Kaminsky requested to abstain from voting on this resolution due to a financial conflict of interest.

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-0, Abstention-1 (Kaminsky)

#15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE COVID SCHOOL TESTING PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

In response to a question from Ms. Kaminsky, Ms. Kaufman stated that in-school testing is optional, and the Health Department would not conduct testing on students whose parents did not turn in a signed permission form.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

In response to a question from Ms. Ryan, Ms Kaufman stated that this position is related to the COVID School Testing Grant and this employee will be handling logistics, transportation, and the ordering of materials related to the program. Mr. Ponticello indicated this is a civil service position. Mr. Knebel stated the salary and grade for this position is set.

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. O'Brien seconded by Ms Kaminsky. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.

