

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2022

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: J. Shaw (Chair), K. Wildoner (Voting Representative for C. O'Brien,) M. Hilderbrant, M Kaminsky, R. Weslar (Voting Representative for K. Beebe)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: K. Myers, S. Ryan, C. Hall, M. Tanzini J. Scott, Legislature; C. Wagner, M. Ponticiello, J. Garnar, County Executive; M. McFadden, Health Department; N. Williams, K. White, J. Sullivan, DSS; K. Saunders, J. Marsh, K. Empett, Mental Health; M. Whitcombe, T. Eaton, OFA; J. Knebel, G. Bucciarelli, OMB; A. Aranov, WPRNC; F. Shah, K. Andrews, IT; V. Gialanella, Resident.

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

The Chair requested that all renewals, which include Resolutions #17, #18, #20, #23, #24, #27, #28, #34-#42, and #44 be grouped together and voted on in single vote. Mr. Weslar made a motion to consider the resolutions as one vote, seconded by Mr. Hilderbrant. The vote to consider the resolutions as one vote carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0. The resolutions grouped together carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

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

#10 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NETSMART TECHNOLOGIES FOR SOLE SOURCE SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR 2023](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 [RESOLUTION MAINTAINING INDIGENT BURIAL RATES PAID TO FUNERAL HOMES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE BROOME COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2023](#)

Mrs. Myers expressed interest in amending the resolution to allow for friends and family of the deceased to contribute to the indigent burial services. The Administration and the Department of Social Services agreed to discuss the resolution in greater detail. Mr. Weslar made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kaminsky to table the resolution for one month.

Motion to table carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#17 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR ASSISTED LIVING CARE SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2023-2024](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SOCIETY OF BROOME COUNTY, INC. FOR ADULT FOSTER FAMILY PERSONAL CARE SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2023](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY ENRICHMENT NETWORK FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES OF THE REDLICH HORWITZ FOUNDATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2020-2021

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH GTL, INC. (D/B/A LINK TO LIFE) AND TWIN TIER HOME HEALTH INC., AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MSS ELECTRONICS INC., D/B/A LIFEFONE FOR PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS HOTELS/MOTELS FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2023

In response to a question from the Committee, DSS Commissioner Nancy Williams stated that the hotels are inspected on a six-month basis. DSS will follow up and rectify any issues that are raised. Mrs. Williams also stated that nobody is turned away during "Code Blue," when temperatures at night dips below 32 degrees.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE CORONAVIRUS AID RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET, AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE ADDICTION CENTER OF BROOME COUNTY, INC., AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED WAY OF BROOME COUNTY FOR 2020-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#23 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 AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ADDICTION CENTER OF BROOME COUNTY TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#24 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 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE TITLE III-B SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE TITLE III-C-2 HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#27 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF MID NEW YORK, INC. FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

- #28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHNSON CITY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, INC. FOR CONGREGATE NUTRITION PROGRAM SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2023
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #29 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE FOR AGING TO ACCEPT THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE ESTATE OF EDITH R. BAKER FOR THE BROOME WEST SENIOR CENTER
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #30 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH INDIANA PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC., FOR PRINTING SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2022
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #31 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH DEBORAH ELLIOTT FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR 2022-2024
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #32 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #33 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT - HEALTH PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2099
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #34 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES OF CORTLAND COUNTY, INC. PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH THE FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES OF CORTLAND COUNTY, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #35 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE ADDICTION CENTER OF BROOME COUNTY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ADDICTION CENTER OF BROOME COUNTY TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #36 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BROOME COUNTY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BROOME COUNTY TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #37 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE HELIO HEALTH PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH HELIO HEALTH INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#38 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CLEAR PATH FOR VETERANS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH CLEAR PATH FOR VETERANS, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#39 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHERN TIER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHERN TIER, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#40 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE FAIRVIEW RECOVERY SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH FAIRVIEW RECOVERY SERVICES, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#41 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE UNITED HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH UNITED HEALTH SERVICES TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#42 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#43 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF WYOMING CONFERENCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF WYOMING CONFERENCE TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#44 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE LOURDES HOSPITAL PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#46 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ALL AMERICAN HEALTHCARE SERVICES INC. FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES AT THE WILLOW POINT NURSING HOME FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#53 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STANDARDIZATION OF RESIDENT HOSPITAL BEDS AT WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION & NURSING CENTER

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

Mrs. Kaminsky seconded by Mr. Wildoner. The meeting adjourned at 5:07 PM.