

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2022

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: J. Shaw (Chair), C. O'Brien, M. Hilderbrant, M. Kaminsky, K. Beebe

Members Absent: None

Others Present: R. Weslar, S. Ryan, A. Martin, C. Hall, J. Scott, M. Tanzini, Legislature; M. Ponticiello, County Executive; K. Saunders, J. Marsh, K. Empett, Mental Health; A. Aranov, WPRNC; G. Bucciarelli, J. Knebel, OMB; R. Murphy, OET; K. White, N. Williams, DSS; T. Eaton, M. Whitcombe, OFA; V. Gialanella, Resident.

The Health & Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:30 PM. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Kaminsky.

The Chair requested that all renewals, which include Resolutions #1, #5, #7-8, #10-12, #14-16, and #19-23, be grouped together and voted on in a single vote. Mrs. Kaminsky made a motion to consider the resolutions as one vote, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. 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:

B RESOLUTION MAINTAINING INDIGENT BURIAL RATES PAID TO FUNERAL HOMES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE BROOME COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOLS PROJECT GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH BROOME TIOGA BOCES TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#2 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM (EISEP) GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY (CSE) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE WELLNESS IN NUTRITION (WIN) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION AND COUNSELING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING, ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ACTION FOR OLDER PERSONS, INC., FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TITLE III-C-1 CONGREGATE MEALS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#8 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 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

The Chair noted that Resolution #9 was corrected to remove “and budget support for the Broome County Senior Games,” in the second WHEREAS paragraph as the program no longer exists.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF TITLE III-E FAMILY CAREGIVER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE INTEGRATED SOCIAL DAY CARE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE ELDER ABUSE OUTREACH PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW YORK STATE CAREGIVING & RESPITE COALITION LIFESPAN PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT (MIPPA)-SHIP & AAA ADRC 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 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH BROOME COUNTY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES – FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAM FOR SHOPPER SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR LEASE OF SPACE FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING'S MEALS ON WHEELS SITES, SOCIAL ADULT DAY CARE SITES AND SENIOR CENTERS FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH METRO INTERFAITH HOUSING MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR MEAL SERVICES THROUGH THE OFFICE FOR AGING'S TITLE III-C-1 CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM FOR 2023

In response to a question from the Committee, OFA Fiscal Services Administrator Terry Eaton stated that the projected revenue for this proposed agreement was reduced to be more in line the actual revenue that is anticipated based on performance from previous years. Mr. Eaton stated the cost per meal is increasing and the estimated revenue of \$18,000 is a realistic estimation.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH S.E.P.P. MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC., FOR OFA MINI-BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS RESPITE SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE OFFICE FOR AGING'S TITLE III-E FAMILY CAREGIVER PROGRAM AND THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT INITIATIVE FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH INDIANA PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC., FOR PRINTING SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF WYOMING CONFERENCE (CHOWC) FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE YOUTH ALTERNATIVES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT PREVENTION & TREATMENT (CAPTA) COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION & RECOVERY ACT (CARA) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF WYOMING CONFERENCE TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS PROVIDER AGENCIES FOR SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' PURCHASE OF SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE SAFE HARBOUR PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023

In response to a question from the Committee, DSS Commissioner Nancy Williams stated that New York State is in the process of sunsetting this grant program and funding has been decreasing over the last few years. DSS will continue monitoring the funding as this program progresses.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE MONKEYPOX VACCINATION, EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

Mrs. Kaminsky made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to amend the Title, first and second WHEREAS paragraphs, the first RESOLVED paragraph, the second FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph, and the Grant Name on "EXHIBIT A" to remove "Monkeypox" and replace it with "MPox."

In response to a question from the Committee, Public Health Director Mary McFadden stated that an outreach effort is underway to connect vulnerable populations with MPox vaccine services.

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

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

The Chair noted that Resolution #26 was corrected to reflect the accurate zip code for Karen Roseman listed in the first WHEREAS paragraph, which was listed as "13903." The correct zip code is "13905."

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#27 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE BROOME COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#32 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER

In response to a question from the Committee, WPRNC Administrator Adam Aranov stated that the staffing situation at Willow Point is a work in progress, however some positions, including a social worker have been filled. The overall resident census stands at approximately 213 individuals. Mr. Aranov stated that over 100 positions are still vacant. OMB Director Jerome Knebel stated that the small amount of savings from vacant positions at Willow Point are typically transferred to cover temporary staff. Mr. Aranov also stated that he is currently working with the Administration to explore every avenue to invest resources into County Employees at Willow Point.

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. Beebe seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.