

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2018

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: K. Wildoner (Chair), R. Heebner, C. O'Brien, B. Weslar, M. Kaminsky

Members Absent: None

Others Present: M. Tanzini, Legislature; T. Eaton, L. Schuhle, OFA R. Kaufman, Health Department; K. Empett, K. Saunders, Mental Health; N. Williams, DSS; U.S. Arnold II, WPNRC; K. McManus, Executive; J. Knebel, G. Bucciarelli, OMB

The Health & Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:01 P.M. Mr. Heebner made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Ms. O'Brien

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

#1 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE FAIRVIEW RECOVERY SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH FAIRVIEW RECOVERY SERVICES, INC., TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2018](#)

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#2 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH REPORTERS TRANSCRIPTION CENTER FOR MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2019](#)

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#3 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH SYRACUSE BRICK HOUSE, INC. FOR 2018](#)

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#4 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH K & A RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR PORTABLE RADIOLOGY SERVICES FOR WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2019](#)

In response to a question from the Committee, it was stated that this resolution is a contract where the fee schedule is dictated by Medicare. It was stated that we have, in the past, met the \$40,000 Medicare threshold, although Mr. Arnold stated the numbers change from year to year.

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#5 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH OMNICARE OF NEW YORK, LLC, D/B/A OMNICARE OF NEW HARTFORD FOR PHARMACY CONSULTING SERVICES FOR WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2019](#)

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#6 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY OFFICE FOR AGING ADVISORY BOARD

Responding to a question from the Committee, Ms. Schule stated that 12 people are needed on the board. Extra people were added this year as well. State guidelines mandate that certain disciplines and services need to be represented on the Board. It was stated that prospective new members are nominated by a committee.

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF MID NEW YORK, INC. FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2019

Responding to a question from the Committee, Ms. Schule stated the program provides non criminal legal aid and services related to creating a will or power of attorney.

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR IN-HOME RESPITE SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT INITIATIVE GRANT FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#9 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 2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#10 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 2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#11 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 2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#12 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 2019

Responding to a question from the Committee, Ms. Schule stated the Office for Aging has been searching for new locations for about 3 years for its Binghamton Meals on Wheels Program. Barriers to selecting a new location include high rent and inadequate parking. The sites must be handicap accessible. A plan to move the operation to a proposed Salvation Army expansion had fallen through. It was suggested by the Committee for OFA to reach out to local churches in downtown Binghamton in order to obtain a rent-free location. Suggestions included Trinity Church and a vacant site in the former GIANT plaza on Main Street in Binghamton. Other suggestions included contacting Binghamton Mayor Rich David about space at a new Northside housing complex. The conversation shifted to Adult Day Care, where the current facility has raised its rent. Ms. Schule agreed to provide the Committee with a list of prospective sites.

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TITLE III-B SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TITLE III-C-1 CONGREGATE MEALS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#15 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 2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TITLE III-D HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF TITLE III-E FAMILY CAREGIVER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE INMATE STD TESTING/JAIL PROGRAM GRANT FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF SAFE HARBOR 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 2019

Responding to a question to the Committee, it was stated that the Safe Harbor Program Staff will attend a future Health and Human Services Committee Meeting to explain its mission and impact. The number of people who have been assisted in the program who are under the age of 18 will be provided to the Committee. It was stated that the program focuses heavily on outreach for at-risk youth such as runaways and homeless teens.

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE 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 FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY OF BROOME COUNTY TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2018-2019

Responding to a question from the Committee, it was stated that the goal of the program is for behavioral health consultants and nurses to work along with CPS workers to identify cases where drugs and alcohol are being used in a home. Broome County is also pooling funds with other counties including Cortland, Otsego, Tioga and Madison Counties.

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#55 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOSPITAL FOR PROFESSIONAL LABORATORY SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#56 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CREDENTIALING OF MEDICAL STAFF AT THE BROOME COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#57 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH ELMCREST CHILDREN'S CENTER TO SUBLEASE SPACE AT THE BROOME COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#58 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAM PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#59 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE BREAST AND PROSTATE CANCER PEER EDUCATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019

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 Mr. Weslar, seconded by Ms. Kaminsky. The meeting adjourned at 4:28