

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2019

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: J. Shaw (Chair), M. Hilderbrant, G. Baldwin (Voting Representative for Cindy O'Brien) S. Ryan, M. Kaminsky

Members Absent: None

Others Present: S. Bennett, DSS; T. Eaton, L. Schuhle, OFA; R. Kaufman, M. McFadden, Health Department; J. Knebel, G. Bucciarelli, OMB; K. McManus, C. Cramer, Executive.

The Health & Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:01 PM. Mr. Baldwin made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Ms. Ryan.

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

#25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING'S MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT (MIPPA) STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE (SHIP) & AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING, ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ACTION FOR OLDER PERSONS FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#27 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE NEW YORK CONNECTS EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT (E&E) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#29 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 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#30 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE WELLNESS IN NUTRITION (WIN) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#31 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#32 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#33 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CONGREGATE SERVICES INITIATIVE (CSI) PROGRAM GRANT FOR OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#34 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE YOUTH TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT AND PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#35 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE PRIMARY PREVENTION OF CHILDHOOD LEAD PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#36 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE HUD LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2022

Ms. Kaufman stated that the title of the resolution should be changed to "HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Program" instead of "HUD Lead Hazard Control Program." The Resolutions was revised before the Committee took place, therefore no action was needed to amend the resolution.

In response to a question from the Committee, Mr. Knebel stated that the increase in Insurance Premiums under the Contracted Expenditures table on Exhibit A is attributed to increased salaries and a higher premium for full-time employees compared to part-time. Additionally, Mr. Knebel stated that the Health Insurance Fund had been suppressed for years and in 2019, premiums were increased by 5%. The increases are based mostly on additional staff, but some is attributed to the premium increase.

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#37 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#38 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE ENHANCED WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#39 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ELIGIBLE COSTS FOR THE BROOME COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM FOR 2019-2022

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#40 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE OWEGO APALACHIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMMUNITY CANCER PREVENTION ACTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR 2018-2019

It was the consensus of the Committee to group Resolutions 40 through 46 to be considered as one vote. Ms. Ryan made a motion to group and vote on the resolutions as one vote, seconded by Mr. Baldwin. Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

In response to a question from the Committee, Ms. McFadden stated that this grant is part of the Comprehensive Community Cancer Prevention in Action grant. Broome County was awarded \$225,000 for year one of a five-year grant.

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#41 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE TIOGA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMMUNITY CANCER PREVENTION ACTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#42 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHNSON CITY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMMUNITY CANCER PREVENTION ACTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#43 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPOSIT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMMUNITY CANCER PREVENTION ACTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#44 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE HARPURSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMMUNITY CANCER PREVENTION ACTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#45 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE MAINE ENDWELL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMMUNITY CANCER PREVENTION ACTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#46 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BINGHAMTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMMUNITY CANCER PREVENTION ACTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#47 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH PROACT, INC. FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#48 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 AGREEMENTS WITH THE BROOME COUNTY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND RISE FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#49 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE HOMELESS CODE BLUE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET, AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, THE YWCA, THE YMCA AND THE SOUTHERN TIER HOMELESS COALITION TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2018-2019

In response to a question from the Committee, Ms. Bennett stated that the Southern Tier Homeless Coalition conducted a Point in Time (PIT) count, where volunteers roam the area in search of unsheltered homeless residents to get an accurate count of how many people are experiencing homelessness on a given night. The most recent count has to been submitted but not published. Last year's PIT count showed that 25 people are not housed on a given night. Ms. Bennett says the local shelters are full and hotels are sometimes used to accommodate people. Ms. Bennett agreed to provide a comparison of homeless people from the latest PIT count compared to last year's numbers.

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#50 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A HOMELESS SERVICES PLAN PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CARES OF NY, INC., AND FAIRVIEW RECOVERY SERVICES TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5 Nays-0

#62 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Withdrawn at the request of the Administration. The Committee took no action.

Public Health Director Rebecca Kaufman delivered an update regarding the Health Department. Ms. Kaufman stated the Health Department employs about 100 people. 40 of these positions are grant-funded, with 65% of all positions being tied to some type of grant funding.

The Health Department currently has around \$6,000,000 in grant funding for its programs and employees. Administrative expenditures total around \$2,500,000, with \$800,000 in revenue, resulting in a net county support of \$1,700,000. For clinics, \$1,200,000 is used for expenditures, with \$480,000 in revenue coming in, resulting in a county support of \$700,000. Environmental Health has \$1,200,000 in expenditures and \$560,000 in revenues leaving \$678,000 generated through county support. For Maternal Child Health and Development, the Health Department's largest program, \$9,400,000 is utilized for expenditures and \$5,100,000 in revenues. This program encompasses Early Intervention in Pre-School programs, which is the largest piece of the budget, where kids birth through five years of age receive services related to speech, physical and

occupational therapy. The county administers the program from years birth to three, with the school districts taking over years three through five, but the County pays for the whole program. For the entire Health Department, there are \$14,000,000 in expenditures, \$7,000,000 in revenue and \$7,000,000 generated through county support, or 36% of the entire budget.

Other services include immunization, Tuberculosis and STD clinics along with work physicals, but recently the Health Department has contracted that service to Lourdes and UHS because it is more cost effective. The Health Department also conducts restaurant inspections and inspections of public water supplies, not individual houses. For example, mobile home parks and other facilities that utilize joint water systems would be inspected by Environmental Health. Additional programs include Rabies and Lyme Disease prevention along with environmental oversight at public camp grounds, pools and beaches. The Maternal Child Health program was also discussed, where Health Department personnel make at-home visits within the first week after birth.

Ms. Kaufman opened the floor to questions from Legislators.

In response to a question from the Committee, Ms. Kaufman stated that Broome County does a good job with child immunization oversight compared to neighboring counties. The Health Department adheres to State Law when it comes to requiring immunizations, but there are some religious exemptions. The Health Department works closely with New York State and local school districts to inform students about requirements related to immunization for public school students. Ms. Kaufman says many parents don't act on immunizations until they are told that their child cannot be admitted to school unless they are immunized.

In response to a question from the Committee, Ms. Kaufman stated that there are not many open positions at the Health Department. She stated that some positions need to be left open because it is dependent on State grant money to fund the position. For staff members that are employed on a grant, the Health Department can sometimes temporarily move that employee to another position while grant funding is awarded for their original position. Ms. Kaufman stated this process prevents a pattern of laying people off and rehiring them once the grant funding is approved. She also stated that Broome County is aggressive when it comes to applying for grant funding, as whole programs such as WIC operate solely on grant funding.

In response to a question from the Committee, Ms. Kaufman stated that the prevention and population health-based services are growing, while the Health Department is likely to see a decrease in one-on-one primary care services because the function of the Health Department should not be heavily focused on primary care.

In response to a question from the Committee, Ms. Kaufman stated the most accessed online service is information on early intervention services and resources. She also mentioned that environmental health information is also frequently requested. In addition, the Health Department is utilizing its Facebook page more than in the past.

In response to a question from the Committee Ms. Kaufman stated the Health Department works very closely to municipal code enforcement agencies. In order for a nuisance property to be reported, a public health law must be violated, which involves the Health Department. The Health Department will refer residents to code enforcement to enter problem properties. The county and municipal code enforcement have to work together to complete the entire process.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Ms. Ryan. The meeting adjourned 4:45 PM.