

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
September 12, 2023

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: J. Shaw (Chair), M. Hilderbrant, L. Augostini, M. Whalen, K. Myers

Members Absent: None

Others Present: A. Martin, C. Hall, M. Tanzini, J. Scott, M. McDonald, Legislature; J. Garnar, C. Wagner, M. Ponticiello, County Executive; J. St. Amour, OMB; M. McFadden, Health Department; M. Turbush, T. Eaton, M. Nichols, OFA; N. Williams, J. Sullivan, K. White, DSS; K. Empett, K. Saunders, J. Empett, Mental Health; E. Kerr-Wilson, S. Jerzak, WPRNC, S. Montgomery, Greater Opportunities, Brian, Vincent Gialanella, Resident.

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

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

The Chair requested that all renewals, which include Resolutions #1-4, #6-12, #14, #17, #19, and #21, be grouped together and voted on in a single vote. Mr. Shaw made a motion to consider the resolutions as one vote, seconded by Mr. Whalen. The vote to consider the resolutions as one vote carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0. The resolutions grouped together carried, Ayes-5, Nays-0

#1 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#2 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TOWN OF UNION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#3 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM \(HEAP\) GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#4 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM \(NSIP\) GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#5 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CHENANGO BRIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR LEASE OF SPACE FOR A SENIOR CENTER FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2023](#)

In response to a question from the Committee, Office for Aging Director Mary Turbush stated that many people are utilizing this new senior center. Due to the increased attendance, this senior center will be open for an additional day. The facility is currently operating on Wednesdays and Fridays. Pending legislative approval, they will open on Mondays.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE COUNTY REENTRY TASK FORCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN TIER AIDS PROGRAM, INC. TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE EARLY INTERVENTION ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN TIER GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN TIER GRANT FOR 2023-2028

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHEMUNG COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN TIER FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT -HEALTH PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2029

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF YOUTH TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT AND PREVENTION (ATUPA) GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

In response to a question from the Committee, Public Health Director Mary McFadden stated that this program also covers vaping. According to Mrs. McFadden, vaping has become very popular, and this program helps target youth to prevent them from vaping.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH KEYSTONE MATERIAL TESTING, LLC FOR HOME INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2019-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE OVERDOSE DATA TO ACTION - LIMITING OVERDOSE THROUGH COLLABORATIVE ACTION IN LOCALITIES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Mrs. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whalen to replace "Exhibit A" with a new version that includes the correct information. The previous "Exhibit A" included the incorrect grades for employees.

Amendment carried, Ayes-5, Nays-0.

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

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE FLEXIBLE FUNDS FOR FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

#39 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER TO WRITE OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS

The Chair introduced Stephanie Jerzak who has recently taken on the role of Deputy Nursing Home Administrator of Fiscal Services. Deputy County Executive of Physical Services Michael Ponticello stated that this resolution brings the County in line with a routine annual write-off. In response to a question from the Committee, Mr. Ponticello stated that this resolution writes off the amounts from an accounting standpoint. It was also stated that Medicaid and Medicare payments are supposed to be guaranteed payments if they are correctly submitted, but the nursing facilities need to regularly apply and re-apply for reimbursement due to the intricacies of the application and payment process.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

The Chair introduced Scott Montgomery from Greater Opportunities who discussed programs geared toward Veterans and housing for Veterans.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Whalen seconded by Mrs. Ryan. The meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.