Health and Human Services

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 @ 10:30 AM
Chambers

AGENDA

10:30 AM **Call Meeting to Order**

Approval of Minutes

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Mental Health:

1. Authorizing the Chairman to Execute a Contract and Modifying the 2023 Adopted County Budget

Public Health:

1. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into and Agreement with Syracuse University

Social Services:

1. Commissioners Report
2. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Cayuga Centers
3. Resolution Calling On The Governor To Complete Affordable Care Act Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage Reconciliations That Are Years Overdue And Immediately Release The Federal Funds Owed To Counties And New York City

Youth Bureau:

1. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Community Action Program for Madison County, Inc. and to Modify the 2023 Adopted County Budget
2. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with BRiDGES, Cornell Cooperative Extension Madison County and The Madison County Youth Bureau for the continuation of the Madison County Youth Council

Veterans Affairs:

1. Discussion Update

Resolutions:

Other Committee Business

Preferred Agenda

Next Meeting: February 21, 2023 @ 10:30 A.M.

Adjourn

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 15, 2022
Meeting Chambers/Zoom

Committee Members Present

Alex Stepanski, Chairman, Town of Stockbridge
Brandee DuBois, Vice-Chairwoman, City of Oneida
Melissa During, Town of Lincoln
John Pinard, Town of Lenox
Matthew Roberts, City of Oneida

Others Present

Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Social Services
Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health
Tina Wayland-Smith, County Attorney
Mark Scimone, County Administrator
Samantha Field, Public Information Officer
Kristin Guinto, Confidential Secretary to the Board
Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health Services
Kathryn Hopkins, Mental Health Clinic Treatment Program Coordinator
Lukas Duimstra, Veterans Counselor, Veterans Agency
Keith Lummis, Assistant Director of Finance
Tina Louis, Director, Youth Bureau
Beth Piersall, Confidential Secretary, Mental Health

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Stepanski called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m., indicating that there was a quorum for the Health and Human Services Committee.

Approve Minutes

The Health and Human Services Committee reviewed the meeting minutes for November 22, 2022. A motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois to approve the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Pinard and carried unanimously.

Mental Health

Director Teisha Cook presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement for Psychiatric Services
A motion was made by Chairman Stepanski to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Pinard and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Madison-Cortland Chapter, NYSARC, Inc. (dba, The Arc Madison Cortland)

A motion was made by Supervisor Pinard to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor During and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Family Support in Central New York, Inc.
A motion was made by Supervisor Pinard to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor During and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Communication Services, Inc. (dba, Interpretek) for Sign Language Interpreting Services
A motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor During and carried unanimously.

Director Teisha Cook reported that the Mental Health Department will be contracting with Contact Community Services to provide after-hours crisis coverage. The process for individuals calling for support after-hours will remain the same, the call will be routed directly to Contact.

Public Health
Director Eric Faisst presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Modify an Existing Agreement to Extend the End Date of the COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Grant
A motion was made by Chairman Stepanski to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Social Services
Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald did not have items to present for the December meeting.

Veterans Agency
Veterans Counselor, Lukas Duimstra, noted the Veterans Agency did not have updates to report for December.

Youth Bureau
Director Tina Louis presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Appointing Members to the Madison County Youth Bureau Youth Board
A motion was made by Supervisor Pinard to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor During and carried unanimously.

Reappointing Members to the Madison County Youth Bureau Youth Board
A motion was made by Chairman Stepanski to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Director Tina Louis reported that the New Visions interns will begin their internships on January 10, 2023.

Preferred Agenda

It was the consensus of the Committee to allow any eligible resolutions from today's meeting to be added to the Preferred Agenda. All resolutions were voted on and approved by the Committee.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Pinard and carried unanimously.

Next meeting: January 24, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Piersall for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AND MODIFYING THE 2023 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, Madison County issued a RFP for programs related to Opioid Settlement Funding;

WHEREAS, Madison County Council on Alcoholism & Substance Abuse, Inc. (BRiDGES) has been selected as an award recipient;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund		
4220 Narcotics Addiction Control	From	To
Expense		
A422040 542728 BRiDGES Program Expense	$ -0-	$80,000
Control Total		$80,000
Revenue		
A422040 488030 Appropriation of Opioid Reserves-Restricted	$6,375	$86,375
Control Total		$80,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board be hereby authorized to execute an agreement, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of this Board, for the period from February 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 with Madison County Council on Alcoholism & Substance Abuse, Inc. (BRiDGES).

Dated: February 7, 2023

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Mary Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Health and Human Services Committee

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Matthew Roberts, Chairman
Finance, Ways & Means Committee

RESOLUTION NO. ________
AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

WHEREAS, the Madison County continues to combat the issue of substance abuse and;

WHEREAS, monitoring concentrations of Opioids, Cannabis and other lifestyle-related substances through wastewater sampling and testing can provide a platform for communities to identifying increased prevalence of such substances; and

WHEREAS, Syracuse University has the expertise and ability to accurately analyze samples for these substances prevalence in wastewater samples; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Service Committee believes it is appropriate and in the best interest of Madison County to again enter into an agreement with Syracuse University at a cost of $447 per sample not to exceed $37,548 and;

WHEREAS, the cost of said testing is covered by existing ARPA funds,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter an agreement with Syracuse University effective February 7 through March 15 2023, as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Dated: February 7, 2023

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Alexander Stepanski, Chairman
Health and Human Services Committee

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT
DECEMBER 2022

Unreconciled - 1/16/23	Net Budget Amount	Net Expenditures Dec-22	YTD Net Expenditures	Percentage Spent	Dec-21 Clients Served	Nov-22 Clients Served	Dec-22 Clients Served
General Administration	**$ 10,459,197.00**	**$ 1,038,969.66**	**$ 9,373,645.09**	**89.62%**			
Salaries	$ 6,194,346.00	$ 684,260.87	$ 5,764,827.40	93.07%			
Equipment	$ 103,356.00	$ 12,492.34	$ 66,057.57	63.91%			
Operating Costs	$ 1,659,437.00	$ 71,794.68	$ 1,130,469.21	68.12%			
Fringe Benefits	$ 2,654,967.00	$ 273,351.68	$ 2,516,351.28	94.78%			
Incentives/Other Adm Refunds	$ (152,909.00)	$ (2,929.91)	$ (104,060.37)	68.05%			
MMIS-Medical Assistance	**$ 10,131,690.00**	**$ 701,531.65**	**$ 9,130,366.83**	**90.12%**	**4,179**	**4,298**	**4,311**
MMIS	$ 10,219,690.00	$ 701,248.00	$ 9,209,548.00	90.12%	4,179	4,298	4,311
Medical Assistance	$ (88,000.00)	$ 283.65	$ (79,181.17)	89.98%			
Health Exchange					11,989		
Public Assistance	**$ 2,839,107.00**	**$ 74,019.29**	**$ 1,458,506.34**	**51.37%**	**3,980**	**3,943**	**4,253**
Family Assistance	$ 1,071,096.00	$ 38,648.35	$ 668,188.01	62.38%	184	163	165
Emergency Assistance to Families	$ 75,000.00	$ 1,350.00	$ 8,465.96	11.29%	0	0	2
ESG-CV	$ 111,782.00	$ -	$ 6,466.13	5.78%	0	0	0
ERAP	$ 58,729.00	$ -	$ 2,745.27	4.67%	0	0	0
Affordable Housing	$ 400,000.00	$ -	$ -	0.00%	0	0	0
Safety Net	$ 977,500.00	$ 56,197.23	$ 692,368.90	70.83%	124	149	150
HEAP (PA-NPA-EMG)	$ (50,000.00)	$ (32,914.86)	$ (80,521.50)	161.04%	3,671	3,623	3,935
Emergency Aid to Adults	$ 30,000.00	$ 35.00	$ 6,374.73	21.25%	1	1	1
Burials	$ 165,000.00	$ 10,703.57	$ 154,418.84	93.59%	2	7	4
Children Services	**$ 5,148,309.00**	**$ 461,793.91**	**$ 5,387,737.54**	**104.65%**	**500**	**564**	**526**
EAF-Foster Care	$ 720,863.00	$ 39,932.49	$ 528,908.20	73.37%	11	10	9
EAF-JD/PINS	$ -	$ 24,101.12	$ 281,124.29	No Budget	1	1	1
Foster Care	$ 1,428,948.00	$ 97,263.71	$ 1,058,770.22	74.09%	22	19	18
Adoptions*	$ 1,180,890.00	$ 112,513.80	$ 1,286,831.09	108.97%	90	82	82
Kinship Guardianship*	$ 53,228.00	$ 4,792.50	$ 59,978.70	112.68%	4	3	3
JD	$ 1,048,159.00	$ 152,100.06	$ 1,571,433.65	149.92%	5	7	6
JD-Non-Secure Detention/DFY	$ 706,654.00	$ 30,545.76	$ 605,658.17	85.71%	5	6	6
Raise the Age	$ -	$ -	$ (9,593.76)	No Budget	0	0	0
Foster Care Ind Lvg - JD/PINS Ind Lvg	$ 9,567.00	$ 544.47	$ 4,626.98	48.36%			
Children Not in Foster Care					362	436	401
CPS Referrals					94	119	103
FAR Referrals					7	0	0
Purchase of Service	**$ 1,120,490.00**	**$ 74,321.75**	**$ 972,181.59**	**86.76%**			
Title XX	$ 334,166.00	$ 17,626.27	$ 252,305.37	75.50%			
Title XX - Raise the Age	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%			
Domestic Violence	$ 174,523.00	$ 14,543.58	$ 174,523.00	100.00%			
Family Unification	$ 280,167.00	$ 27,609.00	$ 367,371.76	131.13%			
STSJP	$ 144,330.00	$ 8,577.90	$ 112,876.57	78.21%			
DCJS	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%			
EAF-Services	$ 187,304.00	$ 4,405.00	$ 56,368.89	30.09%			
EAF-Services JD/PINS	$ -	$ 1,560.00	$ 8,736.00	No Budget			
TANF - Preventive	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%			
Block Grant Day Care	**$ 824,474.00**	**$ 119,696.19**	**$ 1,027,890.50**	**124.67%**	**130**	**149**	**171**
Day Care - 100%	$ 767,289.00	$ 111,719.24	$ 943,999.29	123.03%	116	140	160
Day Care - 75%*	$ 57,185.00	$ 7,976.95	$ 83,891.21	146.70%	14	9	11
Total	**$ 30,523,267.00**	**$ 2,470,332.45**	**$ 27,350,327.89**	**89.60%**			
SNAP	**$ 17,410,538.00**	**$ 1,940,226.00**	**$ 20,891,142.00**	**119.99%**	**210**	**6,650**	**6,730**
SNAP -PA	$ 619,737.00	$ 69,321.00	$ 595,857.00	96.15%	210	208	221
SNAP-NPA	$ 16,790,801.00	$ 1,870,905.00	$ 16,414,833.00	97.76%	6,151	6,442	6,509
Child Support	**$ 5,594,678.00**	**$ 441,584.14**	**$ 5,005,850.40**	**89.48%**	**2,174**	**2,083**	**2,081**
Child Support - Current Assistance	$ 144,452.00	$ 6,806.09	$ 102,459.41	70.93%	239	243	238
Child Support - Former Assistance	$ 922,117.00	$ 64,109.53	$ 766,170.53	83.09%	778	728	730
Child Support - Never Assistance	$ 4,528,109.00	$ 370,668.52	$ 4,137,220.46	91.37%	1,157	1,112	1,113

RESOLUTION NO.__________

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH CAYUGA CENTERS

WHEREAS the Commissioner of Social Services of the County of Madison is charged with the responsibility for the administration of all child welfare services in the County of Madison at public expense pursuant to Section 395 et seq. of the Social Services Law; and

WHEREAS the Department of Social Services is mandated to provide preventive services to at-risk children and families designed to prevent foster care placements and to reduce the lengths of costly foster care and residential placements; and

WHEREAS, Cayuga Centers, a private not-for-profit agency, was one of two agencies who responded to a request for proposal (RFP) issued by Madison County in 2022 and was chosen by an RFP review committee to be the most appropriate provider of these preventive services: and

WHEREAS this intensive preventive service program is based on sound evidence-based practices and is effective in other counties around New York State; and is in compliance with newly adopted Family First Legislation; and

WHEREAS, with the Raise the Age and Raise the Lower Age legislation going into effect it will be more important now, more than ever, to have services available for youth who have received JD appearance tickets or present with PINS behaviors; and

WHEREAS Cayuga Centers, has the recognized capacity to provide these services and has offered to do so for an amount not to exceed $345,563 for the period January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS these funds are reimbursed at an approximate rate of 62 percent through federal and/or state funding; and

WHEREAS this agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Health and Human Services Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with Cayuga Centers, Inc., in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Dated: February 7, 2023

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Mary Cavanagh, Chair
Health and Human Services Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 23-_______

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR TO COMPLETE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ENHANCED FEDERAL MEDICAID ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE RECONCILIATIONS THAT ARE YEARS OVERDUE AND IMMEDIATELY RELEASE THE FEDERAL FUNDS OWED TO COUNTIES AND NEW YORK CITY

WHEREAS, the funding to support the Medicaid program is provided by a combination of *federal*, state and local resources; and

WHEREAS, the state requires the counties and New York City to contribute $7.6 billion annually to pay for the federal and state defined and controlled program; and

WHEREAS, the locally required share of Medicaid funding paid in New York is the highest of any state in the country; and

WHEREAS, this large local funding share for Medicaid and other state programs is a major contributor to New York's high local tax burden compared to other states; and

WHEREAS, under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the federal government provided an enhanced Medicaid matching share (eFMAP), which has saved New York State billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the state is required under federal law to share these savings with counties and New York City based on the proportionate share localities pay of the nonfederal match; and

WHEREAS, the state has utilized a methodology that provides 80 percent of these estimated federal savings to counties in the year the costs accrue; and

WHEREAS, the balance of savings owed to counties is required to be reconciled annually to ensure the withheld savings are transferred to county budgets and local taxpayers, as well as meeting the intent of federal law; and

WHEREAS, the last completed reconciliation and transfer of the full federal savings owed to counties was for state fiscal year 2015-16; and

WHEREAS, individual counties and NYSAC have made numerous requests, over multiple years, regarding the status of outstanding Medicaid ACA eFMAP reconciliations and the federal funds withheld from counties; and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of a meaningful response from state officials, dozens of counties have submitted Freedom of information Law (FOIL) requests to the New York State Department of Health (DOH); and

WHEREAS, DOH has been providing detailed responses to county FOIL inquiries and initial responses indicate, if current trends continue, that hundreds of millions of federal ACA eFMAP savings are still owed to counties and New York City for SFYs 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, because reconciliations have not been completed; and

WHEREAS, the federal government also enacted a temporary COVID eFMAP where the state also provides 80 percent of the estimated savings to counties, with the final amount to be reconciled in the following year; and

WHEREAS, the state has failed to reconcile any of the COVID eFMAP savings as well for the three years they have been provided; and

WHEREAS, Madison County is owed over $2.4 million just through 2019 and additional funds for 2020 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, County taxpayers should not be responsible for a tax burden that is being caused by New York State's inability to do the reconciliations timely; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties estimates that hundreds of millions of federal savings are still owed to counties from the COVID eFMAP reconciliations that have not yet occurred; and

WHEREAS, because the state is withholding these federal funds, it requires counties and New York City to reserve funds locally to make up for the loss, meaning local taxes have been kept higher than they need to be over multiple years, or local services are scaled back or eliminated; and

WHEREAS, in the years leading up to the last completed ACA eFMAP reconciliation, counties were provided an estimate of their corning year Medicaid costs by September, in time to incorporate the savings in their budgets, which ceased when regular reconciliations ended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Madison County urges the Governor to complete these unfinished reconciliations as soon as possible and to provide counties and New York City a full accounting of the federal funds owed, and to take immediate steps to release the funds to localities; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the state should also renew its practice of providing timely notice to counties of coming year Medicaid costs so they can appropriately budget those savings for local taxpayers and to preserve highly desired local quality of life services provided in our communities; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Charles E. Schumer, Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Congressman Brandon Williams, Senator Joe Griffo, Assemblyman Brian Maher, Assemblyman Joe Angelino, Assemblyman Brian Miller, Assemblyman Al Stirpe, Assemblyman Jeff Gallahan, and the New York State Association of Counties.

Date: February 7, 2023

Mary Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Health and Human Services Commitee

RESOLUTION NO. _______

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM FOR MADISON COUNTY, INC. AND TO MODIFY THE 2023 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, studies have shown that positive adult role models can have significant impact on the lives of youth, and in particular at-risk youth, and in the 2018 Madison County Youth Bureau Teen Assessment Project Survey, 26% of youth answered that they worry no one loves or cares about them, up from 21% in the 2014 Survey; and

WHEREAS, the above statistic is a worrisome number that is also evidenced in the ever present waitlist of Community Action Program for Madison County, Inc.'s Volunteer Mentoring Program which the end of 2022, was at 13 children; and

WHEREAS, the referrals of the children describe a variety of needs including but not limited to peer relations, family concerns, self-esteem, communication and social skills, and lack of a role model; and

WHEREAS, through the Volunteer Mentoring Program, adults in the community have provided youth with a positive, supportive, and caring adult role model and opportunities for positive adult interactions since 2002; and

WHEREAS, each one-on-one match has a duration of at least 12 months and is based on interests, geography, and personalities of both the mentor and mentee, demonstrated by the strong relationships developed over time, and youth's improved confidence and caring, as measured through Positive Youth Development informed surveys; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Youth Board evaluated the proposal on December 6, 2022, and has recommended the allocation of $23,573 in county funding to operate the proposed program during the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, and the Health and Human Services Committee has approved the allocation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with Community Action Program for Madison County, Inc. in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2023 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

GENERAL FUND
7146 Youth Programs - Agencies

Expense	From	To
A714670 541007 Anticipated Agency Allocation	$ 112,750	$ 89,177
A714670 542783 CAP Volunteer Mentoring Program	$ 0	$ 23,573
Control Total	$ 112,750	$112,750

Dated: February 7, 2023

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Mary Cavanagh, Chair
Health & Human Services Committee

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Matthew Roberts, Chair
Finance, Ways and Means Committee

RESOLUTION NO. ______

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRiDGES, CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION MADISON COUNTY AND THE MADISON COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE MADISON COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the vision of the Madison County Youth Council is to empower youth to form a stronger connection to their communities through service, outreach, advocacy, and education; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Youth Council will give youth across the county a platform to share, develop, and execute their ideas to create a healthier Madison County; to start building foundations and forming connections to have a more active role in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the missions of the three entities involved, BRiDGES, Madison County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc., Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County (CCE) and the Madison County Youth Bureau (MCYB) align, allowing each entity to provide a supportive role to youth through a mentor, to work toward the maintenance of the Madison County Youth Council; and

WHEREAS, an Interagency Agreement will be entered into among BRiDGES, CCE and the MCYB during the period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this agreement illustrates and solidifies the partnership of the three entities, with costs of staffing associated with operation of the program in 2023 being absorbed by each entity or outside funding source as jointly applied for, and other agreed upon costs for youth being reimbursed through remaining miscellaneous funds through the MCYB budget; and

WHEREAS, this agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Youth Bureau Youth Board and the Health and Human Services Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with BRiDGES, CCE and the MCYB in form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Dated: February 7, 2023

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Mary Cavanagh, Chair
Health & Human Services Committee