

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Meeting Chambers/Zoom

Committee Members Present

John Becker, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Town of Sullivan

Alex Stepanski, Chairman, Town of Stockbridge

Brandee DuBois, Vice-Chairwoman, City of Oneida

Mary Cavanagh, City of Oneida

Rex Vosburg, Town of DeRuyter

Matthew Roberts, City of Oneida

Others Present

Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Social Services

Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health, via Zoom

Tina Wayland-Smith, County Attorney

Mark Scimone, County Administrator

Samantha Field, Public Information Officer, via Zoom

Emily Burns, Clerk to the Board

Kristin Guinto, Confidential Secretary to the Board, via Zoom

Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health Services, via Zoom

Ron Raymer, Director, Veterans Agency

Keith Lummis, Assistant Director of Finance

Dan Degear, Director, Emergency Management

William Nicholson, Community Service Director, Community Action Partnership, via Zoom

Peggy LeClair, via Zoom

Beth Piersall, Confidential Secretary, Mental Health

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Stepanski called the meeting to order at 10:35 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 October 25, 2022.

A motion was made by Supervisor Cavanagh to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Mental Health

Director Teisha Cook presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Madison County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (dba, BRiDGES)

A motion was made by Supervisor Cavanagh to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Heritage Farm, Inc.

A motion was made by Supervisor Cavanagh to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Modification of the 2022 Adopted County Budget (State Aid)

A motion was made by Chairman Stepanski to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Consumer Services of Madison County, Inc.

A motion was made by Supervisor Cavanagh to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Liberty Resources, Inc.

A motion was made by Chairman Stepanski to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Director Teisha Cook reported that the school clinics are going well.

Public Health

Director Eric Faisst presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter the Early Intervention Provider Agreement with the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention

A motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Cavanagh and carried unanimously.

Social Services

Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald presented the Commissioners Report. These numbers are through the month of October 2022. Numbers should be at 83% with the anticipated expenditures. The Children Services lines, including JD and Foster Care have increased. The Day Care line has also increased for the first time in two years. Funds will be reallocated to cover this cost.

Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Elmcrest Children's Center

A motion was made by Supervisor Cavanagh to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Veterans Agency

Director Ron Raymer reported that things are going well at the Veterans Agency. Total client contacts for October was 644. The WAVEM Veterans Day Ceremony was held on November 11th. The City of Oneida Purple Heart sign dedication ceremony took place on November 21st. Mark Mossman was recently hired as the new Veterans Counselor and will start at the Veterans Service Agency on December 5th. They continue to move forward with plans for the Veterans Community Center.

Youth Bureau

Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald reported that the New Visions students appreciated the time they spent with the Board members and are looking forward to their placements in the various County departments.

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 10:50 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Cavanagh and carried unanimously.

Next meeting: December 15, 2022 at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Piersall for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski