

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