

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Meeting Chambers

Committee Members Present

Mary Cavanagh, Chairwoman, City of Oneida

Kyle Reger, Town of Cazenovia

Alex Stepanski, Town of Stockbridge

Michelle Kinville, City of Oneida

Others Present

Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health Services

Kathryn Hopkins, Mental Health Clinic Treatment Program Coordinator

Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health

Jesica Prieto, Commissioner, DSS

Tina Louis, Director of Youth Bureau

Erica Bird, Deputy Director of Public Health

Mark Scimone, County Administrator

Samantha Field, Public Information Officer

Emily Burns, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

Jennifer Keville, Confidential Secretary to the Board of Supervisors

James Cunningham, Chairman

Tina Wayland-Smith, Esq., County Attorney

Thomas Daviau, Town of Sullivan

William Nicholson, Director, Community Action Program

Kristine Burleigh, Confidential Secretary, Mental Health

Michele Browell, Confidential Secretary, DSS

Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman Cavanagh called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., indicating that there was a quorum for the Health and Human Services Committee.

Approval of Minutes

The Health and Human Services Committee reviewed the meeting minutes for October 22, 2024. A motion was made by Supervisor Reger to approve the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Kinville and carried unanimously.

Mental Health

Director Teisha Cook presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into Agreement with Crouse Health Corp.

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

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Authorizing the Chairman to Execute a Contract Modification

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

Discussion: Authorizing the Modification of the 2025 Adopted County Budget

This resolution is for an increase in the 2025 budget that will allow Heather White, and 1 additional staff member to enroll in a 9 month program with the end result of each becoming Certified Coders. This will be going before the Finance and Ways Committee.

Discussion: Court Navigator

This resolution is for mental health court navigator to assist with the referral and outreach process. This is a full-time, Bachelors position that will be funded by state aid.

Director Cook gave an update on the Helio Health Mobile Medication Unit; the mobile unit will be on campus from 7a.m. – 11 a.m., Monday through Friday, beginning January 27, 2025. They will be located behind the Law Enforcement building on Fireman's Lane. This mobile unit is intended for Madison County Residents only.

Public Health

Deputy Director Bird reminded everyone about the Community Health Survey that was released for all community members. The survey is part of a comprehensive Community Health Assessment to understand the health priorities in Madison County. The survey is available online in English and Spanish. Paper surveys are also available at all the libraries in the county. Approximately 500 surveys have already been completed, with an end goal of 1000. The survey will be available until February 28.

Director Faisst reported that Public Health is submitting a government efficiency grant on behalf of Madison County for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study on the consolidation of code enforcement under the county system.

Director Faisst also gave an update on the JUUL Settlement Funds. Madison County will be providing funds to County Departments and community-determined entities to address needs related to vaping use. Director Faisst will be seeking assistance from Matt Roosa (consultant) to facilitate the community participatory process.

Social Services

Commissioner Priervo provided a tentative Commissioners Report and Burial Summary for December 2024. Currently all numbers seemed to be aligned. For Child & Family Services there have been 1472 CPS reports, 29 kids in foster care, with 9 of the kids in institutions. There have been 52 neglect petitions and there are currently 4 kids in OCFS custody.

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Commissioner Prieto also updated the committee on the current homeless stats in Madison County for 2024. The agency saw 235 homeless; 114 single men, 93 woman, and 28 family units. Of these 235, 54 were placed in housing, 163 made their own plans, and 18 refused help due to disliking the choices offered to them. The category of choice, has since been added to the options. William Nicholson - CAP, also added they are seeing an increase of woman and children, in need of housing and setting them up for services at the same time as housing.

Veteran's Agency

Director Raymer was not in attendance due to an unavoidable schedule conflict. Director Raymer submitted update reports for November/December, 2024 and January, 2025, to be reviewed on his behalf.

Youth Bureau

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Community Action Program for Madison County, Inc. (RFP 8-24)

A motion was made by Supervisor Stepanski to approve the resolution, seconded by supervisor Kinville and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with BRiDGES, Madison County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc. (RFP 8-24)

A motion was made by Supervisor Reger to approve the resolution, seconded by supervisor Kinville and carried unanimously.

Discussion: Authorizing the Modification of the 2025 Adopted County Budget (Youth Programs)

Director Louis reviewed an additional contract that falls under \$20,000 with the Great Swamp Conservancy that is included in the budget modification with the above resolutions. This resolution will go to Finance Ways and Means.

Director Louis shared that the RFP process occurred at the end of 2024, and in addition to the contracts reviewed today, three more will move forward at the next committee meeting. She shared that a partnership is underway with the Health Department regarding the Teen Assessment Project Survey to allow for administration and reporting in a new format. She also shared that Mary Cavanagh would be joining the Youth Bureau's Youth Board, and that there is continuous recruitment for youth members. The New Visions interns are all actively engaged in their internships in county departments.

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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 Supervisor Kinville to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Stepanski and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Kristine Burleigh for Chairwoman, Mary Cavanagh