

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Meeting Chambers

Committee Members Present

Mary Cavanagh, Chairwoman, City of Oneida
Brandee Henderson, Vice-Chairwoman, City of Oneida
Kyle Reger, Town of Cazenovia
Alex Stepanski, Town of Stockbridge
Michelle Kinville, City of Oneida – via Zoom

Others Present

Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health
James Cunningham, Chairman
Jennifer Keville, Confidential Secretary, Board of Supervisors
John Pinard, Town of Lenox
Kathryn Hopkins, Clinic Treatment Program Coordinator, Mental Health
Kristine Burleigh, Confidential Secretary, Mental Health
Mark Scimone, County Administrator
Paul Walrod, Vice Chairman
Ronald Raymer, Director, Veterans Service Agency
Samantha Field, Public Information Officer
Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health Services
Tina Louis, Director of Youth Bureau
Tina Wayland-Smith, County Attorney
Thomas Daviau, Town of Sullivan
William Nicholson, Director, Community Action Program
Chief Steve Lowell, Oneida City Police Department

Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman Cavanagh called the meeting to order at 10:04 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 March 25, 2025. A motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman Henderson to approve the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Reger and carried unanimously.

Mental Health

Director Cook has one resolution for discussion going before the Government Operations Committee.

Discussion: Creating One Staff Social Worker Position in the Mental Health Department

This resolution is for creating one, satellite position for a Staff Social Worker in the Madison Central School District.

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Mental Health cont.

Director Cook presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Madison Central School District for a Satellite Mental Health Clinic

A motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman Henderson to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Reger.

Director Cook, along with Chief Steve Lowell, presented a project idea that the Mental Health Department and the Oneida Police Department have been collaboratively developing. The concept involves placing a crisis worker at the Oneida Police Department (OPD) to assist with mental health related calls. Chief Lowell has secured a grant to fund the salary and fringe benefits for the position. Although the employee would be based at the Oneida Police Department they would officially work for Madison County.

Public Health

Director Faisst presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with VMC Group Inc., DBA VMC Consultants Inc. for Transportation Services

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

Director Faisst reported the Healthy Housing Coalition pre-meeting, virtual session took place and had 37 attendees, out of the 43 who signed up. The follow up, in-person strategic planning meeting will take place in May

Social Services

Commissioner Prieto was not in attendance, but the Commissioners Report was submitted for review.

Veteran's Agency

Director Raymer reported the MCVSA sponsored Veteran's Breakfast that took place on April 11th was a great success, with 7 out of 8 tables full. The remaining dates will take place on Saturdays. Those dates are as followed: June 14, August 9, October 11 and December 13.

Director Raymer reminded the committee of the upcoming 5th Annual Veteran's Awareness Hike, scheduled for May 10, with a rain date of May 17. Participants will be divided into three groups this year in order to accommodate skill levels. Director Raymer will send to the committee a map of the course via email.

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Youth Bureau

Director Louis presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Appointing Members to the Madison County Youth Bureau Youth Board

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

Director Louis stated that the Teen Assessment Project Survey is in question review mode. A draft survey will be shared with entities that use the survey most and with school Superintendents. Administration is slated for fall 2025 with administration being done every two years instead of every four years.

Director Louis reminded the committee that the Madison Oneida BOCES New Visions Government, Law and Public Administration class will be doing their final presentations on May 21st and 22nd in the Chambers starting at 9:00 a.m. each day; four students per day. Students come from Madison, VVS, Camden, Morrisville Eaton, Canastota and Oneida. Discussion ensued regarding an inquiry Director Louis recently addressed regarding interest in initiating the Madison County class in Chenango County. Director Louis thanked all the county departments who have hosted students to allow them to gain valuable insight.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Supervisor Stepanski to enter into executive session to discuss the performance of a particular contractor, Supervisor Reger seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried. A motion was made by Supervisor Reger to exit executive session, Vice-Chairwoman Henderson seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

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 Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Stepanski and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Kristine Burleigh for Chairwoman, Mary Cavanagh