

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Meeting Chambers/Zoom

Committee Members Present

Alex Stepanski, Chairman

Loren Corbin, Town of Brookfield, via Zoom

Eve Ann Shwartz, Town of Hamilton

James Goldstein, Vice-Chairman, Town of Lebanon, via Zoom

Joe Magliocca, City of Oneida

Others Present

Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Social Services

Ron Raymer, Director, Veterans Agency

Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health Services

Kathryn Hopkins, Mental Health Clinic Treatment Program Coordinator

Shawn Prievo, Director of Administrative Services, Public Health

Tina Louis, Director, Madison County Youth Bureau

Tina Wayland Smith, County Attorney via Zoom

Mark Scimone, County Administrator

Samantha Field, Public Information Officer

Ryan Coe, Public Information Specialist

Anthony Rocco, BOCES Instructor

Payton Alpaugh, Student, Canastota

Ryan Aumell, Student, Canastota

Alexis Collins, Student, Chittenango

Daniel Cummings, Student, Canastota

Chance Jaquin, Student, Canastota

Nevaeh Randel, Student, Stockbridge

Mackenzie Snyder, Student, Canastota

Laurel (Quinn) VanLone, Student, Canastota

Michele Browell, Confidential Secretary, Social Services

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Alex Stepanski called the meeting to order at 10:30 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 September 28, 2021. A motion by Supervisor Magliocca to approve the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Shwartz 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 Vice-Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Corbin and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services (OCM BOCES).

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Corbin and carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Corbin and carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Corbin and carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Corbin and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to Execute Contract Modifications and Budget Modifications to the 2021 Adopted County Budgets (Mental Health State Aid)

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

Director Cook gave an update on the Pathways Coordinator position. The person that was previously in that position has moved back to the area and has been hired. She is doing a great job.

Data has been gathered from the Needs Assessment Survey. This information will be submitted to the Board and Matt Roosa will be present for the meeting. A website will be developed that will contain detailed information and resources. The next step is sorting out the school portion and doing an outreach to the faith-based community.

Public Health

Director Shawn Prievo presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2021 Adopted County Budget.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Shwartz and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into Agreements with Agencies and Therapists for the Preschool Program (Canastota Central School District).

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into Agreements with Agencies and Therapists for the Preschool Program (Chittenango Central School District).

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

Director Prievo gave a COVID update. The seven-day average is 24 new cases per day. There are currently 175 active cases, 11 people are hospitalized and there has been a total of 103 deaths. There are currently no hospital beds available in the county.

Social Services

Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald presented the Commissioners Report. These numbers are through the month of September. Almost all categories are where they should be at this point. There is a budget modification being submitted to the Committee to move money for JD Pins.

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

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

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Magliocca and carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Magliocca and carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Magliocca and carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Magliocca and carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Magliocca and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Modification of the 2021 Adopted County Budget (Foster Care).

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

Commissioner Fitzgerald informed the Committee that the Medicaid weekly share will be reduced starting the second payment in November through the end of March 2022. This will be a cost savings of approximately \$40,000 per week.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) applications are still being accepted. Approximately 300 applications have been received. Payments are being processed slow but so far \$300,000 has been sent out to Madison County landlords. The application process has been changes so that landlords can apply without the tenant's information.

Veterans Agency

Director Ron Raymer gave program updates and stated that the agency continues to meet client's needs and connect them with the services they need. The agency continues with trainings, attending four events/trainings since last Committee meeting. A feed our Vets Food Pantry open house tour was held on October 6th. This is based in New York Mills but is open to all Vets. There will be an Oneida Indian Nation Veterans Recognition Ceremony on November 3rd. The Madison County WAVEM Corp. Veteran of the Year Ceremony will be held on November 6th and there are still tickets available. "Operation Green Light" will be November 7-21. The Madison County Court House dome will be illuminated with a green light in support of welcoming active-duty service members and veterans as they transition to civilian life. The Madison County WAVEM Corp. Annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be November 11th. Total client contact for September was 396 and so far for October is 291.

Director Raymer presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Supporting Operation Green Light for Active Military Service Members in Transition to Civilian Life (Veteran Status)

A motion was made by Supervisor Shwartz to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairman Goldstein and carried unanimously.

Youth Bureau

Director Tina Louis introduced the New Visions Government class that was present to observe the Committee meeting.

Director Louis presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with New York State Office of Children and Family Services for 2021 Youth Program Funds for Disbursement by the Madison County Youth Bureau.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Magliocca and carried unanimously.

Director Louis appeared on Channel 9 news for recruitment for interim families for the runaway and homeless youth program. The department has received Safe Harbour funding from the state. This will be used to offset the salary of the Coordinator and education material on Human Trafficking. The TAP survey will be going out early 2022. They continue to work with Julie

Dudrick from Colgate University on the survey, gathering information and reporting results. The Youth Board is meeting next week to review five applications put forward from the community for the Youth Bureau RFP for county funds. There is currently an RFP for the Life Skills Coaching program. They hope to make a decision on that by the end of the year.

Preferred Agenda

The Committee unanimously agreed to include all resolutions except for the one submitted by the Veterans Agency in their Preferred Agenda, upon motion by Supervisor Magliocca and seconded by Supervisor Corbin.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Supervisor Magliocca to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Corbin and carried unanimously.

Next meeting: November 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Browell for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski