

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Meeting Chambers/Zoom

Committee Members Present

Alex Stepanski, Chairman, Town of Stockbridge

Brandee DuBois, Vice-Chairwoman, City of Oneida

Mary Cavanagh, City of Oneida

John Pinard, Town of Lenox

Melissa During, Town of Lincoln

Matthew Roberts, City of Oneida

Others Present

Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Social Services

Tricia Platt, Deputy Commissioner for Financial Assistance

Tina Louis, Director, Youth Bureau

Shawn Prieto, Deputy Director of Administrative Services

Tina Wayland-Smith, County Attorney

Mark Scimone, County Administrator

Samantha Field, Public Information Officer

Emily Burns, Clerk to the Board

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 II, Veterans Agency

Keith Lummis, Assistant Director of Finance

Anthony Rocco, New Visions, MOBOCES Instructor

Gianna D'Amico, New Visions, MOBOCES, Camden School

Mattingly Clarke, New Visions, MOBOCES, Canastota School

Hailee Blasier, New Visions, MOBOCES, Canastota School

Jenna Gustin, New Visions, MOBOCES, Canastota School

Taylor Taiwo, New Visions, MOBOCES, Hamilton School

Deleney Livermore, New Visions, MOBOCES, Madison School

Beth Piersall, Confidential Secretary, Mental Health

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman 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 27, 2022. A motion was made by Supervisor Pinard to approve the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Cavanagh and carried unanimously.

Mental Health

Director Teisha Cook presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Abolishing an Office Assistant II Position and Creating an Office Assistant-Claims Processor in the Mental Health Department

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

Reappointing Members of the Community Services Board

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

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

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

Director Teisha Cook provided an update on the school clinics. The social worker at Hamilton School started on October 17th, Cazenovia has one social worker covering the elementary and middle/high school, Chittenango has two full time social workers, one covers (2) elementary schools and one covering middle and high school. Everything is going well and we are hoping other districts will be interested in participating in the satellite mental health clinics. Director Cook will provide an update regarding the school clinics at the next Superintendent's meeting.

Public Health

Deputy Director of Administrative Services, Shawn Prieto, presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing a Budget Modification for the 2022 Adopted Budget for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Grant Renewal

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

Social Services

Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald noted that Social Services has contracts pending with BRiDGES and Onondaga County Sheriff's Department as these agencies require the insurance waiver. The Committee approved proceeding with the insurance waivers for both agencies.

Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald presented the Commissioners Report. These numbers are through the month of September 2022. At this time, numbers are at 75%. The JD budget lines are over 75% and funds may be reallocated to cover the additional expenses.

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Community Action Program, Inc.

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Community Action Program, Inc. (Mentoring)

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 Liberty Resources, Inc. (VOV)

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 Liberty Resources, Inc. (OCFS/TANF)

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 Liberty Resources, Inc. (non-residential)

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

Veterans Agency

Lukas Duimstra, Veterans Counselor II, reported that things are going well at the Veterans Agency. Since mid-August when the PACT Act was signed, they have been very busy with referrals. This new law expands health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service.

A local veteran received several awards for their artwork at Syracuse University's Veterans Creative Arts Exhibition on October 5th. Director Ron Raymer and Lukas Duimstra will be attending the Oneida Indian Nation's Veterans Recognition Ceremony and Breakfast on November 1st.

Youth Bureau

Director Tina 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 2022 Youth Program Funds for Disbursement by the Madison County Youth Bureau

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

Director Tina Louis reported that one of her staff will be presenting at the Association of NYS Youth Bureau Conference on November 3rd and 4th regarding supporting LGBTQ youth.

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 During to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m., seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Next meeting: November 22, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Piersall for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski