



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, February 5, 2024, Time: 10:00 AM
Committee Room 213, 2nd floor, 74 Ontario Street,
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Committee Members

Dan Marshall, Chair
Fred Wille
James Kennedy
Fred Stresing
Bill Wellman
Nancy Yacci

1. Call To Order:

The Health and Human Services Committee was called to order at 10:00 PM on February 5, 2024.

Members Present: Supervisor(s) Daniel Marshall, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing via WebEx, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci.

Absent: .

Necessarily Absent: Supervisor(s).

Because Supervisor Fred Stresing was attending via WebEx he did not count towards a quorum but was granted permission by Chairman Dan Marshall to vote. A quorum was present.

Others present in addition to committee members:

In Person:

Todd Campbell, BOS Chair
Chris DeBolt, County Administrator
Alissa Bub, Deputy County Administrator
Barry McFadden, First Assist. County Attorney
Eileen Tiberio, Commissioner, DSS
Kate Ott, Director of Public Health

Jessica Mitchell, Dir. of Mental Health
Triciajean Jones, Director, Office for the Aging
Ann Senack, Specialist, Office for the Aging
Ryan Davis, Economic Developer
Tom Harvey, Director, Planning
Tom Gillette, resident, T of E. Bloomfield
Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk to the BOS

Via WebEx:

Mary Gates, Dir. of Finance
John Rizzon, Fiscal Manager
Andrea McGraw, Deputy Commissioner, DSS

Marsha Foote, Dir. of the Youth Bureau
Sharon Decker, Grants Coordinator

2. Approval Of Minutes:

Supervisor Nancy Yacci motioned to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2024 Draft Minutes Health And Human Services Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Frederick Wille. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

3. Public Health:

Kate Ott, presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Contract with R. Mark Hilton Speech Pathology Services for Speech Therapy CWSN".

Supervisor James Kennedy motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Wellman. The motion passed.

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Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Kate Ott, presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Contract with Ontario County Humane Society for Rabies Response Program 2024".

Supervisor William Wellman motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Kate Ott, presented a resolution entitled, "Rates for Services Provided in Connection with Coroner Cases 2024-2025".

Supervisor James Kennedy motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Wellman. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Kate Ott, presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Accept NYSACHO Award Climate and Health Initiative 2024".

Supervisor James Kennedy motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Kate Ott, presented for approval the Policy Manual Updates - November 2023 and the Performance Management and Quality Improvement Report for the third quarter of 2023.

Supervisor James Kennedy motioned to approve these updates and reports, as presented as a block. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Kate Ott reported they finished their Rabies Clinic Advertising Quality Improvement Storyboard. She said the result was that the newspapers advertising were not financially feasible. They will no longer advertise the clinics through the newspapers and rely more on billboards and social media.

Kate Ott was proud to report that their State's Early Intervention audit received a 100% rating for all categories.

4. Mental Health Services:

Jessica Mitchell, presented the following resolutions entitled:

- Authorization to Contract with Council on Alcoholism and Addictions of the Finger Lakes
- Amendment to 2023 Contract with Council on Alcoholism and Addictions of the Finger Lakes

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Supervisor Frederick Wille motioned to approve these resolutions, as presented, as a block. The motion was seconded by Supervisor James Kennedy. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Jessica Mitchell, presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Contract with The Arc of Ontario".

Supervisor James Kennedy motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Wellman. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Jessica Mitchell, presented a resolution entitled, "Uncollectible Debt 1st Quarter 2024".

Supervisor Frederick Wille motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor James Kennedy. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

5. Office For The Aging:

Triciajean Jones, presented a resolution entitled, "Amendment to Contract with Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.".

Supervisor James Kennedy motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Wellman. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): Nancy Yacci.

Supervisor Yacci abstained due to a family member employed by Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.

Ann Senack, Aging Specialist, runs the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP). It is one of the programs that is offered by the Office for the Aging. Ms. Senack explained that the program assesses people to be able to remain safely in their homes for as long as possible as their aging. She reviewed the functions of her position within the program and noted the need for aids. Discussion regarding the issue of the shortage of aids across other areas took place..

6. Youth Bureau:

Marsha Foote, presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to contract with Canandaigua Baseball and Softball for Youth Team Sports". Due to an error, the resolution was not in the agenda packet for

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the Committee members. The Deputy Clerk to the Board shared the resolution on the screen for the Committee members to review.

Supervisor James Kennedy motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Wellman. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Marsha Foote, presented the following resolutions entitled:

- Authorization to Contract with the Bloomfield Youth Baseball and Softball Program for Youth Team Sports
- Authorization to Contract with the Bloomfield Bombers Boosters Inc. for Youth Team Sports

Supervisor Frederick Wille motioned to approve these resolutions, as presented, as a block. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Wellman. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Marsha Foote said she made a suggestion to the recipients that, instead of awarding a trophy to a youth, they should award a glove or ball with the award printed on it allowing for the award to be of use.

7. Department Of Social Services:

Eileen Tiberio reported on her visit to Albany with the state leaders. She explained, that the county pays approximately \$16MM to the state every year as a co-pay for the Medicaid program, and we get about \$250 MM in services. That amount is capped and has been. She said the state has not been able to meet its goal of keeping the cap. She said they were basically on the hook for 50% of any increase and Medicaid costs are increasing like any health insurance program. The cap came into place in 2006 and has been a boon to the counties. She said in their meeting this year, they were not given confirmation that the cap would be safe.

She said the other topic they talked to the state about was homelessness situations. Homelessness is on the rise across the state, increase in violence, and bad behaviors. Programs are pulling out because of safety concerns for their staff. She said they asked for some flexibility, specifically in code blue, and the state came back and said no. She said the governor did put money in the budget for case managers, so that will offset some of the costs. She explained that a single adult gets \$390/month for assistance and \$170/month for housing. This has not been increased since the 1990s and there needs to be an increase. The response from the Division of Budget (DOB) was no. She said DOB will wait until they get sued, and then they'll be litigated.

Ms. Tiberio said she is also in a serious situation for the lack of aids.

They discussed the problem of getting clerical staff. She is meeting with HR this week and needs to come up with an alternative solution.

Chris DeBolt noted that the NYS Civil Service Commission, on their next agenda, is looking to expand the NYS HELP (Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement) program.

8. Workforce Development:

There were no updates from Workforce Development.

9. Veterans Service Agency:

There were no updates from Veterans Service Agency.

10. County Administrator:

Chris DeBolt gave a handout of the updated report of the County's use of the American Rescue Plan Recovery Act (ARPA) Funding. He said Ontario County was allocated \$21.6MM. He said this is the annual synopsis required. It is on the County website under the County Administrator page.

Chris DeBolt discussed the County Wide Housing Needs Assessment Initiative. He said they used \$94,500 of the ARPA funding to hire a consultant to do the assessment. The assessment is available on the website with the presentation. Mr. DeBolt said the assessment identified three categories of next steps:

1. Diversify housing choices to accommodate all life stages and household needs within Ontario County.
2. Facilitate expansion of housing development in suitable areas to stimulate growth.
3. Stabilize Ontario County's aging housing stock.

He said they are at the next step. He said New York is a home-rule state. He said it is not the County's role to tell any particular community you need X number of new housing units, et cetera. The County is a resource for the communities.

Mr. DeBolt gave a handout of a draft proposal to create a Housing Commission through the Board of Supervisors.

Ryan Davis reviewed the handout and noted the mission of the commission which was taken directly from the housing analysis. He said the suggestions are in draft form and expects it to stay in draft form because the rules on housing are frequently changing. He said this is a way to give structure to the Housing Commission and to receive orders moving forward.

Chris DeBolt and Ryan Davis are asking for input to be able to formalize the proposal in the next cycle or two. They hope to get core people in a formalized structure.

Eileen Tiberio noted that DSS paid \$3.5 MM last year for housing homeless people.

Additional discussion took place.

Chris DeBolt announced that the NYSAC Conference will be the same time as the next Committee cycle and will not be in attendance at the committees.

11. Unfinished Business:

Chairman Marshall noted he would not be at the next HHS meeting and Supervisor Wille would be chairing the meeting.

12. Next Meeting Date And Time:

The next meeting will be Monday, February 26, 2024, at 10 am at 74 Ontario Street, Canandaigua,

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13. Adjournment:

On motion of Supervisor James Kennedy, seconded by Supervisor William Wellman, the Health And Human Services Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:33 AM.