

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
August 9, 2022

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 via Zoom.

Members Present: J. Shaw (Chair), C. O'Brien, M. Hilderbrant, M. Kaminsky, K. Beebe.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: R. Weslar, S. Ryan, M. Whalen, A. Martin, R. O'Donnell, C. Hall, M. Tanzini, J. Scott, Legislature; J. Garnar, M. Ponticiello, County Executive; J. Knebel, OMB; A. Aranov, WPRNC; M. McFadden, Health Department; N. Williams, M. Kemmerer, DSS; V. Gialanella, Resident.

The Health & Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:45 PM. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Beebe.

The Chair requested that all renewals, which include Resolutions #11, #12, #15, #16, #19, and #34 be grouped together and voted on in a single vote. Mrs. Beebe made a motion to consider the resolutions as one vote, seconded by Mrs. Kaminsky. The vote to consider the resolutions as one vote carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0. The resolutions grouped together carried, Ayes-5, Nays-0.

The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#9 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE RENTAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM \(RSP\) GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE YWCA OF BINGHAMTON/BROOME COUNTY TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2022-2023](#)

In response to a question from the Committee, DSS Commissioner Nancy Williams stated that residents who meet the financial qualifications outlined in the program are eligible for supplemented rent payments for residents who are homeless or nearing homelessness.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE OPIOID OVERDOSE DATA TO ACTION \(O2DA\) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CREATING HEALTHY SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR THE FOR 2022-2023](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON CITY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND OWEGO APALACHIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMMUNITY CANCER PREVENTION IN ACTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR 2021-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE EARLY INTERVENTION ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S ELC COVID-19 SCHOOL TESTING PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE PERIOD 2022-2023

In response to a question from the Committee, Public Health Director Mary McFadden stated that this grant is federally funded, and the funding is distributed to the school districts that administer COVID-19 testing.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kaminsky to amend the grant funding amount in the 3<sup>rd</sup> WHEREAS paragraph, the RESOLVED paragraph, and the 1<sup>st</sup> FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph to replace \$375,698 with \$380,200.

In response to a question from the Committee, Public Health Director Mary McFadden stated that this grant has been around for approximately seven years. Two primary prevention grants were merged together, resulting in a reduction of funding in the last two years. There are advocacy efforts taking place at the State level to reinstate lost funding.

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Resolution as amended carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN TIER GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#32 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PROVALIDUS MEDICAL STAFFING TO HIRE NURSING PROFESSIONALS FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#33 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH IDENTOGO FOR ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTING FOR EMPLOYEES OF WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION & NURSING CENTER FOR 2022-2023

In response to a question from the Committee, WPRNC Administrator Adam Aranov stated that the County does not drug test WPRNC employees when they are hired, but a drug test could take place if there is suspicion that an employee is using drugs or is under the influence of drugs while working.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#34 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#35 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY HEALTHCARE STAFFING SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION & NURSING CENTER FOR 2022-2023

In response to a question from the Committee, Clerk of the Legislature Aaron Martin stated that the original resolution included multiple vendors, which is why the "various vendors" language was used in the resolution. Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Carol Hall stated that this resolution is amending the original resolution to reflect a rate change for a vendor that was listed in the resolution.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#37 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH RELYUS STAFFING PROFESSIONALS, LLC TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY HEALTHCARE STAFFING SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2022-2023

Several Legislators expressed concerns regarding the contracted vendor and the terms of the agreement. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kaminsky, to table the resolution for one month.

Motion to table carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#38 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH VARIOUS AGENCIES IN BROOME COUNTY FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

WPRNC Administrator Adam Aranov presented on staffing at the facility (see attached).

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Beebe seconded by Mrs. Kaminsky. The meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM.

WILLOW POINT  
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2022

	WILLOW POINT NURSES	WILLOW POINT C.N.A.s	AGENCY/CONTRACT NURSES	AGENCY/CONTRACT C.N.A.s	TOTAL WP/AGENCY NURSES Facility needs 72	TOTAL WP/AGENCY C.N.A.s Facility needs 144
JANUARY	32	67	10	19	42	86
FEBRUARY	31	70	10	29	41	109
MARCH	30	71	13	24	43	95
APRIL	29	68	13	38	42	106
MAY	26	73	18	48	44	121
JUNE	27	68	28	59	55	127
JULY	27	64	37	68	64	132