

Health & Human Services Committee Minutes  
August 31, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Darren O'Connor; Committee Members Phil Barrett, Eric Connolly, Joe Grasso, John Lant, Sandra Winney, Tom Wood; Supervisor Tara Gaston; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Matt Rose, Audra Hedden, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett and Michael Naughton, County Attorney; Rebecca Robarge, Youth Bureau; Sandra Cross, Office for the Aging; Tina Potter, Social Services; Erin Murray and Rachel Maxwell, Public Health.

Chairman O'Connor called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the minutes of the July 28, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to authorize an amendment to the Preschool Transportation Contract. Unanimous.**

Mr. O'Connor said this has to do with the changes in transportation and the number of people on the bus due to COVID. Mrs. Robarge said with the uncertainty of COVID the bus company wanted to renegotiate the rates and after research they feel they've offered fair rates. Mr. O'Connor said the original resolution anticipated these problems and had a clause that allowed for changes due to COVID.

**A motion was made by Mr. Connolly, seconded by Mrs. Winney, to authorize acceptance of State Aid from the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). Unanimous.**

Mrs. Robarge said this resolution would allow them to bring OCFS funds into the County to allocate it for youth programming and runaway homeless youth services.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to authorize the reappropriation of Youth Department Funding. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Robarge said the state gave an additional allocation in January 2021 so they amended the 2020 contracts to allocate funds to those who had additional expenses. Now that those claims have been processed, there is some money left over and they would like to reallocate it to the Southern Adirondack Library System.

*Nutrition Program RFP Discussion*

Ms. Cross said they sent out an RFP for the Nutrition Program strictly for the food service portion of the program. Bids did not come back in until Friday at 5pm so she was not able to get it on the agenda for this committee. They received two bids and are still reviewing them but would like to move this item through to Law & Finance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bridget Rider  
Deputy Clerk of the Board