

Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
September 7, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Phil Barrett; Committee Members C. Eric Butler, Eric Connolly, Diana Edwards, John Lant, Jonathan Schopf, Tom Wood; Supervisor Bill Peck; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Stephanie Hodgson, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michelle Granger, Maribeth Hunt, Jenny Marcotte, County Attorney; Sandra Cross, Office for the Aging and Youth Services; Tina Potter, Department of Social Services; Daniel Kuhles, Public Health.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mrs. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Wood, the minutes of the August 3, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mr. Butler, to authorize a renewal agreement with Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth, Inc. for the operation of the Enhanced Stepping Stones Program (ESSP). Unanimous.

The renewal agreement will run from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 at an annual cost not to exceed \$107,651 and is 100% reimbursable from NYS based on the Raise the Age Program.

A motion was made by Mrs. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Butler, to authorize amending Resolution 238-2022 and authorizing an agreement with Shelters of Saratoga, Inc. for reimbursement of costs associated with the short-term lease of a portion of 145 South Broadway in the City of Saratoga Springs, known as 4 Adelphi Street, for the provision of Code Blue Shelter services. Unanimous.

The amendment will authorize Shelters of Saratoga to be the primary leasee of the space, and the County will reimburse the cost to Shelters of Saratoga. This amendment will streamline the process between all three parties and maximize the ability for DSS to be able to secure reimbursement.

A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mr. Butler, to authorize an agreement with the Town of Clifton Park to provide funding for the purchase of a transportation vehicle for seniors. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mrs. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Wood, to authorize an agreement with the Town of Halfmoon to funding for the purchase of a transportation vehicle for seniors. Unanimous.

Assistance is provided through Community Service for the Elderly in the Office for Aging and Youth Services budget. Ms. Cross gave a brief update on the services provided in the towns utilizing the transportation vehicles.

Ms. Cross reported that the senior picnic at the fairgrounds is scheduled for September 8, 2022 and encouraged all Supervisors to attend. It's anticipated that 725 seniors will attend.

Dr. Kuhles gave a brief update on the Monkeypox and updated COVID vaccine programs. Dr. Kuhles also gave an update on the mandated Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan. Community input is a requirement. Dr. Kuhles reported that a survey has been available since summer. Community forums will also begin September 15.

On a motion made by Mrs. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Butler, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Clerk of the Board