

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

Present: Chairman Phil Barrett; Committee Members C. Eric Butler, Diana Edwards, John Lant, Jonathan Schopf; and Chairman of the Board Theodore Kusnierz; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Stephanie Hodgson, Matt Rose, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, Michelle Granger, County Attorney; Sandra Cross, Office for the Aging; Daniel Khules, Rachel Maxwell, Erin Murray, Molly Pezzulo, Michaelah Townley, Health Department; Michael Prezioso, Mental Health; Tina Potter, Social Services.

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

**On a motion made by Mrs. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Butler, the minutes of the November 2, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Schopf, seconded by Mr. Lant, to authorize the acceptance of additional funds from NYS Office of Children & Family Services for the Safe Harbour NY Program, authorizing a renewal agreement with Saratoga Center for the Family, and amending the 2023 County budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.**

This grant in the amount of \$43,350 will be used to fund a contract with Saratoga Center for the Family for \$35,003.50 and to cover administrative costs.

**A motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mrs. Edwards, to authorize the acceptance of grant funds from the NYS Office of Addiction Services for the provision of Jail-based Medication Assisted Treatment and amending the 2023 County budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.**

This grant is in the amount of \$100,000.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mr. Butler, to authorize 2023 subcontracts for the Department of Aging and Youth Services pursuant to the 2022-2023 Annual Implementation Plan. Unanimous.**

The respite price increased \$3.00 per hour from last year.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mrs. Edwards, to authorize the acceptance of contributions in the amount of \$1,495 in memory of Mr. James. M. Peacock for the Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services and amending the 2022 County budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.**

Mr. Peacock was a volunteer with the home delivered meals program for over 15 years.

Ms. Cross provided a brief update on the congregate meal program.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Butler, to authorize an agreement with Rejha Group, LLC for Preschool Special Education and Early Intervention transportation services. Unanimous.**

Rejha Group was the only respondent to the RFP.

Mr. Kuhles provided current statistics regarding drug overdoses and fatalities. Ms. Pezzulo provided a guided tour of the opioid dashboard created by the Department of Health. The presentation is part of the webcast recording of this meeting and can be found [here](#). The dashboard will be posted on or before December 31, 2022.

Mr. Kuhles provided an update on the Environmental Health transition.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Bridget Rider  
Deputy Clerk of the Board