

Health & Human Services Committee Minutes  
April 4, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Phil Barrett; Committee Members John Lant, Scott Ostrander, Tom Richardson, Jonathan Schopf, Mo Wright.

Absent: Tom Wood

Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Stephanie Hodgson, County Administrator; Michelle Granger, County Attorney; Daniel Kuhles, Michaelah Townley, Department of Health; Michael Prezioso, Mental Health & Addiction; Sandra Cross, Office for the Aging & Youth Services.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Schopf, the minutes of the March 7, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to authorize a renewal agreement with James McGuinness & Associates Inc. for the provision of software system and support services for the processing of reimbursement claims to the State for pre-school education costs. Unanimous.**

This agreement is for \$29,000 per year.

**A motion was made by Mr. Schopf, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to authorize an agreement with Wladis Law Firm, PLLC for the provision of professional legal services. Unanimous.**

This firm is assisting the Department with the buildout of the Environmental Health division.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to authorize mileage reimbursement for Parents/Guardians who provide transportation for children attending preschool and early intervention center-based programs. Unanimous.**

The county pays a bus company \$129 per day to transport children in these programs. This resolution would authorize the county to offer mileage reimbursements to parents who drive their children to these programs. Parents driving round trip between zero and ten miles would receive \$30 per trip (\$60 per day), between ten and 35 miles would receive \$40 per trip (\$80 per day), and round trips over 35 miles would receive \$50 per trip (\$100 per day). Discussion ensued.

**A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Schopf, to amend Resolution 296-2021 authorizing amendments to Mental Health Contracts to include a State Funded Full Market Rate stipend for Supported Housing Beds and amending the 2023 County Budget. Unanimous.**

The amount of this stipend is approximately \$45,000.

**A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Lant, to proclaim May 2023 as Older Americans Month in Saratoga County. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross announced that the Senior Luncheon will be held on May 19, 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Bridget Rider  
Deputy Clerk of the Board