



# Health & Human Services Committee

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 3PM  
40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

## Minutes

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

Absent: Scott Ostrander

Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Audra Hedden, Stephanie Hodgson, Anne VanVosrt, County Administrator; Michelle Granger, County Attorney; Daniel Kuhles, Erin Murray, Rachel Maxwell, Public Health; Patrick Maxwell, Social Services; 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. Lant, seconded by Mr. Murray, the minutes of the August 1, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Lant, to authorize acceptance of the Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act (ATUPA) grant. Unanimous.**

This grant in the amount of \$67,437 is part of the expansion into Environmental Health as the Department has now taken over enforcement of the Clean Indoor Air Act.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to authorize an agreement with the New York State Department of Health for acceptance of Immunization Action Plan (IAP) grant funding. Unanimous.**

This grant is for \$593,400 over five years which will be used for assessment, outreach, and educational activities to decrease the burden of vaccine preventable diseases.

**A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to authorize acceptance of funding from the New York State Department of Health on behalf of the Mechanicville Area Community Services Center to support the New York State Public Health Corps Fellowship program. Unanimous.**

This funding in the amount of \$15,000 will be used for the administrative costs associated with building public health capacity, which will include initiatives in maternal and child health and violence prevention.

Mr. Kuhles provided an update on the Substance Use Surveillance System Dashboard results, including overdose statistics, and reported that since the launch of the dashboard in January it has received almost 40,000 views. The spectrometer has arrived from Germany and the epidemiology team are working towards becoming certified to use it. The Department of Health has taken over the temporary residence program from the State as part of the transition to a full Health Department. Discussion took place regarding the opioid settlement money prevention programs being planned.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Schopf, to approve the 2023 Annual Plan update to the 2018-2023 Saratoga County Child and Family Services Plan and authorizing necessary subcontracts to implement the plan. Unanimous.**

This approval will ratify the annual plan and extend it for an additional year. The purpose of the plan is to improve the quality and effectiveness of child and family services provided and to promote the safety and well-being of children in the child welfare system to prevent abuse and neglect.

**A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Schopf, to authorize a renewal agreement with Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth, Inc. for the operation of the Enhanced Stepping Stones Program. Unanimous.**

This agreement is for the provision of intensive family based in home case management services to at risk youth for a term commencing on October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 at a cost of \$110,880.

**A motion was made by Mr. Schopf, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to authorize the acceptance of additional 2023 funding from the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA). Unanimous.**

The additional funds are in the amount of \$343,450.

Discussion took place regarding the fall lifeguarding program.

Ms. Cross reported that the Senior picnic is to be held on Thursday, September 7, 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Bridget Rider  
Deputy Clerk of the Board