



# Health & Human Services Committee

Tuesday, October 31, 2023 3PM  
40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

## Minutes

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

Absent: Tom Richardson

Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Stephanie Hodgson, Matt Rose, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michelle Granger, Laurie Vroman, County Attorney; Daniel Kuhles, Public Health; Michael Prezioso, Mental Health & Addiction; Patrick Maxwell, Marisa Alber, Social Services; Sandra Cross, Office for the Aging & Youth Services; Richard Emery, Sheriff.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Wright, the minutes of the October 3, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mr. Murray, to authorize 2024 subcontracts pursuant to the 2024-2028 Four-Year Service Plan. Unanimous.**

The renewal contracts for in home respite care services are at a rate of \$35 per hour.

**A motion was made by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Wright, to authorize the acceptance of 2023-2024 state aid allocation from the Office of Children and Family Services for Youth Sports and Education Opportunity funding and Runaway Homeless Youth Act Programs and Services funding. Unanimous.**

The state aid for youth sports and education is in the amount of \$58,616. The aid for the runaway homeless youth programs is in the amount of \$47,363.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Schopf, to authorize an agreement with Captain Community Human Services, Inc. to provide runaway homeless youth programs and services. Unanimous.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Schopf, seconded by Mr. Lant, to authorize the acceptance of an allocation from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for the provision of shelter to the homeless during inclement winter weather and authorizing an**

**agreement with Shelters of Saratoga, Inc. for operation of the Code Blue Shelter. Unanimous.**

This aid in the amount of \$426,000.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to authorize the acceptance of a grant from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the provision of behavioral health consultant services and an extension of the agreement with ECS Psychological Services, P.C. The motion passed. Mr. Schopf abstained from voting.**

This grant is in the amount of \$70,000.

Mr. Murray left the meeting at 3:15pm.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mr. Schopf, to proclaim November 2023 as “Epilepsy Awareness Month” in Saratoga County. Unanimous.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mr. Wright, to authorize a five year contract renewal for the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer to Peer support program between the Veterans’ Service Agency and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Unanimous.**

This agreement will commence on January 1, 2024 and terminate on December 31, 2028. The program cost is \$192,400.

**A motion was made by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Lant, to authorize a five-year contract renewal for the Jail-Based Medication Assisted Treatment Program between the Sheriff’s Office and Mental Health and Addiction Services. Unanimous.**

This agreement will commence on January 1, 2024 and terminate on December 31, 2028. The program cost is \$160,000.

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

This agreement is in the amount of \$37,000.

Mr. Kuhles provided a brief update on the transition to a full service Department of Health. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Barrett reported on the success of the Chris Herren presentations.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Bridget Rider  
Deputy Clerk of the Board