

Health & Human Services Committee
February 26, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair John Peck, Legislators Allen Drake, James Nabywaniec, Robert Ferris, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Anthony Doldo, and Board Chair Scott Gray

Others Present: Legislators Michael Montigelli, and Dan McBride, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Information Technology Director and Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Gregory Hudson, Office for Aging Interim Director Louise Haraczka, Community Services Director Tim Ruetten, Public Health Director Ginger Hall, Insurance Director Lisa Jock, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Abe Kenmore, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and offered privilege of the floor.

Anita Seefried-Brown, Project Director, Alliance for Better Communities distributed materials to legislators concerning the affects of legalization of recreational marijuana. She provided an overview of a power point presentation in the materials; including statistical data from a 2018 prevention needs assessment summary for children in grades 7 - 12 that was also conducted in 2015, and 2017. It included statistics on the past 30-day marijuana use, peer disapproval, and perception of parental disapproval for drinking, smoking cigarettes, and smoking marijuana, for all three years. She further related that if marijuana is legalized there are far reaching effects on an individual that will necessitate an increased community response. The environment will also be adversely affected as growing it will increase dramatically. The affect on individuals in particular is known as there are proven outcomes from the legalization of recreational marijuana in Colorado, these include subjective as well as physiological. She said the Alliance feels the legislation to legalize marijuana is moving too fast and there needs to be much more research and education done prior to legalization.

The Committee approved the minutes of the January Committee meeting, as written.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution amending the 2019 County Budget to reappropriate DSRIP funding for the Office for the Aging and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Ferris and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution amending the 2019 County Budget to reappropriate funds and accepting additional 2019 funding for Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Fitzpatrick seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution amending the 2019 County Budget to reappropriate federal medicaid administration reimbursement for the Community Services Department and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

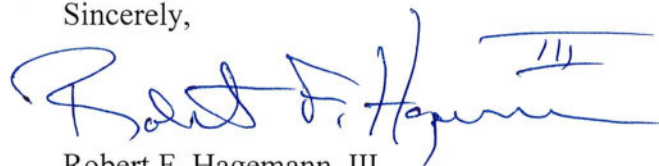
Chairman Peck introduced a resolution amending the 2019 County Budget to reappropriate DSRIP funding for Community Services Department and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Fitzpatrick seconded by Legislator Doldo and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution authorizing funding in connection with NYSDOH local health department performance incentive initiative and amending the 2019 County Budget in relation thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution authorizing the commencement of litigation by Jefferson County for the purpose of recovering costs associated with the provision of public benefits and services associated with opioid abuse and opioid addicted individuals and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented with Legislator Ferris opposed.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the name.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board