

**Health & Human Services Committee**  
**March 29, 2022**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Committee Chair Anthony Doldo, Legislators Philip Reed, John Peck, Jeremiah Maxon, Frances Calarco, Board Chair William Johnson

**Others Present:** Legislators Robert Cantwell, Michael Montigelli, Daniel McBride, James Nabywaniec, Patrick Jareo, Robert Ferris and Scott Gray, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Office for the Aging Director Kathleen Kazakoff, Community Services Director Timothy Ruetten, Public Health Director Ginger Hall, DSS Commissioner Teresa Gaffney, Veterans Service Agency Director David Pavey, Veterans Service Agency employee Tiffany Randall, Real Property Tax Services Director Roxanne Burns, JCIDA Executive Director David Zembiec, JCIDA Deputy Chief Executive Officer Marshall Weir, YMCA Chief Executive Officer Denise Young, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

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

Sheila Barney-Pullus, Watertown American Legion and Office for the Aging Respite Haven Group provided a wreath of hand made poppies to the Board members. She said the Respite Haven Group serves mild dementia patients and they hand made the poppies and felt it was appropriate to present them to legislators not because of their military service, but because they provide a valuable service to the community.

The Committee approved the February meeting minutes, as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending Agreement for Provision of Consumer Directed In-Home Services by Western New York Independent Living, Inc. and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed seconded by Legislator Maxon and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Accepting New York State Office for the Aging Funds to Expand Access to COVID-19 Vaccines and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Calarco and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending Agreement for Provision of Transportation Services for the Elderly by The Volunteer Transportation Center of Jefferson County and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator

Maxon seconded by Legislator Reed and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Accepting New York State Office for the Aging Consolidated Appropriations Act Funding and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Calarco and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Accepting New York State Office for the Aging American Rescue Plan Funding, Establishing an Aging Specialist Position and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco and seconded by Legislator Reed. In response to questions Administrator Hagemann advised that the position would be maintained, if warranted, after the grant funding is exhausted. The Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Accepting Funding from American Rescue Plan and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Calarco and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements with NYS Department of Education Approved Agencies for the Provision of Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Reed and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements and Establishing Rates for Provision of Related Services in Connection with the Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Calarco and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

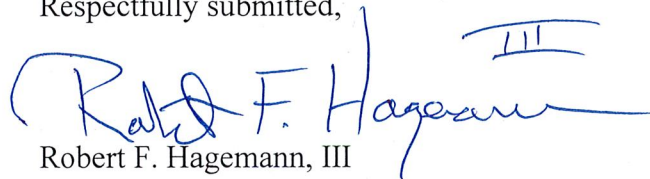
Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Credo Community Center for the Treatment of Addictions and Authorizing Amended Agreements in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Calarco and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Accepting Funding and Authorizing an Agreement in Connection With Childhood Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed seconded by Legislator Maxon and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Legislator Calarco informed legislators of a provision included in the New York State Health Article 7 Budget Bill that would have an impact on the Department of Social Services budget. She said the language in the bill would eliminate Medicaid exclusions for funeral/burial expenses, resulting in those expenses likely falling on the shoulders of the County through the Department of Social Services for those who would have otherwise pre-paid them. She has already contacted Senator Ritchie and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk for their support in taking out the language contained in the bill that would eliminate the Medicaid exclusion and encouraged legislators to do the same. She said time is of the essence as the budget is due to be passed by this Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Calarco and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "H". Above the name, the Roman numeral "III" is written and underlined.

Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board