

Health & Human Services Committee
August 27, 2024
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Anthony Doldo, Legislators Robert Cantwell, Tina Bartlett-Bearup, Christopher Boulio, Frances Calarco, Corey Grant, and Board Chair William Johnson

Others Present: Legislators Philip Reed, Michael Montigelli, Daniel McBride, James Nabywaniec, Patrick Jareo, Interim County Administrator Dylan Soper, County Attorney David Paulsen, Deputy County Attorney John Sabik, Confidential Assistant for Fiscal Affairs Ashley Durham, Office for Aging Director Bethany Munn, Community Services Director Tim Ruetten, Public Health Director Steve Jennings, DSS Commissioner Karen Marcum, Veterans Services Director Dave Pavey, Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Purchasing Director Michael Bagley, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Doldo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Barbara Morrow, Executive Director, Paynter Senior Center and Deb Doyle, Watertown Senior Center updated the Committee concerning the wide variety of classes, activities, and events and that are offered at their respective Centers, and how much community members enjoy participating in them. Senior citizens Lauren, Linda, Colleen, Barb, Barb (by letter), and Dave provided testimonial as to how either the Paynter Center or Watertown Center has helped them be more active and engage with other people and in so doing it has enriched their lives and improved their overall health. Office for the Aging Director Bethany Munn advised that the Paynter Center is on Strawberry Lane, Clayton and the Watertown Center is on Polk Street in the Marcy Building – 2nd floor, Watertown and the calendar of events for both centers are available online, and in the OFA newsletter on the OFA website. Legislator Cantwell complimented OFA Director Munn as she has hit the ground running and helped to open the Watertown Center. He also complimented Paynter Center Director Morrow and Activity Director Sandy Randazzo for their outstanding work at the Paynter Center.

Chairman Doldo offered privilege of the floor, however no one presented wished to speak. The Committee approved the minutes of the July meeting as written.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2024 County Budget Relative to Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program and Respite Care and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup and there being no debate the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association Inc. in Relation to Respite Services through the Office for the Aging. Administrator Soper said a revised resolution was on legislators desks for

consideration; the main difference being removal of the budget amendment as details need to be worked out and that piece will come forward next month. A motion for consideration was duly made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no debate the Committee agreed to sponsor the revised resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Associates for Training and Development (A4TD) for Senior Community Services Employment Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no debate the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2024 County Budget Relative to Public Health Medical Examiner Accounts and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no debate the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending 2023/24 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with the NYS Office of Children & Family Services and Authorizing Amended Contractual Youth Program Agreements in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Boulio seconded by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup and there being no debate the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo thanked County Attorney David Paulsen for his dedication to the County as this is the last Health & Human Services Committee meeting before he retires.

Chairman Doldo said a letter will be going out very soon to the New York State Office of Mental Health asking for information on the Court commitments that we have been holding payment on, and inviting them to come and make a presentation if they so choose.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Grant and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dylan M. Soper
Clerk of the Board