

**Health & Human Services Committee**  
**February 20, 2024**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Committee Chair Anthony Doldo, Legislators Tina Bartlett-Bearup, John Peck, Christopher Boulio, Frances Calarco, Corey Grant, Board Chair William Johnson

**Others Present:** Legislators Philip Reed, Michael Montigelli, Daniel McBride, Patrick Jareo, and Steel Potter, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Ashley Durham, Office for Aging Director Bethany Munn, Community Services Director Timothy Ruetten, Public Health Director Steve Jennings, Veterans Director David Pavey, Planning Director Michael Bourcy, WWNYS TV Reporter Sandra Torres, Secretary Torri Richmire

Chairman Doldo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Committee approved the minutes of the January meeting as written.

Chairman Doldo offered Privilege of the Floor, Debbie Doyle, Watertown, NY, invited Legislators to visit the Watertown Senior Center's Open House to be held on February 29<sup>th</sup> from 12-3 p.m. on the second floor of the Marcy Building, 245 State Street, Watertown, NY. She stated that this is not a respite, it is for individuals 50+ that would like to be active in our community.

Anita Seefried-Brown, Alliance for Better Communities Project Director, reviewed the 2023 Countywide Prevention Needs Assessment survey taken by 4,554 students in grades 7-12 in eleven Jefferson County School Districts. She reported that compared to data received in 2018 and 2022 there has been a decrease in alcohol and e-cigarette use. There is a decrease in marijuana use in grades 9-12 and a slight increase in grades 7 and 8. The survey results found that many students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade felt depressed or sad most days and approximately 42% in grades 7-12 felt lonely. They also reported that 3-4 hours are spent online for something other than schoolwork across all grades. Ms. Seefried-Brown advised that last year's numbers were so alarming that a Youth Coalition was created consisting of Jefferson County Community Services, Public Health and Alliance for Better Communities addressing the matter in all eleven school districts.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to the Office for the Aging and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with Blooming Health for Remote Communication Services for Office for the Aging and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Peck and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Appointing and ReAppointing Members to the Jefferson County Long Term Care Advisory Council and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Appointing and ReAppointing Members to the Office for the Aging Advisory Council and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Peck and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2024 County Budget Relative to Community Services Department and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2024 County Budget Relative to Community Services Department State Aid and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Peck and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Appointing Members to the Community Services Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with NYS Department of Education Approved Agency 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 Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Calarco and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement 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 Peck seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

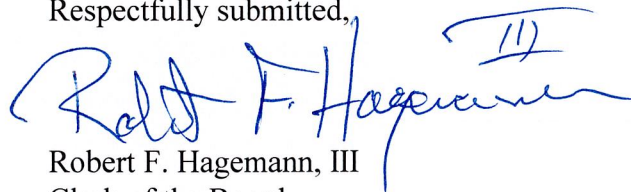
Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Re-Appointing Member to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Calarco and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Appointing Member to Jefferson County Public Health Service Professional Advisory Committee and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Accepting Climate and Health Adaptation Funding, Authorizing Agreement and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 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, stylized "R" and "H". Above the signature, there is a small, handwritten number "11" enclosed in a simple rectangular box.

Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board