

Health & Human Services Committee
January 30, 2024
Minutes

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

Others Present: Legislators Michael Montigelli, Daniel McBride, Patrick Jareo, Robert Ferris, 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, DSS Commissioner Karen Marcum, Deputy Commissioner/Youth Bureau Director Tara Altieri, Human Resources Director Valerie Nugent, Insurance Director Matthew Roy, Purchasing Agent Michael Bagley, Probation Officer/Youth Bureau Advisory Board Joseph Wargo, Representatives of the Media, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

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

Deputy DSS Commissioner/Youth Bureau Director Tara Altieri and Youth Advisory Board President Joseph Wargo provided an overview of the responsibilities of the Youth Bureau and what they provide to the youth of the community. Ms. Altieri said Youth Bureaus are created by counties, cities, towns, and villages with a total population of 20,000 or more and their goal is to promote the well being and positive development of youth. She said the Youth Bureau currently has three funding streams from New York State: Youth Development, Youth Sports and Education Opportunity, and Youth Team Sports, and they also have a Youth Advisory Board that has multiple duties and responsibilities. The Youth Advisory Board consists of 19 members who serve 3 year terms, 14 members are from various areas of the County and youth serving agencies, and the other 5 are youth members.

Mr. Wargo related that the Youth Advisory Board has a number of standing committees that have a variety of responsibilities from annual recognition of 3 youth and 3 adults in the community, reviewing the Requests for Proposals that come in from the different youth programs in the County, recommending allocations of funding, increasing opportunities for youth programs, monitoring the programs following funding allocations, and recruitment for Youth Board members.

Chairman Doldo offered Privilege of the Floor, however no one present wished to address the Committee.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements for Provision of Personal Care Services to Elderly of Jefferson County and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement for Provision of Personal Chores Services and Home Modification Funding with Community Action Planning Council and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Grant seconded by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement for Provision of Personal Emergency Response Systems Funding with the Henry Keep Home and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement for Provision of Legal Services for the Elderly of Jefferson County and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Grant seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements for Provision of Transportation Services to Elderly of Jefferson County 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 Amending the 2024 County Budget to Reappropriate Opioid Settlement Funds 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 Amending the 2024 County Budget to Reappropriate Funds for Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Funding in Connection with NYSDOH Local Health Department Performance Incentive Initiative and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Extending Funding Period for Community Medicine and Paramedicine Programs and Authorizing Agreement in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Amended Agreement with the Home Care Association of New York State and Iroquois Healthcare Association Related to Additional Funding for the Community Medicine and Paramedicine Programs and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Accepting Donation for Jefferson County Public Health Service 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 Accepting Donation on Behalf of the Department of Social Services and Amending the 2024 County Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing 2023/24 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with the NYS Office of Children & Family Services and Authorizing Contractual Youth Team Sports Program Agreements 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.

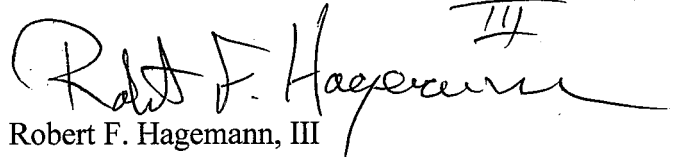
With regard to the draft resolution regarding indigent burials that was sent out separate from the agenda, and a revised version that was on legislators desks, Chairman Doldo said that further amendments are needed and it is a work in progress. He outlined each component and its costs referenced in the resolution on legislators desks. Legislators discussed cemetery fees being directly billed (which has always been the case), what charges have sales tax included, insulating costs for the County on these burials, what the County's obligations are with indigent burials, the costs included under professional services and what are extra, as well as supplemental costs the family can cover to have certain services outside of what is covered under indigent burial. Chairman Doldo again indicated this is work in progress and he hoped to have a final version of the resolution done by next week for the full Board to address at the February meeting.

Chairman Doldo asked questions of DSS Commissioner Marcum related to the newsletter that is distributed among DSS employees; the number of people staying at the Salvation Army Warming Center for the last few weeks, what is done if the Warming Center is full; and other issues noted on the DSS Child Welfare Division Operational Analysis Action Plan.

Administrator Hagemann related that a status update on the Operational Analysis Action Plan items is done on a quarterly basis. DSS Commissioner Marcum answered questions related to the newsletter, said the Salvation Army Warming Center's 20 beds have been full and any overflow is given a voucher for a hotel room for the night. She asked Chairman Doldo to email her his other questions so she could address them.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Cantwell and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". Above the signature, the number "14" is written and underlined.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board