

Health & Human Services Committee
December 2, 2025
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Anthony Doldo, Tina Bartlett-Bearup, Karen Freeman, Christopher Boulio, Frances Calarco, Corey Grant, Board Chair William Johnson

Others Present: Legislators Philip Reed, Michael Montigelli, James Nabywaniec, Robert Ferris, Steel Potter, County Administrator Ryan Piche, Deputy Administrator Dylan Soper, County Attorney John Sabik, Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Kristy O’Shaughnessy, Office for the Aging Director Bethany Munn, Community Services Director Tim Ruetten, Public Health Director Steve Jennings, Social Services Commissioner Karen Marcum, Deputy Commissioner of Social Services Nicholle Lacey, Sheriff Peter Barnett, County Auditor Stefanie LaPier, Human Resources Director Valerie Nugent, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones, Confidential Secretary Jaimie Lee

Chairman Doldo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and offered Privilege of the Floor, however no one present wished to speak. The Committee approved the minutes of the October meeting as written. Chairman Doldo recognized that the recent food drive through the Department of Social Services was a great success and thanked those that donated their time and/or goods.

County Administrator Ryan Piche and Deputy County Administrator Dylan Soper gave an update on the status of the legislative goals of the Health and Human Services Committee, reporting an 88% success rate for its 2025 goals. Significant progress was made in public safety and welfare, including the launch of a 24/7 bi-county mobile crisis line and the investment of over \$1 million toward homeless initiatives. While the department successfully reduced Child Protective Services (CPS) workloads and case lengths, several long-term projects like the Human Services Building security upgrades and a comprehensive housing needs analysis are on schedule to continue into 2026.

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

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Accepting Supplemental Unmet Needs Funding through Office for the Aging and Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation Thereto 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 an Agreement with Coordinated Care Services Inc. for the Provision of Specialized Financial Management Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup, seconded by Legislator Boulio, and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2025 County Budget Relative to Community Services Preschool Program and Medicaid Billing Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Boulio, seconded by Legislator Freeman, and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement for the Provision of Services Relative to Opioid Settlement Funds Regional Abatement and Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Grant, seconded by Legislator Boulio, and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2025 County Budget Relative to Vaccines and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Freeman, seconded by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup, and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Legislators also received a Strategic Plan Update from the Public Health Department regarding accreditation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Piche". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ryan Piche
Clerk of the Board