

**Health & Human Services Committee**  
**June 24, 2025**  
**Minutes**

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

**Others Present:** Legislators Philip Reed, Michael Montigelli, Daniel McBride, Patrick Jareo, Robert Ferris, Steel Potter, County Administrator Ryan Piche, Deputy Administrator Dylan Soper, County Attorney John Sabik, Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Kristy O'Shaughnessy, Community Services Director Tim Ruetten, Public Health Director Steve Jennings, Veterans Service Agency Dave Pavey, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones, Confidential Secretary Jaimie Lee

Chairman Doldo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Committee approved the minutes of the May meeting as written. Chairman Doldo offered Privilege of the Floor however no one present wished to speak.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with THRIVE Wellness and Recovery, Inc. and Amending the 2025 County Budget 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 debate, 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 Medicaid Billing Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Boulio and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements with New York State Department of Education Approved Agencies for the Provision of Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities for the Period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Boulio 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 2025 County Budget Relative to Public Health Department Staffing and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Freeman seconded by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2025 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue from New York State Office of Children and Family Services for Adoption and Legal Guardianship Incentive Funds and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion

was duly made by Legislator Boullo seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Supporting the Reauthorization of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Currently Eliminated in the Presidential Budget That Supports Low Income Families in Jefferson County through the Community Action Planning Council and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

County Administrator Piche reported that Jefferson County will be submitting the titles of Social Welfare Examiner and Caseworker for approval to the NY HELP (New York Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Statewide) program. The Program waives the requirement for civil service exams for specific titles allowing agencies to quickly fill critical positions in order to address staffing shortages and facilitate the appointment of qualified permanent employees. Administrator Piche said he will let legislators know when we hear back from the State.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Grant seconded by Legislator Boullo and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Piche". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ryan" and last name "Piche" clearly distinguishable.

Ryan Piche  
Clerk of the Board