

Health & Human Services Committee Minutes

August 25, 2026

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

Others Present: Legislators Michael Montigelli, Daniel McBride, James Nabywaniec, Patrick Jareo, Steel Potter, County Administrator Ryan Piche, Deputy Administrator Dylan Soper, County Attorney John Sabik, Office for the Aging Director Bethany Munn, Office for the Aging Deputy Director Pat Fralick, Community Services Director Tim Ruetten, Public Health Director Steve Jennings, Social Services Commissioner Karen Marcum, Veterans Service Agency Dave Pavey, County Auditor Stefanie LaPier, Human Resources Director Valerie Nugent, H.R. Associate Alesa Maguire, H.R. Specialist Valerie Vallone, H.R. Assistants Karrie Countryman and Jacqueline Gallar, Information Technology Director Sean Vincent, Insurance Director Matt Roy, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

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 July meeting as written.

Lindsay Baldwin, (CFO, FDRHPO) and Michelle Monnat, (CEO, CHJC) updated the Committee on the bi-county Mobile Crisis Program (MCP), which launched on July 2, 2025 around the framework of “someone to call, someone to respond and somewhere to go”, and replaced the former Crisis Outreach Program. Supported by a Daniel’s Law Pilot Program grant, MCP uses a health-led, trauma-informed approach to mental health crises that involves a response by the Mobile Crisis Team as the primary first responder, and law enforcement involvement is reserved for safety concerned, voluntary transport, pick-up orders or when necessary. Key expansion goals include proactive hotspot deployment, additional clinicians, expanded school presence, and a peer-driven feedback council. Long term sustainability and strengthening of the program is centered around: increased community awareness; monitoring outcomes and accountability through monthly performance data evaluation and quality improvement. Continued grant funding and County investment remain essential to sustain the program, expand access to community-based care and divert behavioral health crises from emergency departments and 911 thereby improving outcomes for individuals in crisis. They recounted success stories with positive outcomes for the program.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with TipCo Automated Systems, LLC for Implementation of EVA AI-Powered Caseworker Assistant for the Office for the Aging and Amending 2026 County Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Calarco and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2026 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Community Services Programs and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Boullo seconded by Legislator Freeman and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Boullo and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 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