

Human Services Committee

March 21, 2018, 5:15 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Wilfong, Whitford, O'Connell, Pavlock

Member Absent: Rankin

Others: Tampio, Ames, Abdella, K. Harvey, Crow, Dennison, Lis, Schuyler, Himelein, Chagnon

Vice Chair Wilfong called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (2/21/18)

MOVED by Legislator Whitford, SECONDED by Legislator O'Connell.

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

Proposed Local Law Intro 5-18- A Local Law Declaring the Opioid Epidemic and its Effects On Chautauqua County a Public Nuisance and Further Establishing A Cost Recovery Procedure for the County's Expenditures Incurred in Providing Services Related to the Opioid Epidemic

Mr. Abdella: As you'll recall the County did authorize proceeding with litigation against the pharmaceutical manufacturers who manufactured opioids and marketed them in certain harmful ways and we retained outside counsel, as did many other counties in New York State to proceed with that litigation. They have advised us and recommended to bolster our ongoing action that we and the other counties adopt this local law that provides for a cost recovery procedure relating to our expenditures incurred in providing services related to the opioid epidemic. So, that really is the purpose to create a structure to assist us in obtaining damages through that litigation.

Vice Chair Wilfong: Alright, thank you. Any questions? All those in favor of this proposed local law? Any opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Confirm Appointment - Chautauqua County Health Board

Vice Chair Wilfong: Ok, this is the confirmation of appointment of Legislator Elisabeth Rankin to the Chautauqua County Board of Health. Any questions? Those of us voting in favor of this, say aye. Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- To Approve New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation Agreement for Septic System Replacement Program

Vice Chair Wilfong: Christine has actually asked for this to be tabled. They are actually going to do a little more work on this. They are going to try to table it in Audit and Control tomorrow morning also. So if I could just ask that we table that for now. Motion to table?

Legislator Whitford: MOTIONED to table.

Legislator Pavlock: SECONDED the Motion.

Vice Chair Wilfong: All those in favor? Aye? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried to Table the Proposed Resolution

Proposed Resolution – Accept National Association of County and City Health Officials Grant For Strengthening Rural Local Health Department Capacity to Address Social Determinants of Health

Ms. Schuyler: Thank you for passing the resolution for Mrs. Rankin. She is not here tonight, but the Legislature is required to have a member of the Legislature on the County Board of Health and we have been without one since Mr. Tarbrake left his seat. We've been waiting for someone to be recommended and appointed. Thank you for that.

Ms. Lis: Ok, this one, as it says, is a grant from the National Association of County and City Health Official's for Strengthening Rural Local Health Department Capacity to Address Social Determinants of Health. It is for \$15,000. We did not budget for this grant, so we are budgeting for the revenue and we are budgeting for the expenses that go with it. You'll see that we are also in the end, we are (*inaudible*) to decrease the use of Fund Balance because the wages that are going to be applicable to this grant were already budgeted because you budget them by person and we are not adding any people. So, about \$3,800 is the difference. That's the wage portion- wage in fringe- that is now going to be under the grant rather than under State Aid.

Ms. Schuyler: This is a national award, it was competitive, so it was actually very cool that we were able to get it. Our Junior Planner wrote the grant and it is mainly for technical assistance for our Health Department to join other health departments and best practices of how to address social determinance of health. Those of you that don't know what that means, those

are things such as poverty, transportation, housing, teen pregnancy, substance abuse. All of those things that have a direct impact on somebody's health and wellbeing that need to be addressed. If you look around our Community, we absolutely need to address the social determinance of health. We are looking forward to getting this advanced training and technical assistance and getting funded to do it.

Vice Chair Wilfong: Sounds great. Any questions? All those in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Accept Univera Grant for Expanding Lead Poisoning Prevention in Chautauqua County

Ms. Schuyler: This grant also was not in our 2018 because we didn't know about it at the time we prepared the budget. Once again, my staff was able to write a grant to Univera and Univera Healthcare is very supportive of our efforts to reduce childhood lead prevention in the County. We will be working in conjunction with many more of the primary care providers and pediatricians in the County. To get lead testing machines in their offices so they will be able to do point of care testing on children within their offices instead of giving them lab slips. It will increase compliance with testing and hopefully help us identify children earlier on to prevent the lifelong impacts that are related to lead poisoning.

Ms. Lis: Once again, we have the issue where we are going to use the same people that we already had budgeted for. So, we have a decrease in the Fund Balance for the Department as a whole because we brought in that much revenue, but yet, we are not budgeting for that much more expense.

Vice Chair Wilfong: Ok, that sounds good. Any questions? All in favor of accepting this? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Agreements for Early Intervention and Preschool Programs

Ms. Lis: This is the third iteration. If you look, we had a resolution in 2003 and another one in 2006. Just to say that we will do early intervention and the County Executive is authorized to sign different documentation for that. What we have now, is we need to- it's an agreement that we will spearhead the early intervention.

Ms. Schuyler: Every municipality- every county is mandated to do early intervention program and we either have to provide the services our self or be able to find providers to prove the service. We used to have to contract directly as a County with every provider of early intervention services, meaning all the physical therapists, all the speech therapists, occupational therapists, nurses, anybody. Now, the state contracts directly with those providers. We have not been successful in this County at getting anyone in the community willing to do what we call

early intervention service coordination. So we, ourselves, as a county employer are the service coordinators. We now have to have a contract with the State Health Department in order to do service coordination, which they tell us we have to do.

Ms. Lis: Right. That type of contract wasn't really covered in the wording of the other resolutions, so we just had to add it in.

Ms. Schuyler: Tidying things up so that the County Executive is able to sign the contract with the State Health Department in order for us to continue to provide the early intervention services. We also, through this, covers us with preschool special education, which is another mandated service.

Vice Chair Wilfong: Ok, any questions? All in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Other

Vice Chair Wilfong: Is there anyone here to speak to the "Other" portion of this meeting?

MOVED by Legislator Whitford, SECONDED by Legislator Pavlock to adjourn.

Unanimously Carried (5:27 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
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