

Present: Committee Legislators Torrey, Hawley, Dibble and Deleo. Also in attendance Legislators Stein, Clattenburg, Klotzbach, Maha and Yunker. County Manager Matt Landers, Deputy County Manager Tammi Ferringer, Clerk of the Legislature Lisa Casey, County Attorney Mark Boylan, Office for the Aging Director Diana Fox, Mental Health Services Deputy Director Peter Mittiga, Public Health Director Paul Pettit, and Commissioner of Social Services Carla Mindler. Brian Quinn of the Batavia Daily News and Joanne Beck of the Batavian also attended.

The meeting was opened on January 16, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Meeting location was at 7 Main Street, Old Court House in Batavia, New York. In the Legislative Conference Room.

Minutes of the December 4, 2023 Human Services Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hawley.

Mental Health Services Deputy Director Peter Mittiga requested an amendment to the 2023 WNY Heroes budget. These additional funds are the result of a 4% increase of 2023 State funds. Deputy Director Mittiga recommended for Legislature to amend the 2023 contract for WNY Heroes, Inc. and requested authorization to amend the 2023 Genesee County Budget by Increasing Expense Contracted Other by \$3,200.00 and Increasing Revenue State Aid Mental Health by \$3,200.00. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Office for the Aging Director Diana Fox presented the necessary documents to enter into a Master Service Agreement with Western New York Integrated Care Collaborative (WNYICC) Inc., a New York not-for-profit corporation. Director Fox recommended Legislature to allow the Genesee County Attorney to execute the necessary document to name Western New York Integrated Care Collaborative (WNYICC) Inc., 742 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14209 as additional insured in the amount of at least one million dollars. Director Fox also recommended that Legislature to approve the addendum document to provide in-home, post-acute discharge meal delivery for up to 28 meals for 14 calendar days for the period of January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024. Standard”: delivery of (2) fresh meals for \$26.00, “Alternate Standard”: delivery of frozen, blast chilled, or shelf-stable meal, \$26.50 for (2) meals, “Standard Modified”: delivery of (2) fresh meals for \$21.00, “Alternate Modified”: delivery of frozen, blast chilled, or shelf-stable meal for \$21.50 for (2) meals. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit presented a contract for the provision of related services (speech & occupational therapies) to eligible children in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program. Director Pettit recommended that Legislature approve the contract with Cornerstone Occupational and Speech Therapy Services, having its principal location of business at 4 Flint Avenue, Akron, NY 14001, for the provision of Related Services (SP & OT) in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program (PSSHSP), retroactively, to January 2, 2024 through June 30, 2025 per the 2024-2025 PSSHSP rate schedule. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit presented a contract renewal for the provision of UMMC Clinical Laboratory and Medical Treatment Services. Director Pettit recommended that Legislature agree to sign the necessary documents to renew a contract with United Memorial Medical Center, 127 North Street, Batavia, New York 14020, to provide Clinical Laboratory and

Medical Treatment Services, retroactively, for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit received notification from the New York State Department of Health and Health Research, Inc. that Genesee County's Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program has been awarded in the amount of \$52,099. Director Pettit recommended that Legislature approve the agreement with Health Research, Inc., at 150 Broadway, Suite 560, Menands, New York 12204, for the acceptance of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness contract, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$52,099, and to execute any and all other documentation related to this funding. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit presented a contract for the provision of related services (PT) to eligible children in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program. Director Pettit recommended that Legislature accept a contract with Mary Kathryn White, having its principal location of business at 6793 Club Road, Perry, NY 14530, for the provision of Related Services in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program (PSSHSP), retroactively, to January 2, 2024 through June 30, 2025 per the 2024-2025 PSSHSP rate schedule. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit reported Genesee County is mandated to provide and pay for related services for the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program. Genesee County Public Health Department compared related service rates to neighboring counties and due to a lack of service providers for qualifying children needing related services in the Preschool Supportive Health, Director Pettit is seeking to increase related service rates to attract new service providers and to keep our current service providers. Director Pettit recommended that Legislature agree to execute Addendum A of the contract to include increased rates for individual related services from \$57 to \$58 and for group related services from \$29 to \$35, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Reimbursement at 59.5% from NYS Department of Health. The Genesee County Public Health Department is responsible for 40.5% of which we receive some Medicaid reimbursement. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Commissioner of Social Services Carla Mindler purchased a washer and dryer for S.T.E.P. in December 2022 for use at the Robert Morris location and have since moved to a new location in December 2023 and the washer and dryer are no longer needed because there are laundry facilities at the new location. Batavia City School District has agreed to purchase the washer and dryers for their own use. Commissioner Mindler recommended that Legislature allow the Purchasing Director to dispose of the surplus washer and dryer through a sale to the Batavia City School District in the amount of \$400 per item totaling \$800. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Commissioner of Social Services Carla Mindler reported the Youth Advisory Board received an application for a board vacancy. An application was received from Christopher Suozzi, VP of Business and Workforce Development for the GCEDC, with an interest and desire to be appointed

as an At-Large representative. Commissioner Mindler recommended that Legislature appoint the following individual to the Genesee County Youth Advisory Board with a term of 3 years: 2/1/2024 – 1/31/2027. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers presented a travel out of State request from Emily Penrose from the Health Department to travel to Atlanta, GA for a 2024 National Forum on Overdose Fatality Review for a grant funded total cost of \$1,229. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Clerk of the Legislature Lisa Casey announced the next Human Services Committee Meeting will be on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

A motion to adjourn Human Services meeting at 4:45 p.m. by Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried.