

Health & Human Services Committee
January 31, 2023
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Anthony Doldo, Legislators John Peck, Jeremiah Maxon, Frances Calarco, Corey Grant and Board Chair William Johnson

Others Present: Legislators Daniel McBride, Patrick Jareo and Robert Ferris, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Office for the Aging Deputy Director Louise Harackza, Public Health Fiscal Director Burt Burnham, DSS Commissioner Teresa Gaffney, DSS Deputy Commissioner Karen Marcum, Veterans Service Agency Director David Pavey, Assistant District Attorney Nolan Pitkin, 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 December Committee meeting as written.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Re-Appointing Members to the Office for the Aging Advisory Council and entertained a motion for consideration. Chairman Doldo advised that Gail Marsh did not wish to be reappointed so the resolution the Committee would be considering will not include her. A motion was duly made by Legislator Grant seconded by Legislator Peck and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2023 County Budget to Reappropriate Funds for Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2023 County Budget Relative to Community Services Department State Aid and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Peck and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation to Community Services Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities 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 Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to Community Services – Early Intervention and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2023 County Budget and Authorizing Amended Agreement in Relation to New York State Public Health Corps Fellowship Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Peck and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2023 County Budget and Authorizing Amended Agreement in Relation to Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Reopening Schools Grant Award and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck and seconded by Legislator Calarco. In response to questions Mr. Hagemann advised that this grant is a renewal from the State for Covid-19 testing in schools. He suspected the program would end in July, 2023, but didn't know if it would be affected by the recent announcement that federal funding for Covid-19 programming will end in May, 2023. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Accepting Funding in Connection with NYSDOH Local Health Department Performance Incentive Initiative and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck and seconded by Legislator Calarco. Legislator Maxon said Public Health does a great job and we will take the State's money, but wondered at what point the Covid-19 emergency ends as everyone knows what Covid-19 is and as of January, 2023 anyone that wants to get the vaccine has done so by now. Legislator Peck pointed out that there is most likely a lag in funding and we may see future resolutions like this. Mr. Hagemann advised that the funding is a result of Public Health being recognized for doing a great job marketing for Covid-19. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Amended Agreement with Netsmart for Hosting Service in Relation to Electronic Visit Verification System and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement and Amended Agreement for Provision of Certain Professional Services to the Medical Examiner's Office and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

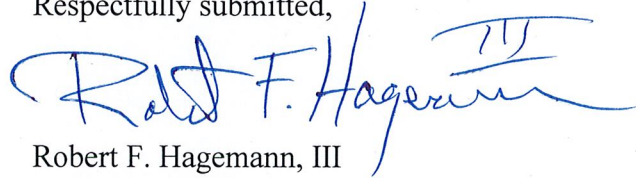
Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing 2023 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with the NYS Office of Children & Family Services and Authorizing Contractual Youth Program Agreements and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2023 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Peck and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Legislator Peck suggested pursuing a cooperative arrangement with a neighboring County for the vacant Office for Aging Director position. Administrator Hagemann related that it was considered, however due to the complexity of the programs and funding it would present significant challenges and is unfortunately not a viable alternative at this time.

There being no further business before the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Calarco and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R" and "H".

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board