

Members Attending: Mr. Burke, ~~Ms. Curran~~, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Hull, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Terminelli, and **Mr. Webster**

Due to extenuating circumstances, Legislator Sheridan will attend remotely from 2098 Seminole Blvd, Largo, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Webster called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Mr. Denesha moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Curran, Gennett).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Denesha moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2025, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Curran, Gennett).

3. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

A. Modifying the 2025 Budget for an Extension to a Workforce Grant from the New York State Office of Mental Health in Community Services – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Curran, Gennett).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. for the Preparation of the 2024 Consolidated Fiscal Report – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Curran, Gennett).

Mr. Gennett arrived to the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

C. Modifying the 2025 Budget for Community Services for Two (2) Court-Based Mental Health Navigators Awarded by New York State Office of Mental Health for St. Lawrence County – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Curran).

D. Authorization to Create and Fill Two (2) Case Manager Positions for the New York State Office of Mental Health Court Navigator Program in Community Services – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Curran).

E. Community Services Clinic Updates (Info) – Jay Ulrich

4. PUBLIC HEALTH – ERIN STREIFF

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Intent to Participate in the New York State Department of Health Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Curran).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract for Public Health and Community Services with Healthy Alliance Foundation, Inc. for Referrals in the Social Care Network – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Curran).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts for Services for the Preschool Special Education Program in the Public Health Department and Approval of Rates Related to Services for the Preschool Special Education Program – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagan, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Curran).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension with First Student, Inc. for Preschool Special Education Transportation Services – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Curran).

E. Rabies Specimen Preparation Update (Info) – Erin Streiff

5. SOCIAL SERVICES – JOE SEEBER

A. Modifying the 2025 Budget for Social Services for the Shelter Arrears Eviction Foreclosure Program – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Curran).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Agreement with Patti Farley-Spilman for Space in the Village of Gouverneur at 99 West Main Street – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Curran).

C. Monthly Statistics: Children's Services Update (Info) – Joe Seeber

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no old/new business.

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE:

Ms. Doyle gave an update on the new process for filling vacancies in the County. She is planning to give quarterly updates on vacancies to the Board and the annual update in August. There around 155-165 positions filled per year, and the County usually has about 9% - 10% vacant positions at any time. At the beginning of March, the County was at 7% vacancies.

Last week, Ms. Doyle went with Commissioner Seeber to a meeting of the superintendents of schools. Mr. Seeber spoke to the training that occurs pertaining to situations in schools. Ms. Doyle shared County updates and encouraged schools to visit the County government buildings for field trips.

Ms. Doyle and Legislator Lightfoot serve on the Board of Directors for Advocate Drum and they recently had a meeting. They are holding Fort Drum day in May in Albany. There may be an opportunity for partnership between Advocate Drum and our Veteran's Services Committee.

Ms. Doyle thanked the Board for supporting a satellite office for Social Services in Gouverneur. This will help as offices move locations in anticipation of construction on the first floor of the Courthouse.

The lease at United Helpers in Ogdensburg will come up in September.

Steve Button was recognized by the Chair to give an update regarding Correction Officers (CO). The Office of the County Attorney has helped thirty-six (36) COs from various counties who reached out seeking advice related to termination during the strike while they were on Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave. All COs were referred to a firm that is handling these termination cases.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Board of Health (Curran) – Mr. Forsythe

B. CDP Board of Directors (Burke) – Mr. Burke

C. Community Services Board (Haggard) – No report

D. Office for the Aging Advisory Board (Denesha) – Mr. Denesha

E. Youth Advisory Board (Terminelli) – Ms. Terminelli

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 6:55 p.m., to discuss negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Curran).

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fay moved to go to Open Session at 7:36 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Curran).

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Webster moved to adjourn the Services Committee Meeting at 7:37 p.m., as there was no further business.