

Minutes

Human Services Committee

**June 17, 2020, 5:00 pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Pavlock, Whitford, Whitney, Lawton, Rankin

Others: Tampio, Ames, Dennison, Luca-Connelly, Schulyer, Anderson, Spanos, DeAngelo, Chagnon

Chairman Pavlock called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (05/20/20)

MOVED by Legislator Whitford, SECONDED by Legislator Whitney

*Unanimously Carried*

Privilege of the Floor

No one to speak.

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Proposed Motion - Calling on the State of New York to Release Enhanced Federal Medicaid Matching Funds to Counties and New York City

Mrs. Schulyer: I believe that – (*inaudible*) if Chairman Chagnon is on or not. I was involved with this but I could speak to it a little bit to tell you that the counties in general in New York State have not been receiving our federal (*inaudible*) share. So this resolution is in an effort to request that the State provide a timeline to us on when enhanced federal Medicaid matching funds will be allocated. I can kind of, sort of as of this date that I received notice today from the New York Public Welfare Association that Governor Cuomo is now, his budget office, is saying that they are not sure how much total reimbursement New York will get. They are doing their best to get the local share, the FMAP released. So, I do believe the State is hearing the concerns of the counties so I see no reason not to move forward with (*inaudible*) this resolution.

Chairman Pavlock: Thank you, I agree. I think it's important that we make this motion to send our voice up to the Governor's office. Any other comments on this proposed motion?

Chairman Chagnon: Christine did a very nice job of describing this initiative and the current situation which just started unfolding in the last 24 to 48 hours but this is an initiative that was being coordinated by the New York State Association of Counties to try and apply some pressure to get the money that is due to the counties, released by the State. They have been

dragging their feet on this for months, and months, and months and getting a lot of criticism from the Federal government for that. The State budget office just came out with lots of excuses as to why they haven't released the money yet but the indications are as Christine said, they are feeling the pressure and they will be releasing the money soon. That is great news. I am happy to be a part of the pressure that is being applied. So thank you for your consideration of the motion.

Chairman Pavlock: Thank you for explaining it. Any other questions or comments regarding this motion?

Deputy Clerk Ames: I don't think that you need to vote on a motion, it's just for discussion.

Chairman Pavlock: We do have a late resolution to come under "other".

### Other

Legislator Whitford: I will make a motion to bring this up before the discussions.

Legislator Whitney: Second.

*Unanimously Carried*

### Proposed Resolution - Amend Chautauqua County Health & Human Services 2020 Adopted Budget for Increased Services for Recipients Costs

Mrs. Schuyler: This resolution is to increase our appropriation account services for recipients. This is related to non-*(inaudible)* residential domestic violence services. These are not funded by the Federal or State governments. This was controversial last year because there used to be a *(inaudible)* in place where if someone who came to a residential domestic violent shelter for services, they are required to sign up for Temporary Assistance benefits. That is no longer in place so if someone comes into a domestic violence shelter and they choose not to apply for Temporary Assistance, Public Assistance for whatever reason, they are not required to do so. The cost then for that shelter stay will go back to the County instead of being able to go through the Public Assistance channels. We have seen that and we're asking for an increase of \$105,000 there. Fortunately our contractual expenditures for Family Assistance are all expected to be lower than budget. These Family Assistance costs are generally funded at about 79% by the Federal government. So, hence, it's not a complete costs for us but, Valerie Lis has broken out the accounting there for you.

Chairman Pavlock: Are there any questions? Can I have a motion to approve this resolution?

Legislator Rankin: I'll move.

Legislator Lawton: Second.

*Unanimously Carried*

Discussion – Review of Departments and Services – Re: Preliminary 2021 Budget –  
Department Heads under Human Services

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

*Unanimously Carried (5:59 p.m.)*

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,  
Olivia Ames, Deputy Clerk/Lori J. Foster, Sr. Stenographer