

*\*\*PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.1 ARTICLE 7, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWING THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE\*\**

**Members Attending:** Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Acres, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, and Mr. Smithers

**Members Attending via Videoconference:** Mr. Arquiett, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran arrived at 5:32 p.m., Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Perkins, and ~~Ms. Terminelli~~

**Others Attending via Videoconference:** Ruth Doyle, Dylan Soper, Kelly Pearson, Stephen Button, Jay Ulrich, Jolene Munger, and Cindy Ackerman

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Chair Lightfoot called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Sheridan moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Curran and Terminelli).

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Denesha moved to approve the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Curran and Terminelli).

### **3. PUBLIC HEALTH – JOLENE MUNGER**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Jack Venesky, CPA and Associates for Preparation of the Preschool/School Supportive Health Services (SSHSP) Annual Medicaid Cost Report for the Public Health Department for the July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 Program Year (Res) – Mr. Acres moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan.

Ms. Curran arrived at 5:32 p.m.

Mr. Perkins left the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Perkins and Terminelli).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Service Agreement between the Public Health Department and Stericycle for Disposal of Medical Waste (Res) – Mr. Acres moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Perkins and Terminelli).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign the Emergency Preparedness Program Contract for the Public Health Department (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Fiacco.

Mr. Perkins arrived at 5:34 p.m.

Motion carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

#### **4. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Coordinated Care Services, Inc., for Preparation of the 2020 Consolidated Fiscal Report and Modifying the 2021 Budget for Community Services (Res) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a New Membership Agreement with Northwinds Integrated Health Network IPA, Inc. (Res) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

C. Clinic Update (Info) – Mr. Ulrich

D. COSSAP Grant Update – St. Lawrence Health Care Systems (Discussion)

#### **5. SOCIAL SERVICES – CINDY ACKERMAN**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Agreement with Lot #21 Inc. for Space for the Department of Social Services in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, Located at 206 Ford Street and Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Department of Social Services (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagen and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract between the Department of Social Services and the Mental Health Clinic of Community Services to Provide the Services to provide the services of a Qualified Individual under the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) (Res) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Arquiett, and Mr. Perkins carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

C. Family First (Discussion) – Ms. Ackerman

D. Monthly Statistics (Discussion) – Ms. Ackerman

#### **6. LEGISLATOR KEVIN ACRES**

A. Authorizing the Release of Funds Set Aside for the 2021 Bassmaster Elite Series in Waddington, New York (Res) – Mr. Acres moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Ms. Curran asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

## **7. LEGISLATOR JOSEPH LIGHTFOOT**

A. Commemorating the Bicentennial of the Town of Morristown (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

## **8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

A. Social Services – Ms. Ackerman requested to fill a Case Supervisory, Grade B, in Adult Protective Services (816100001); fill a Case Supervisor, Grade B, in Child Protective Services (816000003); fill a Caseworker in Children’s Services (815000020); fill a Caseworker in Child Protective Services (815200005); fill a Clerk in Children’s Services (002300008); create and fill a Case Supervisor, Grade B, in Children’s Services (816100010); create and fill a Senior Caseworker in Child Protective Services (815400004); and create and fill a Keyboard Specialist in Children’s Services (003100104) in the Department of Social Services.

B. Youth Bureau – Ms. Backus requested to fill Youth Intern (995500005) Positions in the Youth Bureau.

## **9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Ms. Doyle said New York State has changed the order regarding wearing masks for all fully vaccinated people beginning Wednesday. New York State gave the go ahead on County Fairs. The Control Room phone calls have ended. County staff have been back in the offices since April 21<sup>st</sup> and there have been three (3) cases of employees with Covid since then. The One-Stop Career Center has not all returned to in-person services yet, and they are looking at taking appointment only. The DMV Office around the County have opened to the public today. The vaccination rate of people in St. Lawrence County today is 51.2%, and the rate is 58.7% in New York State. There will be two vaccine clinics held this week in the County.

Mr. Reagen asked if the schools were going to hold clinics. Ms. Doyle said clinics are being set up now.

Mr. Smithers said the County Fair is talking about the six feet distancing protocol.

Ms. Haggard asked if the County is doing any incentive for people getting shots. Ms. Doyle said she has heard of other counties doing this, but she did not know the legality of doing so. She will look into this.

Ms. Doyle said the Multi-Use Trails opened this weekend, and a press release was issued stating trail passes are not needed until June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Plaques for the Emergency Services Dispatch have come in and will be distributed.

The Health Care Committee will meet to discuss the 2020 annual review and the Committee will provide the findings at Finance Committee.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on the 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss projects at the Public Safety Complex, as well as policies and efforts to repurpose the old jail.

The Audit Fiscal Stability Committee will meet on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. to do the entrance interview with Drescher and Malecki.

Ms. Doyle said there was a request last week from Legislator Forsythe regarding County owned parcels. The list has been provided and emailed to Legislators.

Ms. Doyle thanked the Board for the support of the lease that would provide space for Social Services staff to be positioned in Ogdensburg.

Mr. Burke asked if the Board was still interested in exploring solar project and said the New York Power Authority (NYPA) would be willing to meet with the County. Chair Lightfoot asked the Board if there was interest and the Board agreed.

## **10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Board of Health – no report
- B. CDP Board of Directors – Mr. Sheridan
- C. Community Services Board – Ms. Curran
- D. Office for the Aging Advisory Board – no report
- E. Youth Advisory Board – Ms. Haggard

## **11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Smithers said he has concerns about the low water levels of the St. Lawrence River.

Ms. Haggard said she contacted the Chamber of Commerce regarding the presentation given last week on the fishing tournament in Massena, and she was told there is a lot of grant money available through Market New York Grants.

Mr. Burke asked if the County was still in negotiations with the Town of Potsdam regarding the Highway outpost. Mr. Smithers said there will be an update given during executive session.

Mr. Arquiatt thanked everyone for supporting the local law re-establishing the trail system. He said he traveled the trails opening weekend and there were a lot of people riding. The local law will work to the benefit of all riders.

Mr. Perkins said there could be an opportunity for the Chamber of Commerce to sponsor trail rides on the County Multi-Use Trails for the fisherman who come for the tournaments.

Mr. Denesha said he attended a cannabis webinar sponsored by NYSAC. The State anticipates \$350 million dollars of tax revenue annually. Cities, towns and villages may opt out of adult use by passing a local law. The clean air act applies to cannabis, as well.

Mr. Fay moved to go to Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

## **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Denesha moved to go to Open Session at 9:18 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Lightfoot adjourned the May Services Committee meeting at 9:19 p.m., as there was no further business.