

Members Attending: Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Arquiatt, Mr. Acres, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Terminelli

Others Attending in Person and via Video: Ruth Doyle, Dylan Soper, Kelly Pearson, Jay Ulrich, Jolene Munger, Andrea Montgomery, and Cindy Ackerman

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Lightfoot called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. Mr. Perkins moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Terminelli, Reagen, and Sheridan).

Ms. Terminelli arrived at 6:52 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Denesha moved to approve the June 14th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and Sheridan).

3. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

Mr. Reagen arrived at 6:53 p.m.

A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for Community Services for Funding Received from NYS OMH as Pass through Funding to Approved Agencies (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Sheridan).

Mr. Sheridan arrived at 6:54 p.m.

B. Clinic Update (Info) – Mr. Ulrich

4. PUBLIC HEALTH – JOLENE MUNGER

A. Proclaiming August as National Immunization Awareness Month (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension with Health Research Inc. /New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) COVID-19 Enhanced Detection (Res) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Modifying the 2021 Budget for Public Health Department for the COVID-19 Response (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts with Area K-12 Public and Private Schools for COVID-19 Screening Testing Programs (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

The order of the next two resolutions (E and F) were inadvertently switched:

F. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts with Medical Facilities and Vendors for School Screening Testing (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

E. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Health Research Inc. (HRI) for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Reopening Schools (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

G. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract for the Early Intervention Administration Program for Public Health (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

H. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Glens Falls Hospital for Morgue and Laboratory Services (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

I. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Grant (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

J. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Lamar Advertising for Promoting the Hepatitis A Campaign (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

5. OFFICE FOR THE AGING – ANDREA MONTGOMERY

A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for Office for the Aging to Receive New York State Office for the Aging (NYS OFA) Funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARPP) for St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

6. SOCIAL SERVICES – CINDY ACKERMAN

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Maximizing Independent Living Choices (MILC) (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Ms. Terminelli left the room at 7:19 p.m.

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

Ms. Terminelli returned to the room at 7:21 p.m.

B. New Social Services Statistics (Info) – Cindy Ackerman

7. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Social Services – Ms. Ackerman requested to create and fill a Case Supervisor, Grade B – Unit/Children’s Services, Position No. 816100013; fill a Homemaker – Unit/Children’s Services, Position No. 805000004; fill a Caseworker – Unit/Children’s Services, Position No. 815000047; fill a Caseworker – Unit/Children’s Services, Position No. 815000039; fill a Caseworker – Unit/Adult Protective Services, Position No. 815000056; fill a Secretary 1, Position No. 005100023; and fill a Senior Caseworker – Unit/CPS, Position No. 815400002, in the Department of Social Services.

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

Ms. Doyle said the average number of COVID-19 cases are two (2) per day. The total number of cases to date in St. Lawrence County is 7,580 with 16 active cases at this time. 51.7% of St. Lawrence County citizens have had at least one dose of the vaccine, and 49.2% are fully vaccinated. Public Health continues to work on strategies as well as holding clinics in various locations throughout the County. The Pfizer vaccine is now available at the Public Health Department at the Human Services Building. There will be a vaccine clinic held at the County Fair in August. The Control Room no longer meets, but will have a luncheon next week in St. Lawrence County at Jake’s on the Water in Hannawa Falls. County departments are resuming travel for training.

The Interim Final Rule relative to the American Rescue Plan was due, and comments on three areas were submitted on behalf of St. Lawrence County

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met last week and looked at renovation plans to the Public Safety Complex, and a new roof on the old Sheriff’s house. Old records have been purged from the Warehouse behind the Social Services Building with the hope that eventually the Buildings and Grounds staff could be located there. Family Court still has interest in additional space. The Committee talked about bringing a consultant in to oversee these projects. There was discussion about updates to the Board Chambers to help with sound quality, and to replace the floor and remove asbestos.

The IDA has requested a letter of support for Atlantic Testing Laboratories on funding for a building renovation located at 80 Lincoln Street, Canton.

Department reviews will begin for Budget.

Ms. Doyle said funds from a 2018 SAM Grant were received in the amount of \$50,000 for the Court House door project. There is one outstanding Grant remaining. Senator Ritchie was responsible for securing these Grants for the County.

The Department Head meeting was held in person for the first time since February 2020, followed by training and a group luncheon.

Ms. Doyle said she would like to hold an employee recognition event sometime in August in a safe manner.

There will be a Suicide Prevention Awareness training for staff, and the Mental Health First Aide training class will be revisited.

The NYSAC Fall Conference will be held September 13-15 in Syracuse. Two individuals from each party are encouraged to attend.

Ms. Doyle said she would like to start up and refresh the County tour for high school government classes and possibly make it virtual. The interns at the Office for the Aging will be interviewing Department Heads for the virtual tour.

The final edits are being made to the intranet, and will be available for County employees soon.

The Audit and Fiscal Stability Committee will meet prior to Finance Committee, and the second quarter financial update will be given at the Finance Committee.

The Consolidation Committee will meet to review the Ogdensburg dispatch pilot results, and will revisit the discussion on tax collection foreclosure.

There will be work session scheduled in regards to IT infrastructure and security.

There will be a work session scheduled for the American Rescue Funds.

The August Board Meeting will be held at the County Fair on August 2nd.

The Department of Social Services has had an oversight review in regard to complaints against the Department.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Forsythe said there was a resolution done in the past to keep the fisherman for Bassmasters from traveling to the Lake and keeping them in the St. Lawrence River in St. Lawrence County. Mr. Lightfoot said there was a resolution done and it was put in their rules as to where they could fish. Mr. Reagan asked the County Administrator to reach out to the people in charge to keep the boats in St. Lawrence County.

Mr. Acres said Bassmasters was a huge success again this year.

Mr. Denesha moved to go to Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. for litigation and personnel, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A straw poll vote was taken during Executive Session regarding litigation and carried by a vote of fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) no vote.

Ms. Terminelli moved to go to Open Session at 11:03 p.m., seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Lightfoot moved to adjourn the July Services Committee at 11:04 p.m., as there was no further business.