

****PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 11, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWING THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE****

Members Attending: Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Acres, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Smithers

Members Attending via Video: Mr. Arquiett, Mr. Burke, Ms. Haggard, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Sheridan, and Ms. Terminelli

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Chair Lightfoot called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. Mr. Denesha moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the January 24, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3. PUBLIC HEALTH – JOLENE MUNGER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the New York State Department of Health for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Grant (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Acres and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department and Dr. Lisa Kirby, Veterinarian, for Rabies Clinics (Res) – Mr. Acres moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Health Research Inc. /New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) COVID-19 Enhanced Detection and Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Public Health Department (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Accepting Performance Incentive Achievement Award Funds and Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Public Health Department (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

E. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Dr. Danny Sekhon for Pharmacist Services for the Public Health Department (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

F. Physician Services (Discussion) – Ms. Munger

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for Community Services for Renovation of the Mental Health and Addiction Services Clinics at the Human Services Center (Res) (*Note: This resolution was Tabled at the January Services Committee and will need a motion to remove it from the table.*) – This resolution was not removed from the Table.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract between the Children’s Home of Jefferson County (CHJC) and the St. Lawrence County Local Government Unit (LGU) for the Provision of Health Home Care Management Service Dollars and Modify the 2022 Budget for Community Services (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Citizen Advocates for the Mobile Access Program (MAP) Clinical Assessments and Modifying the 2022 Budget for Community Services (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Modifying the 2022 Budget for Community Services for Funding Received from New York State Office of Mental Health to St. Lawrence County as Pass through Funding to Approved Agencies (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.

E. Clinic Updates (Info) – Mr. Ulrich

5. SOCIAL SERVICES – HEATHER RAND

A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for Social Services for Administration, Medical Assistance, Temporary Assistance, and Services (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Social Services Statistics (Info) – Ms. Rand

6. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Social Services – Heather Rand requested to fill a Keyboard Specialist, Position No. 003100046, in Children’s Services/Prevent/Foster Care; fill a Caseworker, Position No. 815200004, in CPS; fill a Caseworker, Position No. 815200012, in CPS; fill a Caseworker, Position No. 815200014, in CPS; fill a Caseworker, Position No. 815200017, in CPS; and fill a Caseworker, Position No. 815200028, in CPS in the Department of Social Services

B. Community Services – Mr. Ulrich requested to create and fill a Registered Professional Nurse, Position No. 501000071, in Community Services.

C. Public Health – Ms. Munger moved to create and fill a Public Health Specialist, Position No. 504300008; create and fill a Community Health Nurse, Position No. 502000028; and create and fill a Community Health Nurse, Position No. 502000029 in Public Health.

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doyle said the positivity rate for COVID-19 is 6.7% and 374.98 per one-hundred thousand. The method the County provides the COVID-19 statistic updates has changed with additional information provided, and will continue to improve. Mapping of towns and regions will no longer be provided as it is no longer relevant and took an enormous amount of time to prepare. St. Lawrence County is sixty percent (60%) fully vaccinated. Fifty-four percent (54%) of the population in St. Lawrence County have the booster and are considered fully vaccinated. There will be home tests arriving on a weekly basis with 30,000 tests due to arrive this week. A distribution event will be held on Sunday in Canton to get supplies out to the public.

The renovation designs for the Public Safety Building are almost complete and the Buildings and Grounds Committee will convene to discuss. There will be an RFP on a hazardous material survey for the Public Safety Complex.

Ms. Doyle said she and Jolene Munger will meet with the Funeral Directors Association's Director, Chad Green, on issues with autopsies and rates.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee met last week to follow up on presentation from Clifton Fine Hospital and to discussed childcare issues. The required reporting was completed in January.

Adam Simmons, W&M Director, shared information about super refund process.

Interviews for Department of Social Services Commissioner were completed last week with six (6) candidates being interviewed. The second round of interviews are scheduled next week, and a recommendation will be made by the end of February.

A written report of a summary of activities was received from Bonadio Group.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Forsythe asked if there has been consideration given to providing funding to not-for-profit organizations with ARPA funds. Mr. Acres said these organizations can reach out to the towns and villages who have also received ARPA Funding. The emphasis of ARPA Funding the County has been discussing has focused mainly on county-wide projects.

Ms. Haggard said she would like ideas from other Legislators on how to address the employee shortage throughout the County.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. to discuss litigation, personnel, negotiations, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 9:51 p.m., seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Denesha moved to reappoint Alex MacKinnon to the DANC Board of Directors, seconded by Mr. Arquiett and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Reagen moved to reappoint Fred Carter to the DANC Board of Directors, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and failed by a roll call vote with eight (8) no votes, six (6) yes votes (Burke, Arquiett, Reagen, Forsythe, Haggard, and Fiacco), and one (1) abstention (Terminelli).

Mr. Acres moved to appoint Mark Hall to the DANC Board of Directors, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) abstention (Terminelli).

11. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Lightfoot adjourned the February Services Committee at 10 p.m., as there is no further business.