

**\*\*PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 11, IN EFFECT UNTIL FEBRUARY 1, 2022, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWING THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE\*\***

**Members Attending:** Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Acres, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, ~~Ms. Fiacco~~, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Smithers

**Members Attending via Video:** Mr. Arquiatt, Mr. Burke arrived at 5:31 p.m., Ms. Curran, Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Sheridan and Ms. Terminelli

**Others Attending in Person and via Video:** Ruth Doyle, Dylan Soper, Kelly Pearson, Steve Button, Heather Rand, Jay Ulrich, and Jolene Munger

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Denesha moved to approve the November 15th and December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Smithers and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Burke and Fiacco).

Mr. Burke arrived at 5:31 p.m.

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

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for Community Services to Accept Stop-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Funds from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (Res) – Mr. Smithers 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 (Fiacco).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Cooperative Agreement with the North Country Initiative for Promise Practices Funds for Community Services (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 (Fiacco).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract and a Business Associates Agreement with Central New York Health Home Network, Inc. (Res) – Mr. Fay 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 (Fiacco).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign 2022 Contracts for Community Services (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fiacco).

E. Modifying the 2021 Budget for Community Services for Funding Received from New York State Office of Mental Health as Pass through Funding to Approved Agencies (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fiacco).

F. Modifying the 2022 Budget for Community Services for Renovation of the Mental Health and Addiction Services Clinics at the Human Services Center (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Acres moved to table this resolution to the February Services Committee, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Burke), and one (1) absent (Fiacco).

G. Modifying the 2021 Budget for Community Services for Funding from OASAS Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Supplemental Stabilization Funds (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 (Fiacco).

H. Modifying the 2022 Budget for Community Services for Funding from OASAS Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Supplemental Workforce Development Funds (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fiacco).

I. Clinic Updates (Info) – Mr. Ulrich

J. Mandated Medical Assisted Treatment in the County Correctional Facility (Discussion) – Mr. Ulrich

K. Opioid Treatment Program Progress (Discussion) – Mr. Ulrich

#### **4. SOCIAL SERVICES – HEATHER RAND**

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

#### **5. LEGISLATOR BILL SHERIDAN**

A. Proclaiming January 23-29, 2022 as School Choice Week in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a roll call vote with eleven (11) yes votes, three (3) no votes (Burke, Haggard, and Arquiatt), and one (1) absent (Fiacco).

#### **6. LEGISLATOR RITA CURRAN**

A. Proclaiming the Month of February as Black History Month in St. Lawrence County with the 2022 Theme Being, “Black Health and Wellness” (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagan and Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fiacco).

## **7. LEGISLATOR DAVE FORSYTHE**

A. Opposing the Potential Ban on Wood Burning in New York as Proposed by the Climate Action Council (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Acres, Mr. Reagan, Mr. Sheridan and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Denesha, Mr. Arquiett, Mr. Sheridan, and Mr. Perkins asked to be added as a co-sponsors to this resolution.

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

## **8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE**

A. Public Health – Ms. Munger requested to create and fill a Keyboard Specialist, Position No. 003100109 and fill a Keyboard Specialist, Position No. 003100100, in Public Health

B. Community Services – Mr. Ulrich requested to create and fill a Clinic Manager, Position No. 512800001; abolish a part time Medical Director and create and fill a full time Medical Director, Position No. 510900004; and create and fill a Chemical Dependency Counselor, Position No. 510400017, in Community Services.

C. Social Services – Ms. Rand requested to fill a Senior Employment and Training Coordinator in Employment, Position No. 703100001 and create and fill a Medical Services Supervisor in Medicaid/Medical, Position No. 817000004, in Social Services.

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

Ms. Doyle reported three (3) transfer of funds: \$5,000 for the Highway Department for equipment parts; \$1,000 for the County Administrator's Office for advertising; and \$721.74 for the County Clerk for cleaning services and postage.

Ms. Doyle said the current positivity rate reported today for the County is 16.6 %; per 100,000 rate is 831.6% with twenty-nine (29) hospitalized. The rate for first vaccination is up a half of percent and is 63.2%; fully vaccinated is 59.2%; and boosters are up 2.2% at 51.2%. Booster clinics are scheduled in Gouverneur, Ogdensburg, and Massena. A plan will be made for distribution as supplies arrive. Public Health is transitioning to new guidance regarding coronavirus as contract tracing goes away.

For the sixth year in a row, with an exception of 2021, a legislative work session was held for 2022. The success rate of the Legislative Agendas is forty percent (40%) immediate success of items brought forward, and ten percent (10%) success achieved later from the initial request, and fifty (50%) of requests were unsuccessful. A resolution will come to the next Finance Committee for consideration.

The NYSAC Conference is scheduled for March 14-16<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Doyle said the year 2022 marks the 220 anniversary of the incorporation of St. Lawrence County on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be celebratory activities scheduled in March.

The successes and challenges of the Social Services satellite location in Ogdensburg are being evaluated and information will come to the March Services Committee.

The Bonadio Group have reviewed the majority of the Child Protective Services, and are now focusing on Foster Care and Preventive. They have reviewed documentation received from complainants and they are making determination on who they plan to meet with. There will be a written report provided in February.

The fourth quarter report for 2021 will be provided at the Finance Committee, along with resolutions regarding solar, legislative agenda, and tribal state compact funds.

## **10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

Ms. Terminelli said the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) is making updates to regulations for fresh water fishing as they are trying to simplify the season. Public comments can be made through February 6<sup>th</sup> at the DEC website, under freshwater fishing regulations.

Ms. Haggard said the Potsdam Volunteer Rescue Squad was honored by the State for clinical delivery innovations.

Mr. Denesha said Sackets Harbor was recognized on the National news for a story about a group of teens and young adults who stepped up amid the EMT shortage.

Mr. Denesha moved to go to Executive Session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fiacco).

## **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Open Session at 9:26 p.m., seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fiacco).

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Lightfoot moved to adjourn the January Services Committee Meeting at 9:26 p.m., as there was no further business.