

**Members Attending:** Mr. Hull, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Terminelli, and Mr. Webster

**Member Attending via Video:** Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Burke

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mr. Hull called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Mr. Reagen moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Reagen moved to approve the December 12th meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

### **3. SOCIAL SERVICES – JOE SEEBER**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with Clifton-Fine Central School District for Space Located within the District (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Modifying the 2022 Budget for Social Services for Costs Associated with Administration, Medicaid, and Child Care/Foster Care (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Social Services Statistics (Info) – Mr. Seeber

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

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for Community Services for Funding from OASAS SAPT Block Grant Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program Funds (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe.

Ms. Curran left the room at 6:37 p.m.

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

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign the St. Lawrence County STOP-DWI 2023 Plan for the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Curran).

Ms. Curran returned to the room at 6:42 p.m.

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Epoch Health Solutions, LLC, for Review of Billing Practices in Community Services (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. for the Preparation of the 2022 Consolidated Fiscal Report (Res) – Mr. Forsythe 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. Modifying the 2022 Budget for Community Services for Funding Received from NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) 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. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

F. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Beacon Health Options and its Subsidiaries for Behavioral Health Provider Services (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

G. Mental Health and Addiction Services Updates (Info) – Mr. Ulrich

Ms. Terminelli left the room at 7:10 p.m., and returned at 7:13 p.m.

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

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Public Health Department for the Preschool Program (Res) – Ms. Curran 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) no vote (Lightfoot).

B. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Public Health Department for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Reopening Schools Grant (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Accepting Performance Incentive Achievement Award Funds and Modifying the 2023 Budget for the Public Health Department (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **6. LEGISLATOR WEBSTER**

A. Opposing Regulations that will Set Aside the First Round of Retail Licenses for Marijuana Dispensaries to those Previously Convicted of Marijuana Offenses as Proposed by the Cannabis Control Board of New York State (Res) – Mr. Webster moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Smithers, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Perkins asked to be added as co-sponsors to this resolution.

Mr. Fay made a friendly amendment to the resolution by adding, “Be it further resolved that the Board of Legislators opposes any future regulation that would prefer previously convicted

individuals to receive priority licenses for marijuana dispensaries.” Mr. Webster accepted the friendly amendment.

Motion carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) no votes (Haggard and Terminelli).

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

A. Social Services – Mr. Seeber requested to fill a Senior Social Welfare Examiner, Position No. 814100013, in Medicaid; fill a Social Welfare Examiner, Position No. 814000042, in Medicaid; and fill a Caseworker, Position No. 815200015, in CPS.

B. Community Services – Mr. Ulrich requested to fill a Keyboard Specialist, Position No. 003100102; fill a Keyboard Specialist, Position No. 003100074; abolish Mental Health Counselor, and create and fill a Chemical Dependency Counselor, Position No. 510400018; and Abolish an Account Clerk, and create and fill Medical Billing Clerk, Position No. 004000001 in Community Services.

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

Ms. Doyle reported one transfer of funds: \$2,000 for Highway for equipment rental.

Ms. Doyle said there will be a debriefing tomorrow regarding the storm over the Christmas holiday.

New Legislators have information regarding NYS Retirement on their desks.

The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant has been submitted on time.

There was a request from a State Representative who would like space for an office in the Court House.

The Health Insurance Committee will meet tomorrow with Burnham Benefits regarding Pharmacy.

The County has been invited to attend a Town Supervisor Meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> to speak about chargebacks. County Administrator Doyle and Real Property Tax Director, Bruce Green, will attend.

There are 52 people in the jail who are on the MAT Program, which is approximately 46% of the jail population.

## **9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Denesha said a resolution was passed last year regarding the LaFaver Road Bridge in the Town of Russell giving the Highway Department permission to install a temporary bridge for the multi-use trail. Due to the work being done on the SmartPath at that time, the bridge could not be installed. He would like to now move forward with the installation.

Ms. Haggard said she attended the St. Lawrence County Fire Chief's Association dinner, and State-wide exemption for firefighters to help with recruitment was discussed. Mr. Button gave an overview and said a new local law would need to be formulated.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

#### **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A straw poll vote was taken regarding FOIL requests.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 9:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

**11. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Hull adjourned the Services Committee Meeting at 9:37 p.m., as there was no further business.