

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

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

Mr. Hull announced that due to extenuating circumstances Legislator Sheridan will attend remotely from 282 107th Avenue, Treasure Island, Florida, and Mr. Fay and Ms. Terminelli are excused.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Webster moved to approve the February 12th meeting minutes, seconded Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Terminelli).

3. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

Lindsay Best, Deputy Director, spoke to the following resolution in Mr. Ulrich’s absence:

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. for the Preparation of the 2023 Consolidated Fiscal Report and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Community Services (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Terminelli).

B. Community Services Clinic Update, February 2024 (Info) – Lindsay Best

4. PUBLIC HEALTH – CARLY ZIMMERMANN

A. Approval of Rates for Related Services for the Preschool Special Education Program (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Terminelli).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts for Services for the Preschool Special Education Program in the Public Health Department (Res) – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Terminelli).

C. Proclaiming April 1-7 as National Public Health Week with the 2024 Theme of “Protecting, Connecting, and Thriving: We are all Public Health” (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Terminelli).

D. Modifying the 2024 Budget for Public Health for Funding Received from Community Services for the OASAS Opioid Settlement Funds (Res) – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Terminelli).

E. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Public Health Department for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) COVID-19 Enhanced Detection (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Gennett, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Terminelli).

5. SOCIAL SERVICES – JOE SEEBER

A. Eligibility Programs Summary Update, February 2024 (Info) – Mr. Seeber

6. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Community Services – Ms. Best requested to fill a Behavioral Health Counselor (LMHC/LSW), Position No. 506500010/512400017, in Community Services.

B. Public Health – Ms. Zimmermann requested to abolish Keyboard Specialist, Create and Fill, Administrative Assistant, Position No. 005200015; Fill, Secretary I, Position No. 005100026; Fill, Senior Account Clerk, Position No. 100200001, in Public Health

C. Social Services – Mr. Seeber requested to fill, Caseworker – Unit/CPS, Position No. 815200005; fill a Caseworker – Unit/CPS, Position No. 815200023; fill, Social Welfare Examiner – Unit/TA/SNAP, Position No. 814000001; and fill, Social Welfare Examiner – Unit/TA/SNAP, Position No. 814000023 in Social Services

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

Ms. Doyle said last Thursday the NYS Board of Historic Preservation approved three (3) County Buildings to be added to New York State Register of historic places.

Emergency Services Director, Matt Denner, hosted a meeting regarding solar eclipse this morning. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be opened on April 8th at 10 a.m. and maintain operations for two hours after the eclipse.

Congratulation to the Hammond School Girls basketball team for winning the Class D State Championship.

Ms. Doyle had a meeting with BOCES regarding communications.

The Active Shooter Drill Committee will meet tomorrow.

The Board Office and IT continue to work with the new meeting agenda and minutes management program, CivicClerk, and hope to go live soon.

The position for a Human Services Director has been posted on the County website.

The Committee search for the Public Health Director met to review applications and the first round of interviews will be conducted soon.

Ms. Doyle said she will send out updated maps regarding parking around the Court House as the court yard will be shut down while old Jail roof is being replaced.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Smithers said if the Board is going to task the County Administrator to add additional personnel positions, a recommendation on how to fund the positions should accompany the request.

Mr. Burke asked if there is a need for the Board of Legislators to take action regarding the geriatric population.

Mr. Reagan said United Helpers would have had to file a report before they announced the closure of the assisted living program in Canton. He said there has been a trend across New York State of nursing homes closing. Critical factors driving the closures include significant inadequate reimbursement, increasing costs, and staffing shortages. The State of New York is not keeping up with increasing reimbursements causing the facilities to have to close.

Ms. Haggard gave the Youth Advisory Board report in Ms. Terminelli's absence.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 7:09 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Terminelli).

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Terminelli).

Mr. Denesha thanked the County Historian for getting information needed for the Town of Hermon.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Hull adjourned the March Services Committee meeting at 7:50 p.m., as there was no further business.