

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Hon. Ann Petrus, Chairperson  
Thursday, December 3, 2009**

MEMERS PRESENT:           **Committee Chair Legislator Ann Petrus, , Legislator Daniel Schuster, Legislator Daniel P. Sincebaugh, Legislator Roger Mills Legislator Cynthia Aikman, excused: Legislator Steve Cuddeback, Legislator Linda Murphy**

ALSO PRESENT:           **Chairman of the Legislature, Peter Tortorici, Legislator Francis Mitchell, Health & Humans Service Director Elane Daly, Nursing Home Administrator Deb English, Mental Health Director Kate O'Connell, Emergency Management Director Brian Dahl, County Attorney Fred Westphal, and Deputy Clerk of Legislature Kim Taggerty**

CALL TO ORDER:           **Ann Petrus, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion to approve minutes made by Aikman seconded by Petrus, all in favor.**

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

- 1.) CHHA Update
- 2.) Nursing Home Update:

12-9-HH-15    Authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to increase the instructor contract hourly reimbursement rates for the Emergency Medical Technician Course Sponsorship.

**Motion by Schuster to approve, seconded by Sincebaugh. All in favor**

4            Authorizing the Payment of Claims Submitted by the Administrator of the Cayuga County Nursing Home.

**Motion by Schuster to approve, seconded by Aikman. All in favor**

5            Report and Approval of Bills Paid by the County Treasurer for Operation of the Senior Nutrition Program in the Office for the Aging.

**Motion by Schuster to approve, seconded by Aikman. All in favor**

**Motion by Petrus to bundle resolutions # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 All in favor.**

**Motion by Schuster to remove #4 from the bundled resolutions until the end, seconded by Aikman, all in favor.**

12-9-HH-1    Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Enter into a Contract with the NYSDOH to Accept Additional Funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to Supplement the Immunization Program.

12-9-HH-2    Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Renew Our Contract with the state for Bicycle Helmet Distribution, safety and Pedestrian Injury Reduction Program.

12-9-HH-3 Authorizing the Director of Health & Human Services to Renew the lease agreement with Cayuga County space at the Historic Post Office Building to house the WIC Office/Clinic from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2014.

12-9-HH-5 Authorizing the County Treasurer to amend the 2009 Cayuga County Health Department budget/transfer funds.

12-9-HH-6 Authorizing the Chairman and the Director of Health & Human Services to amend the contract with Cayuga Health Association to include services relative to H1N1 Public Health Clinics.

12-9-HH-7 Authorizing the Director of Health & Human Services to fill a Typist vacancy in the FSMA Unit of Human Services.

12-9-HH-8 Authorizing the Director of Health & Human Services to fill a Sr. Social Welfare Examiner in the Food Stamp/Medicaid Unit of Human Services.

12-9-HH-9 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to renew its contract with the state to accept funding for the Facilitated Enrollment Grant.

**Motion by Schuster to approve bundled resolutions, seconded by Aikman, All in favor.**

**Discussion: Schuster asked if the funds are eliminated from these funded positions then the positions should be abolished. Petrus stated there may be a different way. When the level of funding is decreased we need to look at the positions. Sincebaugh added, if the county is paying 22% maybe we don't need these positions, the county is paying more with retirement and benefits. Elane Daly will check with Lynn Marinelli to see how much the county's expenses are for these positions.**

12-9-HH-10 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and Administrator of the Cayuga County Nursing Home to enter into agreements with Sibley Nursing Personnel, Nursefinders and Nursecor to provide temporary Nursing Staffing for January 1, 2010 until December 31, 2010

**Motion by Aikman to approve, seconded by Sincebaugh, all in favor.**

12-9-HH-11 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community Mental Health Services to renew an agreement with Time Warner Cable Business Class for Cable Service at 146 North Street.

**Motion by Schuster to approve, seconded by Mills, all in favor.**

12-9-HH-12 Authorizing the Director of Community Mental Health Services and the Chairman of the Legislature to sign contracts with various Human Service agencies for services to individuals with disabilities.

**Motion by Schuster to approve, seconded by Sincebaugh, all in favor.**

**Discussion: Kate O'Connell explained that the state determines what the county's share is and the process takes time. Kate also added that she will have Fred Westphal, County Attorney help with the contracts.**

12-9-HH-13 Authorizing the Director of Community Mental Services and the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature to sign contracts with various contractual professionals at the Cayuga County Community Mental Health Center to serve individuals with disabilities.

**Discussion: Roger Mills asked the County Attorney if these positions could be part-time employees. Fred says the salary would be much less and it may make it difficult to find good professionals.**

**Motion by Sincebaugh to approve, seconded by Aikman, all in favor.**

12-9-HH-14 Authorize the Director of Community Mental Services and the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature to sign contracts with various non-hourly contractual professionals at the Cayuga County Community Mental Health Center to serve individuals with disabilities.

**Discussion: Fred Westphal will also take a look at this resolution and if it needs to be pulled it will be before the next Legislature meeting.**

**Motion by Sincebaugh to approve, seconded by Aikman, all in favor.**

**Discussion: Kate O'Connell handed out a letter from the NYS Inspector General to all the committee members. Kate explained that at the end of December the state will be screening departments to see if they are compliant with the new state requirements.**

**Motion by Aikman to send out an RFP to see what needs to be done to be compliant, seconded by Sincebaugh, all in favor.**

**Deb English handed out a memo regarding the snow plowing at the Nursing Home. Peter Tortorici says that the Emergency Management office received a new vehicle recently and that the Nursing Home could use the used vehicle for the day to day operations and use a small tractor that belongs to the Highway Department to do the plowing. Deb English will bring this topic up at the next Public Works Committee meeting.**

**Elane Daly explained the monthly report card for CHHA.**

**7:30PM, members went into executive session.**

**7:55PM, motion to come out of executive session made by Mills, seconded by Sincebaugh, all in favor**

**Resolution #4 pulled at committee**

12-9-HH-4 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to execute the Stipulation Settlement agreement between the New York State Nurses' Association (NYSNA) and the County of Cayuga.

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00PM by Aikman. seconded by Sincebaugh, All in favor**

**Motion made to approve minutes on January 14, 2010 by Sincebaugh, seconded by Mills, as written. All in favor.**