

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Health & Human Services**

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 8:30 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator
Mr. Andrew Aronstam	Legislator
Ms. Lori Morgan	Director of Community Services
Mr. Chris Korba	Director of Administrative Services (MH)
Mr. Shawn Yetter	Commissioner of Social Services
Ms. Mickelle Andrews	Director of Administrative Services (DSS)
Ms. Heather Vroman	Public Health Director
Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services (PH)

Guests:	Mr. Jackson Bailey	County Administrator
	Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
	Ms. Marte Sauerbrey	Legislative Chair
	Ms. Liz Myers	Deputy Commissioner (DSS)

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the August 5, 2025 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell. Seconded by Legislator Standinger. Motion Carried.

### **MENTAL HYGIENE**

1. Financial
  - Mr. Chris Korba reported that the financials show 30.8% of local share used. There is seven months of Revenue and eight months of Expenses. Any fee-for-service shortfall due to therapist vacancies is being offset by salary and fringe savings. The 2025 budget is tracking well.
2. Old Business
  - Criminal Psych – An invoice for one month (\$33,000) has been received.
3. New Business
  - Federal Impact - None
4. Personnel
  - None
5. Resolutions - Legislators approved all resolutions to move forward
  - Appropriation of Funds and Budget Modification (State Aid passthrough)
  - Authorize Grant Renewal Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2025 Budget (DFC)
  - Authorize Grant Renewal Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2025 Budget (STOP Act)
  - Authorize Contract with Accumedic Computer Systems Inc, for Electronica Health Records (The cost will increase 5% each year) Legislator Monell to bring up in the ITCS Committee

## 6. Proclamations

- National Recovery Month (repeat)
- National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month (repeat)

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

## 1. Financial

- Mr. Denis McCann reported that there were no changes to the 2026 budget since the last Committee meeting. 2025 Revenues are up, and Expenses are down. Financials show that 43% of local share has been used, however there will be bills coming in the next two months which will increase this amount. The 2025 budget is tracking well.

## 2. Old Business

- None

## 3. New Business – Agency Report for August

- NYS conducted an audit of the Early Intervention Program. There were two small issues: 1) Provider evaluation did not meet the time frame set, and 2) informing families of their due process rights. A minor corrective action plan will be required.
- Ms. Vroman and other Public Health Directors met in Syracuse with the State PH Commissioner to discuss the challenges facing the local levels.

## 4. Personnel

- None

## 5. Resolutions - Legislators approved all resolutions to move forward

- Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (MFT Grant)
- Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (DFC Grant)
- Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (STOP Grant)

## 6. Proclamations

- None

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

## 1. Financial

- Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that the administrative side of the 2025 budget is tracking under budget due to payroll (vacancies). Foster Care continues to run over budget. Will need to do a resolution to appropriate more money to Foster Care with savings from other Children's Services lines. The Foster Care Block Grant is not out yet.

## 2. Old Business

- None

### 3. New Business

- Caseloads – See Caseload Summary  
During August, Cash Assistance decreased 1 case, with Family Assistance decreasing 3 cases and Safety Net increasing 2 cases.  
MA-Only increased 20 cases  
MA-SSI decreased 16 cases  
Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 4 to 3,432  
SNAP decreased 2 cases  
Day Care increased 5 cases
- Tioga Career Center report is attached. The unemployment numbers continue to run below State & Federal levels. Some job fairs are coming up.
- HEAP Funding – Letter from OTDA Commissioner regarding HEAP Funding. Full funding will be available for regular HEAP benefits, emergency HEAP benefits and cooling benefits. As a result of reduced federal funding, the State HEAP plan will not allocate funds to support the following program components: weatherization, clean & tune, and heating equipment repair and replacement. Public Assistance funds can be used to address heating equipment repair & replacement.

### 4. Personnel Changes

- Rebecca Evans, Caseworker, hired effective 8/11/25
- Hannah Natale, Caseworker, resigned effective 8/13/25
- Mindy Cantrell, Accounting Associate II, hired effective 8/25/25

### 5. Resolutions - Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

- Authorize Contract with A New Hope Center
- Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2025 Budget (Family-Centered Case Management)

### 6. Proclamations

- None

### **ADJOURNED:**

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gail V. Perdue*

Executive Secretary, Social Services