CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ferratella called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Mrs. Lando to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2021, AND JUNE 28, 2021, MEETINGS MADE BY MR. VAN CAESEELE. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Secretary’s Note: While Legislator Roush was in attendance at the meeting, and his alternate location was duly posted on the agenda, due to technical sound issues, his vote was unable to be recorded throughout the course of the meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Department of Social Services
   1. Awarding HEAP Furnace Bid – Ms. Muller recommended awarding the bid for HEAP residential furnaces to Blevins and I.D. Booth on a line item basis.

   MOTION: AWARDDING THE BID FOR HEAP RESIDENTIAL FURNACES TO BLEVINS AND I.D. BOOTH ON A LINE ITEM BASIS MADE BY MR. VAN CAESEELE. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

   2. Accepting Adult Protective Services Grant - Ms. Muller stated she will bring this item back next month.

B. Community Services
   1. Contracts – Dr. Chapman requested authorization to enter into a contract with Eric Weaver d/b/a Overcoming the Darkness, LLC to provide a half-day wellness training to Law Enforcement and first responders specific to issues regarding mental health. The cost of the contract is not to exceed $2,300 and we have funding from the State for this purpose. The training is tentatively scheduled for September 15, 2021.
MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ERIC WEAVER D/B/A OVERCOMING THE DARKNESS TO PROVIDE A HALF-DAY WELLNESS TRAINING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS FOR A COST NOT TO EXCEED $2,300 MADE BY MR. VAN CAESEELE. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Dr. Chapman requested authorization to enter into a contract with Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene. The contract period will be April 1, 2021 through September 29, 2021 and will be for the receipt of grant funds in an amount up to $33,000. He explained he wrote and submitted a proposal for grant funds for the M.A.T. (Medication Assisted Treatment) Program. He is hopeful that the Federal government will approved a second round of funding.

Mr. Van Caeseele asked what will happen if there is no additional funding? Dr. Chapman replied we are able to bill insurance companies for those services. We have already started providing these services this past February and things are going well. There are 40 people enrolled in M.A.T. Mr. Van Caeseele asked if we start losing money, is this something that we can stop? Dr. Chapman replied I don’t foresee that happening. With the need that is out there, I don’t see us struggling to support it. This is an opportunity to help cover the initial start-up costs.

Mr. Wheeler commented the State did pass a bill that will require the availability of M.A.T. in the Jails and we would need to look up that effective date. With the grants and billing, we have the ability to do that.

Mrs. Lando asked how is the program going so far? Dr. Chapman replied it is going very well. It is more efficient for the clients as it is a one-stop shop. Clients come to our agency for counseling and treatment with medication and it gives them more options.

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked do you have numbers on how effective this is? Dr. Chapman replied the State has data and I will look that up for you.

Mr. Van Etten asked are you providing the actual medication or the prescription? Dr. Chapman replied we actually can provide both. It depends on what the individual would benefit most from. Some people benefit the most with an injectable, and we can do that right in the office. Others do well with the prescription. Mr. Van Etten asked this is not something new for your department in terms of dispensing medications? Dr. Chapman replied we have always provided medication through our mental health clinic. M.A.T. is somewhat new to us. Several years back we used to provide Suboxone, but with the challenges of getting local providers, we ended up referring clients out to their local physicians. We have Dr. Verkleeren who provides direct service and also one of our psychiatric nurse practitioners, Sonya Sariejo.

Mrs. Lando asked is there any link back from OD mapping to your clients? Dr. Chapman replied once we meet with individuals we let them know about our program and others that are available. We participate in all kinds of outreach and engagement efforts.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $33,000 FROM THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR MENTAL HYGIENE AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SAID FOUNDATION FOR RECEIPT OF THOSE FUNDS TO PROVIDE M.A.T. TREATMENT SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 MADE BY MR. VAN CAESEELE. SECONDED BY MR. NICHOLS. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

Mr. Nichols commented I would like to see data and the success rate for the programs you have.

Mrs. Lando asked with your contract with Eric Weaver, do you think you could piggyback that with the Opioid Committee. Dr. Chapman replied we can talk more about that.
C. Public Health

1. **Contracts** – Ms. Jubilee requested authorization to enter into contracts with preschool center-based classroom with Hornell Central School District for summer classroom and GST BOCES at the state approved rates; with Keshequa Central School at $70.00 per session and $35.00 per group session and with Kristina Winter, Speech Language Pathologist for $70.00 per session and $35.00 per group session.

**MOTION:** AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND NURSING SERVICES TO ENTER INTO THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS: HORNELL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND GST BOCES FOR SUMMER PRESCHOOL CENTER-BASED CLASSROOM AT THE STATE APPROVED RATE; KESHEQUA CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR $70.00 PER SESSION AND $35.00 PER GROUP SESSION AND KRISTINA WINTERS, SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST FOR $70.00 PER SESSION AND $35.00 PER GROUP SESSION MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MR. VAN CAESEELE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

2. **Fee Schedule** – Ms. Jubilee requested authorization to increase their fees as a result of speaking to Merck as they will be increasing their fees as vaccinations were not given due to COVID. We are proposing increasing several of our vaccine rates.

**MOTION:** AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND NURSING SERVICES SCHEDULE OF FEES AS PRESENTED MADE BY MR. NICHOLS. SECONDED BY MR. VAN CAESEELE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Resolution Required.

3. **Preschool Transportation Bid** – Ms. Jubilee recommended rejecting the bids for Contract D, Hornell Program and Contract E for GST Program and awarding the bid for Contract C, Yates ARC/Keuka Lake School to the sole bidder, Transpo Bus Services, LLC for $188.00 per child per day for the 10-month program and $228.00 per child per day for the summer program. She stated they have 18 children for summer school. She noted that Durham is no longer in business and this represents a $50 - $70 increase over last year.

**MOTION:** REJECTING THE PRESCHOOL TRANSPORTATION BIDS RELATIVE TO CONTRACT D, HORNULL PROGRAM, AND CONTRACT E, GST PROGRAM AND AWARING THE BID FOR CONTRACT C, YATES ARC/KEUKA LAKES SCHOOL TO TRANSPO BUS SERVICES, LLC AT A RATE OF $188.00 PER CHILD PER DAY FOR THE 10-MONTH PROGRAM AND $228.00 PER CHILD PER DAY FOR THE SUMMER PROGRAM MADE BY MR. NICHOLS. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA FOR DISCUSSION.

Mr. Van Caeseele asked is this within your budget? Ms. Jubilee replied yes. Mr. Swackhamer asked was this company checked for insurance? Ms. Jubilee replied I do not know. Ms. Prossick stated we will need to do that before the contract process is done. By way of background, the companies took a real hit during the pandemic. When the schools were shut down, they received no money. There is new language in the contract that is pandemic related and now we have a much smaller pool of companies to pick from.

**VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION:** ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Mr. Van Etten asked does the new language provide guaranteed money? Ms. Prossick replied no, but the company did ask for that.

Mr. Malter asked with regard to the change in the fee schedule, how much do we generate from those services per year? Mr. Wheeler replied we can get that for you.

4. **COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Grant Budget Modification** – Ms. Jubilee explained they have received additional grant funds in the amount of $401,929 for the period February 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023. She requested authorization to adjust the budget for the remainder of the year to reflect the additional funding. The total revenues to be budgeted for the period July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2023 is $1,712,769.
MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND NURSING SERVICES TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $401,929 FROM THE COVID-19 ENHANCED DETECTION GRANT FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 AND TO ADJUST THE REVENUE BUDGET TO $1,712,769 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 MADE BY MR. VAN CAESEELE. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA FOR DISCUSSION.

Mr. Van Etten commented in looking over the schedule, $1 million is restricted for the NYS Department of Health contract. What is that used for? Ms. Jubilee replied that will be used for overtime for nurses, overtime for clerical staff, nurse education, fringe benefits, COVID supplies, contract labor, etc. It is all lumped together into what we are doing specifically for the State with respect to COVID.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

5. COVID-19 Vaccination Rate – Ms. Jubilee reviewed the COVID-19 vaccination rate data with the committee. This provides a snapshot of what is going on as of June 20, 2021. Yesterday she pulled some numbers as of July 6, 2021. The lowest vaccination rates are in Kanona with 13 percent, Woodhull with 23 percent and Greenwood with 24 percent. The highest vaccination rates are Lindley with 51 percent, Corning with 60 percent, Hammondsport with 66.1 percent and Painted Post at 66.8 percent. These numbers are for individuals that have received at least one dose. That is compared to 58.2 percent of the population in New York State that have received at least one dose. Additionally, this data only includes those 15 and older. The statistics for those that have received two doses run about the same in terms of the lowest rates; Kanona, Cameron Mills, Woodhull and Greenwood and the highest vaccination rates in Corning at 56 percent, Hammondsport and Painted Post at 62 percent.

Ms. Jubilee stated we are continuing to do clinics, but we have scaled them back some because the numbers are not supporting having all of our resources out three days a week. In Bath we will be doing some clinics in the County Office Building in July. We are trying to be creative and have held some pop up clinics at breweries. Corning, Inc. reached out to us and next week we will be holding a clinic at their union hall.

Mr. Malter commented I do not see any statistics for Wayland or Cohocton. Can you break out the statistics by legislative district? Ms. Jubilee stated she will ask. She stated that for Perkinsville, 32.1 percent have received one dose and 29.9 percent have received two doses; Wayland 48.9 percent have received one dose and 45.9 percent have received two doses and Cohocton has 45.1 percent that have received one dose and 41.7 percent have received two doses.

Ms. Lattimer stated I am curious to know what others are thinking with regard to how to reach the smaller burgs? Ms. Jubilee stated a lot of providers are not able to give the vaccine. We did do a clinic in Woodhull and there were 6. We have also tried to make progress with the Amish and have been working with Diane Reed. We have a mobile unit and have been vaccinating children. We are trying to be creative. When we are vaccinating in the evenings, we are seeing more of the 12-15 age demographic. Last week we went to the Civil Defense Center in the evening and we had 16 children show up in two hours. We are getting funds and access is not a problem now. We have vaccines, we just need the arms.

Ms. Lattimer commented I think some of the problem is resident distaste for being mandated. Second, the pandemic has tamed and lulled people into thinking that it is gone now. Mr. Van Caeseele stated with the new variant, people are getting frustrated if they are going to have to go and get another shot. Ms. Jubilee stated we have talked about that and the concern is if we see numbers start to go back up in the fall. We don’t know if we will need a booster shot and that is still being researched.

Mrs. Lando asked what about the libraries? Ms. Jubilee stated we can do the vaccines wherever we are able to. We can look into that. We are open to anyone that will have us and where it is legal to do so.
Mr. Van Etten asked what will be your return rate at the County Fair? Are people going to come back for the second shot? Ms. Jubilee replied any time we do a pop up clinic, we just do the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. At the Dairy Festival, we only vaccinated 11 people over a period of four to five hours. It costs us more to be out there. Mr. Wheeler commented the facilities at the Fairgrounds are not great as it is very hot and difficult to get a volunteer to sit out in the heat. We are willing to look at multiple options. Ms. Fitzpatrick commented a clinic at the SPCA may also be an option.

Mr. Malter asked how do we know who has received their vaccine? Ms. Jubilee replied we are restricted by HIPAA, but if we have a name, we are able to do a search that way. Mr. Wheeler explained we run reports on age categories, not specific residents.

D. Personnel

1. Tuition Aid Request – Finance Department – Mr. Alderman requested authorization to approve a tuition aid request for Stacey Hayes, an employee in the Finance Department. The request is $1,800 for last semester and $1,350 for this coming semester. He commented that Ms. Hayes is taking courses to get her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration.

MOTION: APPROVING THE TUITION AID REQUEST FOR STACEY HAYES AN EMPLOYEE IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO BE REIMBURSED $1,800 FOR LAST SEMESTER AND $1,350 FOR THIS COMING SEMESTER FOR COURSES BEING TAKEN TOWARD A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MR. VAN CAESEELE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

2. COVID Leave – Mr. Van Etten commented the Governor stated last week that municipal employees cannot be penalized for taking days off for COVID. Does that affect us? Mr. Wheeler replied I don’t think it does. Anyone who is under isolation, anyone who tests positive or anyone who is a contact to a positive can avail themselves of COVID leave. Mr. Alderman stated we have been more lenient than we have been required to be. I don’t think it will affect us much, if at all.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. State Office of the Advocate for People with Disabilities – Mrs. Ferratella stated she received a request from AIM to support A.3130 and S.1836 to reinstate the State Office of the Advocate for People with Disabilities. Governor Mario Cuomo had set up the office; Governor Andrew Cuomo continued the Executive Order but the actual function did not survive.

MOTION: MEMORIALIZING THE GOVERNOR AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT A.3130 AND S.1836 TO REINSTATE THE STATE OFFICE OF THE ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MR. NICHOLS. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Resolution Required.

B. Status of 2021 Goals – Mrs. Ferratella stated she sent an email to Chairman Van Etten and the committee members to provide an update on the status of our goals. Our first goal was to leverage our public relations function by featuring one department bi-monthly to highlight the work of our six departments. Mary Perham has published two bi-monthly articles for Community Services and Office for the Aging. Our second goal was to utilize employees from other departments to assist departments that do not have personnel and are in need of support. She noted this goal can be viewed as significant when we look at the impact it has had during the pandemic and she cited several examples from Public Health and noted that other departments indicated that they do “crossover” with other departments.
MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. NICHOLS. SECONDED BY MR. VAN CAESEELE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR**
Wednesday, August 4, 2021
9:00 a.m.

Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature’s Office
NO LATER THAN NOON
Wednesday, July 28, 2021