

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN ROOM #318  
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

**Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Crowley & Gouldman**

**Monday March 18, 2024  
(Immediately Following the Economic Development Meeting at 6:30PM)**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 P.M. by Chairwoman Sayegh who requested that Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Gouldman and Chairwoman Sayegh were present. Legislator Crowley was absent.

**Item #3 - Acceptance of Minutes – February 22, 2024 Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #4 - Approval/Fund Transfer 24T030/Social Services/Division of Juvenile Justice & Opportunities for Youth Facility Chargebacks**

Social Services Commissioner Sara Servadio stated the County is responsible for half of the daily cost to house a child in one of these secure facilities, with the State paying the other half. She stated there is no fiscal impact. She stated there was a child in a facility for six (6) months at a rate of \$2,900 per day and another child was in a different facility for approximately three (3) months at a rate of \$1,500 per day.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated it is the County's obligation to these children.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 24T030; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #5 - Approval/Budgetary Amendment 24A013/Health Department/MRC STTRONG (Medical Reserve Corps – State, Territory and Tribal Nations, Representative Organizations for Next Generation) Grant Funding**

Chairwoman Sayegh stated there is no fiscal impact for this grant. She stated it will be used for materials, supplies and education.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 24A013; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #6 - Approval/Budgetary Amendment 24A017/Health Department/ELC (Enhanced Laboratory Capacity) Covid-19 Grant**

Chairwoman Sayegh stated the grant period for this particular grant has been extended. She stated the funds will be used for computer equipment, books and supplies, and internet costs.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 24A017; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #7 - Approval/Budgetary Amendment 24A019/Social Services/Office of Mental Health State Aid Allocation**

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 24A019; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #8 - Approval/Budgetary Amendment 24A020/Social Services/Use Opioid Abatement Funds to Purchase a Laptop for the Dual Recovery Coordinator**

DSS Commissioner Servadio stated this was budgeted for, but the quote was higher than expected. She stated there is no fiscal impact. She stated the new quote is approximately \$1,600. She stated she would like to bring the Dual Recovery Coordinator and the Co-Responder Team in to give an update to the Committee.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 24A020; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #9 - Approval/Budgetary Amendment 24A025/Senior Resources/Use Lobdell Bequeathment Funds to Acquire a Handicap Van for Medical Transportation**

Office for Senior Resources (OSR) Deputy Director Marlene Barrett stated this is for a 2024 Chrysler Pacifica with accessibility features. She stated this is to be used for the volunteer medical transportation program. She stated there are approximately 42 active volunteer drivers taking seniors to doctor's appointments. She stated the service was provided to 181 seniors in 2023 which equated to 1,771 one-way travels, a 20% increase from 2022. She noted that this vehicle is to replace a 2014 vehicle that has irreparable accessibility features. She stated they appreciate the Legislature's support for this program.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated it is important to keep seniors mobile and getting them to their appointments is crucial. She questioned how many people the van can hold.

Deputy Director Barrett stated it will be used for one (1) wheelchair and if the senior has an aide.

Legislator Gouldman what is being done with the older model.

Deputy Director Barrett stated an exchange with the Transportation Department is being worked out for a Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Legislator Gouldman thanked Deputy Director Barrett for the information. He thanked OSR for its Spring Event that it recently hosted and he was glad he participated in the successful event.

Legislator Montgomery stated this program has been great for her constituents. She stated she did learn that OSR is in need of more volunteer drivers.

Deputy Director Barrett stated another driver was just trained for the west side of the county.

Legislator Addonizio stated this is a fantastic program and she shared an anecdote of how the program helped her father get to an appointment.

Legislator Gouldman questioned what the qualifications are to be a driver.

Deputy Director Barrett stated you must be over 60 years old, pass a defensive driving course, have a clean driving record, and a background check is required.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 24A025; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #10 - Other Business – None**

**Item #11 – Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 6:53 P.M., Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Ed Gordon.