

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023
3:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Janet Sutherland, Chairwoman
Michael Amo, Mike Anagnostakis, Glenn R. Ehlers, Genesis Ramos, Laurie R. Tautel

ALSO

PRESENT: Katherine E. Bonelli, Chairwoman
Thomas J. Faggione, Majority Leader
Betsy N. Abraham Esq., Legislative Counsel
Harold J. Porr, III, Deputy County Executive
Lisa James, Assistant County Attorney
Darcie Miller, Commissioner of Social Services and Mental Health
Irene Kurlander, Deputy Commissioner of Social Services
Todd Craner, Fiscal Director, Department of Social Services
Caroline Marscheider, Fiscal Manager, Department of Social Services
Kerry Gallagher, Commissioner of Finance
Ann Marie Maglione, Director, Office for the Aging
Danielle Diana-Smith, Assistant Director, Office for the Aging
Kevin Monaghan, Nutrition Program Director, Office for the Aging
Joseph Malfa, Fiscal Manager, Office for the Aging
Stephen Knob, Director, Employment and Training Administration
Christian Farrell, Director, Veterans Service Agency
Deborah Slesinski, Budget Director
Gretchen Riordan, Deputy Budget Director
Liz Matis, Budget Analyst

Ms. Sutherland opened the committee meeting at 3:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Legislator Ramos, who arrived at 3:04 p.m. and Legislator Tuohy, who was absent.

Ms. Miller presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of Social Services.

Ms. Tautel moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of Social Services/Administration, seconded by Mr. Ehlers.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Anagnostakis moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of Social Services/Programs, seconded by Ms. Tautel.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Knob presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Employment and Training Administration.

Mr. Amo moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for the Employment and Training Administration, seconded by Mr. Ehlers.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Maglione presented the 2024 recommended budget for Office for the Aging.

Ms. Tautel moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for Office for the Aging, seconded by Ms. Ramos.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Tautel moved to approve the 2024 Capital Plan for the Office for the Aging, seconded by Mr. Amo.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Farrell presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Veterans Service Agency.

Mr. Amo moved request for emergency funding to make necessary repairs and improvements to the Veterans Service Agency office building on the grounds of the Orange County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, \$200,000.00, seconded by Ms. Tautel.

Mr. Farrell explained that numerous repairs are needed on the building such as stair replacement, mold removal and ADA compliance issues.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Ramos moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for the Veterans Service Agency, seconded by Ms. Tautel.

Mr. Faggione stated for the record the major goals and workload measures for the Veterans Service Agency in 2023: 250 Veterans Cemetery Burials, 190 Veterans Food Pantry Recipients, 1,000 Veterans VA Claims Appointments and 2,300 Transportation (rides).

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Tautel moved to approve the 2024 Capital Plan for the Veterans Service Agency, seconded by Mr. Ehlers.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.