

**HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023
2:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Peter V. Tuohy, Chairman
Mike Anagnostakis, Glenn R. Ehlers, Kevindaryán Luján, Janet Sutherland,
Laurie R. Tautel

ALSO

PRESENT: Katherine E. Bonelli, Chairwoman
Thomas J. Faggione, Majority Leader
Betsy N. Abraham, Esq., Legislative Counsel
Cedric Cooper, Esq., Assistant County Attorney
Alicia Pointer M.D., Commissioner of Health
Lisa K. Lahiff, Deputy Commissioner of Health
Steve Valdez, Deputy Commissioner of Health
Jennifer L. Roman, D.O., Orange County Medical Examiner
Jacki De Chiara, Director of Operations, Medical Examiner's Office
Darcie Miller, Commissioner of Social Services and Mental Health
Lacey Trimble, Deputy Commissioner of Mental Health
Elizabeth Delaney, Administrative Officer, Mental Health Department
Laurence LaDue, Commissioner, Valley View Center
Donna Strecker, Director of Finance, Valley View Center
Kerry Gallagher, Commissioner of Finance
Deborah Slesinski, Budget Director
Gretchen Riordan, Deputy Budget Director
Erin Sztendor, Budget Analyst

Mr. Tuohy opened the committee meeting at 2:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Legislator Luján, who arrived at 2:02 p.m. and Legislator Sutherland, who arrived at 2:07 p.m.

Ms. Miller presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of Mental Health.

Mr. Luján moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of Mental Health, seconded by Ms. Sutherland.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. LaDue presented the following legislative requests.

Ms. Sutherland moved to request supplemental appropriation for a proposed 2023 capital expenditure to continue upgrading patient care mechanical lifters. This is proposed Capital Project No. 128 in the 2023 Capital Plan. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$70,000 (bonding), Ms. Tautel.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Tautel moved to request supplemental appropriation for a proposed 2023 capital expenditure to continue upgrading office furniture. This is proposed Capital Project No. 127 in the 2023 Capital Plan. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$13,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Ms. Sutherland.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Luján moved to request supplemental appropriation for a proposed 2023 capital expenditure to continue upgrading dietary food service equipment. This is proposed Capital Project No. 131 in the 2023 Capital Plan. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$50,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Ms. Tautel.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. LaDue presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of Residential Health Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Ms. Sutherland moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of Residential Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, seconded by Mr. Ms. Tautel.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Sutherland moved to approve the 2024 Capital Plan for the Department of Residential Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, seconded by Ms. Tautel.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Strecker added that they have received notification that they will be receiving IGT funding in the amount of \$13,945,493.00 for the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. These funds will be booked to 2023.

Dr. Pointer presented the following legislative requests.

Ms. Sutherland moved request to accept and appropriate funds from the New York State Department of Health for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program grant for the period of 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024, \$285,905.00, seconded by Mr. Luján.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Luján moved to request correction of Resolution No. 168 of 2023 for the Healthy Orange Farm Fresh (HOFF) grant by changing funds from 1010 to 1090, seconded by Ms. Tautel.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Luján moved to request correction of Resolution No. 240 of 2023 for the Long Covid-19 Initiative grant by changing funds from 1010 to 1090, seconded by Ms. Tautel.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Dr. Pointer presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Medical Examiner.

Ms. Sutherland moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for the Medical Examiner, seconded by Mr. Amo.

Mr. Tuohy asked about the recent RFP for decedent transport in Orange County. Dr. Pointer explained that the RFP closed, and they received several bids and they interviewed and scored all but one of the bids because they are waiting on additional information before scoring that bid.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Dr. Pointer presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of Health.

Ms. Sutherland moved to approve the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of Health, seconded by Mr. Amo.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Luján moved to approve the 2024 Capital Plan for the Department of Health, seconded by Mr. Amo.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.