



# Sullivan County

## Health & Human Services

### Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairman Catherine Scott  
Vice Chairman Matt McPhillips  
Committee Member Brian McPhillips  
Committee Member Amanda Ward  
Committee Member Terry Blosser-Bernardo

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Thursday, January 18, 2024

10:30 AM

Government Center

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#### Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Scott called the Health and Human Services Committee meeting to order at 11:48AM.

#### Roll Call

Luis Alvarez, Nicholas Salamone, Nadia Rajs, Joseph Perrello  
Joshua Potosek, Michelle Huck, Tom Cawley, Robert Freehill, Dan Hust, John Liddle, Salif Banse,  
Giselle Seketee, Michelle Bridges, Jill Hubert-Simon  
Lise Kennedy, Martha Scoppa, Sandra Oxford, Ken Walter, Lou Setren,

Brian McPhillips was not present at Roll Call. He arrived late at 11:50AM.

**Present:** Catherine Scott, Matt McPhillips, Brian McPhillips, Amanda Ward and  
Terry Blosser-Bernardo

#### Comments:

#### Reports:

1. Division of Health and Human Services  
January 2024  
Monthly Report

[ID-6058](#)

**Attachments:** [2024-01 HHS Monthly Report.pdf](#)

Commissioner John Liddle gave an update and introduced his Department Heads in the  
Division of Health & Human Services.

At this point, Matt McPhillips and Brian McPhillips left the meeting at 12:01pm

At this point, Brian McPhillips returned to the meeting at 12:02pm

#### Discussion:

**1. Comprehensive Review of DSS Child related services**

Legislator Terry Bernardo brought up the Child Fatality Report Report Identification #SV-23-021

Commissioner John Liddle gave a report on the proposed review.

**Public Comment**

- 1. Ken Walter made a public comment.
- 2. Lise Kennedy made a public comment.
- 3. Sandra Oxford made a public comment.
- 4. Martha Scoppa made a public comment.
- 5. Lou Setren made a public comment.

Jacqueline VanGordon's public comment

[ID-6150](#)

**Attachments:** [My Community--vangordon](#)

Lise Kennedy January 18th Public Comment

[ID-6151](#)

**Attachments:** [lennedyjan18pubcomment](#)

**Resolutions:**

Terry Blosser-Bernardo moved Resolutions #1-11 in a block, seconded by Brian McPhillips, all in favor 3-0.

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- 1. To approve a modification of the Rolling V Bus Contract to incorporate a 1:1 Aide for Preschool. [ID-6035](#)

A motion was made by District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by Vice Chairman Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Scott, District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

**Absent:** Vice Chairman McPhillips and District 8 Legislator Ward

- 2. To authorize the modification of contract amount of Resolution No. 441-23 adopted on November 22, 20023. [ID-6073](#)

A motion was made by District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Scott, District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

**Absent:** Vice Chairman McPhillips and District 8 Legislator Ward

3. To authorize the County Manager to execute agreement between Department of Social Services and Department of Community Services for Substance Abuse Assessment and monitoring. [ID-6074](#)

A motion was made by District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Scott, District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

**Absent:** Vice Chairman McPhillips and District 8 Legislator Ward

4. To extend a contract with Action Toward Independence for various services and supports. [ID-5878](#)

A motion was made by District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Scott, District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

**Absent:** Vice Chairman McPhillips and District 8 Legislator Ward

5. To extend a contract with Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan and Ulster for various substance abuse treatment programs and services. [ID-6065](#)

A motion was made by District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Scott, District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

**Absent:** Vice Chairman McPhillips and District 8 Legislator Ward

6. To extend a contract with Hudson Transit Lines (DBA: Coach USA/Shortline Bus) to provide transportation services to and from the Department of Community Services. [ID-6067](#)

A motion was made by District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Scott, District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

**Absent:** Vice Chairman McPhillips and District 8 Legislator Ward

7. To extend a contract with Independent Living, Inc. to provide peer supports and crisis intervention services to individuals and families. [ID-6068](#)

A motion was made by District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Scott, District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

**Absent:** Vice Chairman McPhillips and District 8 Legislator Ward

8. To extend a contract with Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. for behavioral health services and supports to adults and children with mental illness. [ID-6069](#)

A motion was made by District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Scott, District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

**Absent:** Vice Chairman McPhillips and District 8 Legislator Ward

9. To extend a contract with NYSARC, Inc. (DBA: The Arc Greater Hudson Valley, New York) to provide the operations of various programs and services. [ID-6070](#)

A motion was made by District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Scott, District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

**Absent:** Vice Chairman McPhillips and District 8 Legislator Ward

10. To extend a contract with United Way of Sullivan County to manage funding for the Children’s Case Management unit on behalf of the Department of Community Services. [ID-6071](#)

A motion was made by District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Scott, District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

**Absent:** Vice Chairman McPhillips and District 8 Legislator Ward

11. To extend a contract with NAMI Sullivan County, NY for behavioral health services and supports for individuals with mental illness and their families. [ID-6072](#)

A motion was made by District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Scott, District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

**Absent:** Vice Chairman McPhillips and District 8 Legislator Ward

### Executive Session

Terry Blosser-Bernardo moved to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining agreements at 12:54PM, seconded by Brian McPhillips, agreed and carried 3-0.

It should be noted that Matthew McPhillips joined Executive Session at 12:56PM.

Catherine Scott moved to come out of Executive Session at 1:25PM, seconded by Matthew McPhillips, agreed and carried.

### Adjourn

There being no further business, Matthew McPhillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Brian McPhillips. The Health and Human Services adjourned at 1:27PM.