



Sullivan County

Health & Human Services

Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairman Nicholas Salomone Jr.
Vice Chairman Michael Brooks
Committee Member Joseph Perrello
Committee Member Alan J. Sorensen
Committee Member Ira Steingart

Thursday, September 14, 2023

10:30 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Salomone called the Health and Human Services Committee meeting to order at 10:39AM.

Roll Call

Robert Doherty, George Conklin

Michelle Huck, Dan Hust, Mike McGuire, Tom Cawley, Angela Chevalier, John Little, Brain Conaty, Leelani Voigland, Scott Kinne, Tim Ward

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Matt McPhillips, Lou Setren, Lise Kennedy, Moreen Lerner, Martha Scoppa, Denise Frangipane, Lindsey Kesten, Dr.Laryssa Dryzka, Diane M., Josie Omar, Martin Colavito, Deborah Warden, Shannon Kelly, Annette Carr

Present: Chairman Nicholas Salomone Jr., Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, Joseph Perrello and Alan Sorensen
Absent: Ira Steingart

Presentation

A Distinguished Service Award was presented to Rose Ware by Chairman Salomone on behalf of the Sullivan County Legislature which read as follows:

"In recognition of 25 years of selfless service to the youth and families of Sullivan County. Opening your home to more than 120 children is powerfully inspiring and a testament to your goal that every child should feel loved and cared for".

Reports:

Opioid Settlement Analysis and Briefing Sheet

[ID-5851](#)

Attachments: [Analysis of Opioid Settlement Money](#)

1. Division of Health & Human Services
September 2023 - Monthly Report

[ID-5793](#)

Attachments: [2023-09 HHS Monthly Report.pdf](#)

DSS Commissioner John Liddle highlighted his monthly report and distributed the attached Analysis and Briefing Sheet of Opioid Settlement Funds.

At this time, Acting District Attorney Brian Conaty made a comment.

At this time, Chief of Liberty Police Steve D'Agata made a public comment.

At this time, Joseph Perrello and Alan Sorensen made a comment about the Opioid settlement money, education in the schools and pharma companies.

George Conklin and Michael Brooks both made comments.

At this point,, George Conklin left the meeting at 11:16AM.

Robert Doherty requested clarification of some recent opioid settlement spending.

Joseph Perrello suggested from last week that a group session needs to be held and Nadia Rajsiz will spearhead this discussion to have education in the schools and see what programs work.

Public Comment

Acting District Attorney Brian Conaty stated while he appreciates the discussion today, in which the Task Force has had the past two years, the Task force is here for answers and they are not hearing any. They need to spend the money and they need to spend the money now.

Annette Carr, Program Director of Hope not Handcuffs made a public comment.

Legislative Chair Robert Doherty, Alan Sorensen and Michael Brooks made comments at this time.

Rachel Steingart made a public comment.

Martin Colavito made a public comment.

Shannon Kelly, CEO of Catholic Charities made a public comment.

Legislative Chair Robert Doherty then asked County Auditor Angela Chevalier to come up and explain the payment and voucher process.

County Auditor Angela Chevalier explained the processes and explained what has occurred thus far..

Moreen Lerner made a public comment.

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther made a public comment.

Annette Carr made another public comment.

Deborah Worden, Director of Action Towards Independence made a public comment.

Lindsey Kesten an Angel for Hope not Handcuffs.made a public comment.

At this point, Nicholas Salomone left the meeting at 12:14PM.

Josie Omar made a public comment.

Lou Setren made a public comment.

At this point, Nicholas Salomone returned to the meeting at 12:19PM

Commissioner John Liddle went over each of the resolutions.

Resolutions:

Alan Sorensen moved Resolutions #1-#3 in a block, seconded by Michael Brooks, agreed and carried 4-0

- 1. Enter into a Contract with Niki Jones Agency, Inc. for Community Services. [ID-5720](#)

AS MB 12:21pm

A motion was made by Committee Member Alan Sorensen, seconded by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 9/21/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Salomone, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Perrello and Committee Member Sorensen

Absent: Committee Member Steingart

Enactment No: 363-23

- 2. TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND VARIOUS SERVICE PROVIDERS [ID-5768](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Alan Sorensen, seconded by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 9/21/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Salomone, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Perrello and Committee Member Sorensen

Absent: Committee Member Steingart

Enactment No: 372-23

- 3. TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN (IAP) GRANT [ID-5773](#)

Attachments: [Reso Cover IAP Grant 2023-2028](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Alan Sorensen, seconded by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 9/21/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Salomone, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Perrello and Committee Member Sorensen

Absent: Committee Member Steingart

Enactment No: 375-23

Adjourn

There being no further business, Alan Sorensen moved to adjourn, seconded by Michael Brooks. The Health and Human Services Committee was adjourned at 12:21PM.