



Sullivan County

Health & Human Services

Meeting Minutes - Final

Chair Catherine Scott
Vice Chair Amanda Ward
Committee Member Brian McPhillips
Committee Member Matt McPhillips
Committee Member Luis Alvarez

Thursday, July 16, 2026

11:30 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Catherine Scott called the Health and Human Services Committee to order at 11:39am.

Roll Call

Present: Catherine Scott, Amanda Ward and Matt McPhillips
Absent: Luis Alvarez
Arrived Late: Brian McPhillips

Comments:

At this point, Brian McPhillips joined the meeting at 11:41am.

Joseph Perrello

Michelle Bowers, Dan Hust, Robert Freehill, Sharon Jankiewicz, Dr. Jessie Moore, Giselle Steketee, Milissa Stickle, Colleen Haberzettl, Michelle Bridges

Ken Walter, Lise Kennedy, Star Hesse, Diane Mestanza, Dorothy Sanchez, Yakov Mandelovics, Patrick from River Reporter, Matt from the Democrat, and Kim from WJFF

Reports:

Housing Assistance Programs Presentation given by Director of Temporary Assistance Michelle Bridges and Senior Housing Coordinator Colleen Haberzettl

Deputy Commissioner Giselle Steketee gave an update on Social Services.

Housing Assistance Program Presentation

[ID-8529](#)

Attachments: [Sullivan County presentation-final 7-14-2026](#)

1. Department of Public Health Agenda

[ID-8505](#)

Attachments: [2026-5 HHS Monthly Report](#)

Dr. Jessie Moore gave an update on the Department of Public Health.

2. Social Services, Community Service and Care Center
Monthly Report
July 2026

[ID-8509](#)

Attachments: [2026-07 HHS Monthly Report](#)

Deputy Commissioner Melissa Stickle gave an update on the Drug Task Force Committee.

Discussion:

Public Comment

1. Ken Walter made a public comment.
2. Lise Kennedy made a public comment.
3. Dorothy Sanchez made a public comment.
4. Star Hesse made a public comment.

At this point, Amanda Ward left the meeting at 12:29pm and returned at 12:37pm.

At this point, Brian McPhillips left the meeting at 12:44pm.

5. Yakov Mandelovics made a public comment.
6. Manny Steinberg made a public comment.
7. Naftuly Neiman made a public comment.

Lise Kennedy Health and Human Services Public Comment

[ID-8528](#)

Resolutions:

Amanda Ward moved Resolutions #1-#4 in a block, seconded by Matt McPhillips, all in favor 3-0.

1. To enter into an agreement for the provision of Summer Youth Employment Services

[ID-8459](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Amanda Ward, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/20/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairwoman Scott, Vice Chairwoman Ward and District 1 Legislator McPhillips

Absent: District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 6 Legislator Alvarez

2. To execute agreements for Residential Respite Preventive Services

[ID-8460](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Amanda Ward, seconded by Chairwoman Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/21/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairwoman Scott, Vice Chairwoman Ward and District 1 Legislator McPhillips

Absent: District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 6 Legislator Alvarez

3. To enter into agreements for the provision of professional services [ID-8480](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Amanda Ward, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/21/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairwoman Scott, Vice Chairwoman Ward and District 1 Legislator McPhillips

Absent: District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 6 Legislator Alvarez

4. TO MODIFY THE AGREEMENT WITH E-PSYCHIATRY TO PROVIDE [ID-8493](#)
TELEMEDICINE SERVICES FOR PSYCHIATRIC CARE AND
MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY SERVICES

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Amanda Ward, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/21/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairwoman Scott, Vice Chairwoman Ward and District 1 Legislator McPhillips

Absent: District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 6 Legislator Alvarez

Adjourn

There being no further business, Matt McPhillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Amanda Ward. The Health and Human Services was adjourned at 12:51pm.