

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: HEALTH SERVICES**

**DATE: MARCH 19, 2024**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS STRAINER  
GILLIGAN  
BRUNO  
WILD  
THOMAS

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

DEANNA PARK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING  
REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH:  
GINELLE JONES, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH/PATIENT SERVICES  
TAWN DRISCOLL, FISCAL MANAGER  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
RYAN DICKEY, SECOND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL  
MERLINO  
STROUGH  
TURNER  
TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
ROBIN LARKIN, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

SUPERVISORS RUNYON  
PATCHETT

*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the March 19, 2024 meeting of the Health Services Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed using the following links:*

*Warren County website - <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>*

*Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuZU3TjDYb8>*

Mr. Strainer called the meeting of the Health Services Committee to order at 9:36 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon and Mr. Patchett absent*) to approve the minutes from the previous Health Services Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the Health Services and Office for the Aging meeting agendas were distributed to those in attendance; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

Privilege of the floor and public comments were called for;

Robin Larkin, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, spoke in her capacity as a mental health professional regarding a spike in the number of individuals who were mentally unfit to stand trial partley due to COVID-19 and there not being enough providers, specifically in Northern Warren County.

Review of the Health Services agenda commenced with the following requests:

1. To Amend the 2024 County Budget in the amount of \$1,076.50 to reflect receipt of Healthcare Worker Bonus Program funding for the New York State Department of Health.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon and Mr. Patchett absent*) to approve the request as presented and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. For a transfer of funds in the amount \$283,340 from Budget Code A.4195 470 *Public Health-Fellowship Program-Contract Expenses*, to reflect Fellowship Grant budget modification to cover supply, salary and fringe expenses.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon and Mr. Patchett absent*) to approve the request as presented and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

A review of the Discussion Items portion of the agenda proceeded with an overview of the following documents included in the agenda packet:

- Report of Revenues and Expenditures for 2024;
- Revenue and Expense Comparison Report for 2023 vs 2024;
- Status of Referrals;
- Emergency Response and Preparedness; and
- Rabies Program Report.

There being no further Health Services business to discuss, review of the Office For the Aging agenda commenced with the following requests:

1. To amend Resolution No. 286 of 2022 to increase the amount of the EISEP contract with American Medical Alert from \$7,000 to \$15,000, effective April 1, 2024.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon and Mr. Patchett absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. For a new agreement with Blooming Health, Inc. to improve older adults' awareness of community based aging services and benefits through a grant from the New York State Office for the Aging and the Association on Aging in New York, Inc. at no cost to the County.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon and Mr. Patchett absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

The following Discussion Items section of the agenda was reviewed with the following items being addressed:

1. Association on Aging Spring Leadership Institute April 16-18, 2024.
2. 2024 New York State Caregiving & Respite Coalition May 21-23, 2024.
3. ACUU (Aging Concerns Unite Us) Conference June 25 and 26, 2024.
4. Annual Report for 2023. Provided by Power Point Presentation. *A copy of the presentation is on file with the minutes.*

Privilege of the floor and public comments were called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

There being no further business to come before the Health Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon and Mr. Patchett absent*), Mr. Strainer adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist