

# **County of Albany**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

**5:30 PM**

**Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building  
Cahill Room - First Floor**

### **Social Services Committee**

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS:**

**Present:** Samuel I. Fein, Beroro T. Efekoro, Andrew Joyce,  
Matthew J. Miller, Ellen Rosano, Patrice Lockart and Jeff  
S. Perlee

**Excused:** Merton D. Simpson and Mickey Cleary

**1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made that the previous meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

As requested prior to the meeting, Commissioner McClave gave a short report on the Rental Supplement Program. She expressed that around 40 percent of the total grant funding available had thus far been delegated to families who qualify for rental assistance, with 3 months left in the term before the unused funds are retrieved by the State. Commissioner McClave stated that the majority of the recipients live in the City of Albany, with some also residing in the Cities of Cohoes and Watervliet. Mr. Fein and Mr. Efekoro both expressed concerns that all efforts possible should be expended to utilize all of the funding, considering the serious homelessness problem facing residents. Commissioner McClave said that the biggest issue her department faces in delegating the funding is the lack of affordable housing available to qualifying individuals in the County. Commissioner McClave concluded that she would submit more information regarding plans to spend the rest of the money. Mr. Fein stated that the Committee would conduct research on affordable housing.

**2. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS REGARDING LOW-BARRIER SHELTER SERVICES**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**3. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALTAMONT PROGRAM, INC. REGARDING A CODE BLUE WARMING CENTER**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**4. AMENDING THE 2024 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
BUDGET: ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**5. AUTHORIZING AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AND THE  
ALBANY COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**6. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BERKSHIRE FARMS AND  
FAMILY CENTER REGARDING NON-SECURE DETENTION SERVICES**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**7. AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 351 FOR 2022 REGARDING  
NON-SECURE DETENTION SERVICES**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**8. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS PERTAINING TO THE EARLY  
INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**9. AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING AND AN  
AGREEMENT REGARDING THE CHILD RIGHT: SAFE HARBOR  
INITIATIVE**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**10. AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 238 FOR 2022 REGARDING THE  
HEALTHY FAMILIES HOME VISITING PROGRAM**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**11. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS PERTAINING TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS PROGRAM**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**12. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE HEALTHY FAMILIES HOME VISITING PROGRAM**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**13. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY ALLIANCE OF THE CAPITAL REGION REGARDING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSION PROGRAM**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.