

Honorable Andrew Joyce and Members of the Albany County Legislature:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

The Social Services Committee of the Albany County Legislature met on November 26, 2019. Chairperson Fein, Messrs. Simpson, Bullock, Clay, Commisso, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Mendick, and Reinhardt were present. Mr. Cahill was excused. The following items were discussed and/or acted upon:

Approving Previous Meeting Minutes: Unanimously approved.

1. Authorizing an Agreement with Children's Health Home of Upstate New York Regarding Medicaid Care Management Services for Children: The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families had requested authorization to renew an agreement with Children's Health Home of Upstate New York regarding claims for reimbursement for all Medicaid Care Management Services provided to children with the necessary qualifying conditions as defined by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After a brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
2. Authorizing Agreements with Foster Care Agencies Regarding the Raise the Age Initiative: The Commissioner of the Department of Children, Youth and Families had requested authorization to enter into one-year agreements with thirteen agencies set forth in the foster care provider list of agencies annexed hereto for the provision of residential foster care programs for the Raise the Age initiative at rates determined by New York State for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After a brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
3. Amending Resolution No. 504 for 2018 Regarding Foster Care Providers: The Commissioner of the Department of Children, Youth and Families had requested authorization to amend Resolution No. 504 for 2018 to include NAFL Connecticut, Inc., Farmington, CT 06032 as a NYS approved foster care services provider at rates determined by New York State with notice to the County for a term commencing November 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2020. After a brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
4. Authorizing Agreements Regarding the Children's Advocacy Center and Amending the 2019 Department of Children, Youth and Families Budget: The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families had requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services regarding the Children's Advocacy Center in the amount of \$164,095 for a term commencing February 1, 2020 and ending

January 31, 2021. After a brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

5. Authorizing an Agreement with the City of Albany Police Department Regarding a Part-Time Law Enforcement Coordinator for the Children's Advocacy Center: The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) had requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the City of Albany Police Department regarding a part-time Law Enforcement Coordinator to be co-located at the DCYF Children's Advocacy Center in the amount of \$27,000 for a term commencing February 1, 2020 and ending January 31, 2021. After a brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
6. Authorizing the Submission of a Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program Plan to the New York State Office of Children's and Family Services: The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families had requested authorization to sign and submit a Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program Plan (STSJP) to the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) in order to accept funding in the amount of \$172,722 to support programming at the Albany County Probation Department and Albany County Family Court for juvenile justice involved youth for a term commencing October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020. After a brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
7. Authorizing the Acceptance of Enhanced Funding from and an Agreement with New York State Office of Children and Family Services Regarding Services for Persons in Need of Supervision: The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families had requested authorization to enter into an agreement with New York State Office of Children and Family Services regarding funding in the amount of \$35,700 as a one-time allocation to help prepare for the aforementioned changes for a term commencing October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020. After a brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,
THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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