

Health Committee



AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING

OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

Date/ Time: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room E - Legislative Office Building 46 East Bridge Street Oswego

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

James Karasek, Chair	Legislator, 22 nd District
Michael Solowy, Vice Chair	Legislator, 23 rd District
Frank Castiglia	Legislator, 25 th District
Kevin Hill	Legislator, 15 th District
Marc Greco	Legislator, 24 th District
Richard Kline	Legislator, 12 th District
James Scanlon	Legislator, 16 th District

CALL TO ORDER:

- Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Approval of the Minutes for the Health Committee's regular meeting on February 6, 2024.

RESOLUTIONS:

- HE-1** Resolution Adding New York State Healthcare Worker Bonus Funds to the Oswego County Health Department Preventative Health Budget

COMMITTEE REVIEW & DECISIONS:

- None

REPORTING DEPARTMENTS:

- Health Department Updates

ADJOURNMENT:

Health Committee



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MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

Date/ Time: Tuesday, February 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room E - Legislative Office Building 46 East Bridge Street Oswego, New York 13126

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

James Karasek, Chair	Legislator, 22 nd District	Present
Michael Solowy, Vice Chair	Legislator, 23 rd District	Excused
Frank Castiglia	Legislator, 25 th District	Present
Marc Greco	Legislator, 24 th District	Present
Kevin Hill	Legislator, 15 th District	Present
Richard Kline	Legislator, 12 th District	Present
James Scanlon	Legislator, 16 th District	Present

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Veronica Turner	Savannah Wyckoff	Vera Dunsmoor	Jennifer Waltz
Lesley Schmidt			

CALL TO ORDER:

A Regular Meeting of the Health Committee was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Committee Chairman James Karasek with Deputy Clerk of the Legislature present. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve meeting minutes from December 5, 2023: Legislator Kline

Second: Legislator Greco

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

The minutes for the Health Committee's Regular Meeting on December 5, 2023, are approved.

RESOLUTIONS:

HE-1 Resolution Appointing a Member to the Oswego County Traffic Safety Board

Motion to approve: Legislator Karasek

Second: Legislator Greco

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

HE-2 Resolution Appointing a Legislative Member to the Oswego County Board of Health

Motion to approve: Legislator Greco

Second: Legislator Kline

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

HE-3 Resolution Authorizing the Reclassification of One Position in the Health Department

Motion to approve: Legislator Greco

Second: Legislator Scanlon

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

COMMITTEE REVIEW & DECISIONS:

- 2024 Rabies Clinic Schedule

Motion to approve: Legislator Karasek

Second: Legislator Greco

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

- Approval of the September 14, 2023, Professional Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve: Legislator Greco

Second: Legislator Hill

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

REPORTING DEPARTMENTS:

- Vera Dunsmoor provided a Health Department update (See handout).

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 11:36 p.m. Legislator Greco

Second: Legislator Hill

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

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Raven Ahart
Deputy Clerk of the Legislature

RESOLUTION NO.

March 14, 2024

RESOLUTION ADDING NEW YORK STATE HEALTHCARE WORKER BONUS FUNDS TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PREVENTIVE HEALTH BUDGET

By Legislator James Karasek:

WHEREAS, adding New York State Healthcare Worker Bonus funds to the Oswego County Health Department's Preventive Health budget is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus program was announced by Governor Kathy Hochul earlier this year and individuals meeting specific requirements are eligible; and

NOW, upon recommendation of the Health Committee of this body, with the approval of the Finance and Personnel Committee, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer the funds from and to the account as shown on the attached budget modification request; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution delivered to the County Treasurer shall be their authority to affect such transfer and make such adjustments.

RESOLUTION PASSED/FAILED, WITH A VOICE/ROLL CALL VOTE

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM**

Subject: NYS Healthcare Worker Bonus

Purpose: To add NYS Healthcare Worker Bonus funds to the budget.

Summary: The Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus program was announced by Governor Kathy Hochul earlier this year. Within that program, individuals meeting specific requirements are eligible for a Healthcare Worker Bonus (HWB) up to \$3,000. To be eligible the employer must bill Medicaid for services and individuals must receive a base salary of \$125,000 or less. Bonus amounts are determined by the number of hours worked in a 6 month vesting period with the highest amount being \$1,500 for a 35 hour work week. Qualified employees can receive up to \$3,000 in HWB payments over two vesting periods. Position titles within the Health Department that qualify for the HWB are nurses, LPNs and Social Workers. The HWB must be paid out to employees within 30 days of receipt of State funds, The attached budget modification includes the HWB for 1 eligible employee and the corresponding FICA reimbursement.

Fiscal Impact 2024: None- fully reimbursed by NYS.

Fiscal Impact 2025: None- if there are qualified employees, the HWB is fully reimbursed by NYS.

Recommended

Action: The Health Committee approve receipt of the HWB funds and the corresponding budget modification.

**COUNTY OF OSWEGO
BUDGET MODIFICATION REQUEST**

3.14.24

ACCOUNT NUMBER		ACCOUNT NUMBER			DESCRIPTION	DOLLAR AMOUNT
ORG	OBJECT	PROJ	ORG	OBJECT		
A4035	434500					1,614.75
			A4035	511000	Prev: St Aid Public Health Other	1,500.00
			A4035	590308	Prev: Salaries and Wages	
					Prev: Social Security	114.75
					NYS Healthcare Worker Bonus	

	County Administrator	
Department Head	Date	DATE
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Director of Human Resource	Date	DATE
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County Treasurer	Date	DATE