

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN ROOM #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Crowley & Gouldman

Thursday

6:00PM

July 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairwoman Sayegh who requested that Legislator Ellner lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Chairwoman Sayegh was present. Legislator Crowley & Legislator Gouldman were absent. Chairwoman Sayegh stated Legislator Ellner would sit on the Committee.

Item #3 - Acceptance of Minutes – April 17, 2024

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4 - Approval/Budgetary Amendment 24A063/Social Services/Expenses for Court Ordered Guardianships and Placements in OMH & OPWDD Facilities

DSS Fiscal Manager Kristen Wunner stated there are two (2) individuals who have been placed in Office of Mental Health (OMH) facilities that have been deemed unfit to stand trial and will remain there until deemed fit. She stated the county bears the burden of these expenses. She noted they may need to come before the Legislature again before year-end for more funds. She stated it is expensive, as one facility is approximately \$1,600 per day while the other is approximately, \$1,300 per day.

Legislator Montgomery questioned the names of the facilities.

DSS Fiscal Manager Wunner stated one is Mid-Hudson Psychiatric and the other is in Marcy, New York but she does not know the name.

Legislator Montgomery questioned why Medicaid is not covering this.

DSS Fiscal Manager Wunner stated she is not sure and will look into it.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated he believes it is because it has to do with guardianship.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 23A063; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Item #5 - Other Business – None

Item #6 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:04PM, Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Ed Gordon.