

Health

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams-Johnson

800 Michaelian Office Bldg.
148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601
www.westchesterlegislators.com

Monday, July 18, 2022

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with the Committee on Budget and Appropriations and the Committee on Human Services, Human Rights and Equity

*This meeting will be held pursuant to Chapter 1 of the New York State Laws of 2022 and Executive Order 11, as extended, which authorize any public body to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public-in-person access to meetings and authorize such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. To access the meeting, please visit:
<https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>*

With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:12AM.

Others in Attendance: BUDGET: Larry Soule (remote); HEALTH: Dr. Sherlita Amler; BOL: Legislator Catherine Parker (remote), Legislator Margaret Cunzio, Legislator Damon Maher, Legislator David Tubiolo (remote), Legislator James Nolan (remote), Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Christopher Johnson (remote), Melanie Montalto (remote), James Silverberg, Elizabeth LoBello and Dayana Gómez

Present: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Committee Vice-Chair Pierce and Legislator Smith

Absent: Legislator Shimsky

Remote: Legislator Gashi

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2022-366](#) **ACT-WCHCC-FACT Program-Forensic Medical Care**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation for a term commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024 pursuant to which the WCHCC shall operate its Forensic Acute Care Team (FACT) Program and provide forensic medical care for children/adolescents and adults.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, HUMAN SERVICES, HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUITY AND HEALTH

Joint with the Committee on Budget and Appropriations and the Committee on Human Services, Human Rights and Equity

Guests:

Director Larry Soule and Deputy Director Gideon Grande - Budget Department

Budget Director Larry Soule appeared before the Committee to discuss this item. There were many questions that were unable to be answered because representatives from the Office for Women were unable to attend this meeting. All Committees agreed to continue this item and take it up at a future date.

This ACT - Enter Into Agreement was continued

2. [ACT-2022-94](#) **ACT-WCHCC-Referral of Syphilis Patients**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2026 whereby the County will refer suspected late stage syphilis patients for diagnosis by lumbar puncture.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HEALTH

Joint with the Committee on Budget and Appropriations

Guests:

Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler and 1st Deputy Commissioner Renee Recchia - Department of Health

Commissioner Amler discussed that the County will pay the Westchester County Health Care Corporation on a per patient basis for any County referred patients who do not have insurance. The County will be partially reimbursed by the State.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Gashi, Committee Vice-Chair Pierce and Legislator Smith

Absent: Legislator Shimsky

3. [ACT-2022-100](#) **ACT-WCHCC-Referral of Dept. of Health Patients**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2026 whereby the County will refer Department of Health patients in need of medical services and treatment, including emergency room services, to the WCHCC.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HEALTH

Joint with the Committee on Budget and Appropriations

Guests:

Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler and 1st Deputy Commissioner Renee Recchia - Department of Health

Commissioner Amler discussed that is will be an agreement between the County and the Westchester County Health Care Corporation for the period January 1st, 2022 through December 31st, 2026. This agreement will be non-exclusive and is similar to agreements the County enters into with other hospitals. There will be no payment of funds by the County to the WCHHC. The WCHCC will accept payment from patients, insurance, medicaid and medicare.

On motion of Legislator Borgia, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Gashi, Committee Vice-Chair Pierce and Legislator Smith

Absent: Legislator Shimsky

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, seconded by Legislator Borgia, the Committee adjourned at 11:14am.