



Onondaga County Legislature

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

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10:30 a.m.
November 14, 2023

401 Montgomery St., Room 407 Court House
Syracuse, New York 13202

- A. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- B. Presentation of Resolutions and Local Laws:

1. SOCIAL SERVICES-ECONOMIC SECURITY:

- a. Confirming the Reappointment of Sarah Merrick as the Onondaga County Commissioner of Social Services (Sarah Merrick)

2. CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:

- a. Authorizing an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Syracuse for Outreach Workers for Persons in Crisis

- C. Adjournment

December 5, 2023

Motion Made By Ms. Gunnip

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SARAH MERRICK AS THE ONONDAGA COUNTY
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Social Services Law §116, Article XIV of the Onondaga County Charter and Article XIV of the Onondaga County Administrative Code, the Onondaga County Executive has duly reappointed Sarah Merrick to serve as the Onondaga County Commissioner of Social Services, subject to the confirmation of this Legislature; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Legislature to confirm the reappointment of Sarah Merrick to serve as the Onondaga County Commissioner of Social Services; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Onondaga County Legislature does hereby confirm the reappointment of Sarah Merrick to serve as the Onondaga County Commissioner of Social Services for a five year term pursuant to provisions of New York State Social Services Law, where such term is to comment on January 1, 2024, and to expire December 31, 2028.

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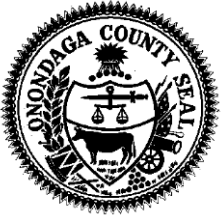
AUTHORIZING AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SYRACUSE FOR
OUTREACH WORKERS FOR PERSONS IN CRISIS

WHEREAS, the County of Onondaga, by and through its Department of Children and Family Services, Mental Health Services Division, and the City of Syracuse, together with the Syracuse Police Department, are desirous of establishing a collaborative program to provide mental health diversion services through the County's Department of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Syracuse and County of Onondaga, together with community partners, have been engaged for multiple years in developing a diversion protocol to de-escalate situations in which people with mental health, emotional, and/or substance-abuse derived crises (i.e., "Person in Crisis" or "PIC") contact E-911 for assistance, leveraging non-police resources such as mobile crises response units; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement said protocol and provide services thereunder, the City of Syracuse has agreed to reimburse the County annually for the cost of hiring, training, and supervising two outreach workers to the diversion program for Persons in Crisis; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Syracuse to effectuate the County Department of Children and Family Services' mental health diversion services program for Persons in Crisis and to execute such other documents as may be necessary to further the intent of this resolution.



DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET

PURPOSE:

Outreach Services for Persons in Crisis - Intermunicipal Agreement

OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:

Subsequent to the current pilot program, an outreach team will assess, design plans for and refer for appropriate and desired services related to Onondaga City Persons in Crisis ("PIC" calls). The Syracuse Police Department will refer appropriate individuals to the team pursuant to this Agreement. The Outreach Team will connect individuals to supports and services to meet their needs.

The Outreach Team will work with multiple systems to assist in addressing the applicable needs of persons in crisis, including mental health services, substance abuse services, victim services, emergency departments, hospitals, homeless shelters, and respite care.