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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES – NOVEMBER 13, 2024 CODY M. KELLY, CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. McCarron, Mr. Meaker, Ms. Harvey, Mr. Bush

ALSO ATTENDING: See attached list

Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and the previous meeting's minutes were approved.

- 1. **HEALTH:** Rebecca Shultz, Director of Community Health
 - a. Authorizing the County Executive to Enter into Agreements Whereby the Onondaga County Health Department Will Participate in the CNY Epidemiological Alliance
- Alliance of counties in Central New York
- Enter into IMA to be available to provide mutual aid in the event of a public health emergency
- MOU good for 5 years; coming up on needing renewal
- Types of aid are usually related to disease outbreak
- In past, local counties may have requested support from Medical Director to advise on communicable disease outbreaks
- This would be enacted when there is a public health emergency specific to a particular county
- Would be hard to render mutual aid when all counties are impacted in same way
- Helpful option to be able to band together with contiguous counties in the event of public health emergency
- Renewal of existing agreement (for past 10 years) and everything is the same

A motion was made by Mr. McCarron, seconded by Mr. Meaker to approve this item.

- No substantial use since MOU process started in 2015; has not been activated, but having option is good
- If Onondaga County lent county employees to surrounding counties, Onondaga County would be protected from liability; liability and compensation will be on the requesting county
- Support can be withdrawn at any time and is not mandatory; county has discretion to supply aid as able

A vote was taken on the item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMIE McNAMARA, Clerk Onondaga County Legislature

ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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NAME (Please Print)	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
Rebecca Shultz	Health
Bobbi Alcock	Health
Darcie Lesniaic	Leg
John De Sartis	Leg.
Sim Bube	Leg.
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