

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**August 17, 2022**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Human Services Committee Vice-Chair Jennifer Ricketts-Swales at 12:45 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Committee Vice-Chair Jennifer Ricketts-Swales.

**Roll Call:** J. Ricketts-Swales, G. Hanchett, B. Harris, J. Rumfelt, P. Stockin (Absent: J. Burdick, D. Root)

**Other Attendees:** G. Barnes, T. Boyde, A. Carrow, P. Curran, A. Cyr, S. Havey, D. Healy, K. Hooker, E. Kayes, C. Knapp, T. Linn, J. Ricci, B. Riehle

**Request to Apply/Present Investment Proposal for Funding the Allegany County Child Advocacy Center**

Social Services Commissioner Edna Kayes requested a resolution approving the Department of Social Services' objective to obtain permission to apply/present to various foundations an Investment Proposal for funding for the Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center (CAC). The investment proposal requests funding to assist with the costs for the general operation of the Southern Tier Advocacy Center. Upon acceptance of the proposal, the grant applications will be completed. Funds will be requested as follows:

Fund Request:	2023	\$451,262
	2024	\$469,939
	2025	\$487,687

Legislator Harris asked to confirm that the dollar amounts within the MOE represented the total cost associated with operating the Child Advocacy Center (CAC). Ms. Kayes replied, "on an austerity budget, yes." Legislator Healy asked Ms. Kayes to briefly describe what the CAC is and the services it provides. Ms. Kayes stated that the CAC is the Child Advocacy Center that uses a multi-disciplinary approach to interviewing and documenting children that have either been physically or sexually abused. Ms. Kayes stated that the CAC also provides several other services such as: case management, therapeutic, and ongoing support of families through prosecution of any cases where an arrest has been made. Ms. Kayes stated that the CAC also provides services regarding sex trafficking of youth. Legislator Ricketts-Swales asked if the people that work in the CAC are specially trained. Ms. Kayes replied, "yes." Legislator Barnes asked what the chances are of being awarded this funding. Ms. Kayes stated that she is confident because representatives at Ardent Solutions felt that they were in the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile to receive the funding. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Rumfelt, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. following a motion made by Legislator Rumfelt, seconded by Legislator Harris, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Linn, Confidential Secretary  
Allegany County Board of Legislators