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AGENDA

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

Chairwoman Montgomery, Legislators Addonizio & Russo

Wednesday

5:30 p.m.

August 12, 2026

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Proclamation – Recognizing the Putnam County Youth Bureau & Haldane School District on their Youth-Led 9/11 Memorials 2026
4. Acceptance of Minutes – March 11, 2026 Meeting & April 8, 2026 Meeting
5. Chairwoman's Report
6. Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A067 – Department of Health – New Early Learning Center Program
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

Proclamation

Recognizing the Putnam County Youth Bureau & Haldane School District on their Youth-Led 9/11 Memorials

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, the peace and security of our Nation was shattered by terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 innocent people. Nineteen terrorists hijacked four commercial airplanes, crashing them into both the north and south towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, the United States Pentagon in Virginia, and in the pristine fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, although the terrorists' goal was to tear at the fabric of our nation, arising from the very ashes of that tragedy came a remarkable spirit of unity, compassion, and determination that will never be forgotten. Many brave individuals tirelessly participated in an extraordinarily difficult and dangerous rescue and recovery effort, in some cases voluntarily putting their own well-being at risk. Each year the anniversary of the attacks is a sacred day both in Putnam County and throughout the country as citizens honor the memory of all who were lost on that day; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Youth Bureau recognizes the importance of introducing this tradition to the younger members of our community. The Youth Bureau will host their 6th Annual Youth-Led 9/11 Memorial where youth volunteers will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on our country by reading aloud the names of all who lost their lives on that day. This year the Putnam County Youth Bureau, in partnership with Haldane School District, expands its reach by synchronizing youth-led memorials on both sides of the County in honor of our fallen heroes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature hereby recognize the efforts of the Putnam County Youth Bureau and Haldane School District and encourage residents of Putnam County to participate in the Youth-Led 9/11 Memorials. The public is invited to attend the memorial at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services while the memorial at Haldane School District will be limited to students, faculty, and community officials.

Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive

Daniel G. Birmingham, Chair, Putnam County Legislature

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**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
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Wednesday

6:00PM

March 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairwoman Montgomery who requested Legislator Addonizio lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Addonizio and Chairwoman Montgomery were present. Legislator Russo arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Item #3 - FYI – Fund Transfer 26T037 – Social Services – Move Allocated Code Blue Funds from Misc. to Contracts for Brewster Cares and CoveCare

Department of Social Services Fiscal Manager Kristen Wunner stated there are two contracts with local agencies to support the warming center and outreach efforts for Code Blue. She stated that an annual allocation from the NY State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance previously allocated funding to overtime and miscellaneous for outreach efforts which were not used and would be repurposed here to the contracts budget line to maximize the funding that ends on June 30th.

Chairwoman Montgomery stated the total amount of \$180,000 went to Brewster Cares and \$19,281 to CoveCare. She questioned if the original budget allocation was insufficient and if there was a higher utilization rate of the centers in shelters this season.

Department of Social Services Commissioner Sara Servadio stated it started off slowly, but the nightly numbers are higher than average with about 8-12 individuals more than last year.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned if the transfer reflects any ongoing funding trend that we want to be ready for as we enter the 2027 budget season.

Manager Wunner stated some funding will be put in for the 2026-2027 Code Blue season, and that money will probably be shifted around based on need. She stated that this is to maximize the allocation for future funding.

Commissioner Servadio stated on the operations side, they will be discussing expanding daytime warming shelter hours with the County Executive and Health Committee, as Brewster Cares currently runs it until 2:00 p.m. every day, but they would like coverage though 9:00 p.m.

Legislator Addonizio questioned where those who are homeless would go now through 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Commissioner Servadio stated people will go to the library, laundromats, or restaurants.

Legislator Addonizio stated that Code Blue means temperatures of 32 degrees or under and questioned if the very cold winter this year caused the increase of 8-12 more people.

Commissioner Servadio stated yes, along with the fact that people are struggling.

Legislator Birmingham stated that this is a vitally needed program in his district, as Brewster Cares is an organization that helps the homeless and those with housing insecurity. He stated that a few years ago there were residents of Putnam County that froze in the woods, and this service is very much needed. He stated that state funds cannot do everything and thanked Commissioner Servadio on behalf of his constituents.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if there is zip code information on the increase of individuals using shelter services and questioned if there is any plan to centralize services, as opposed to individuals having to travel from the west side of the County for services.

Commissioner Servadio stated that data is not collected, as individuals don't have to give it. She stated that she will have a conversation with Brewster Cares and her housing staff regarding centralizing.

Legislator Crowley stated that we should be able to track where individuals seeking services are coming from.

Commissioner Servadio stated that not everyone is willing to give their information.

Legislator Crowley stated our tracking should enable us to help individuals get back on their feet, by offering other services they need too, including job placement, transportation and others.

Chairwoman Montgomery stated there is not enough shelter for those who are unhoused on her side of the County and questioned if a regional approach could be explored. She stated that getting to Brewster Cares may not be as convenient as going to Peekskill or Garrison.

Commissioner Servadio stated if Putnam residents were to utilize Peekskill facilities, since that's Westchester, they would have to register with Westchester DSS (Department of Social Services) and could use a facility for up to 29 nights, which isn't a longer-term solution.

Chairwoman Montgomery stated that a longer-term vision would be to work across counties and for that reason, a regional approach is worth considering.

Item #4 - Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A010 – Social Services – Adjust State Aid Levels- Shelter Arrears Assistance

Chairwoman Montgomery stated it's her understanding that this program pays household overdue rent to prevent evictions, and this amendment would add \$15,600 for shelters arrears assistance. She questioned if Commissioner Servadio had anything to add.

Commissioner Servadio stated as \$15,600 is a such a small annual amount, they try to do as much with it as they can. She stated that it's used to help one or more families, but it all depends on how much is needed to get them to a zero balance with their landlords. She stated that work is also done with landlords, to make sure people are allowed to stay in their apartments.

Manager Wunner stated the first allocation came for this program in September of 2024, for around \$13,000, and notice was received in January this year to extend the program an additional year to add \$15,600 with zero fiscal impact.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned if this is all state aid.

Manager Wunner confirmed.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned how many households they anticipate serving with this additional funding.

Commissioner Servadio stated 2 or 3, and that they are doing whatever they can to save a living situation, including working with CoveCare. She stated that if not by using this, funds would be pulled from another budget line.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned if there is a current waiting list.

Commissioner Servadio stated no, there are other means to pay and help people.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned what other organizations are partnered with.

Commissioner Servadio stated CoveCare and sometimes, the Putnam Women's Resource Center.

Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #5 - Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A018 – Social Services – Adjust State Aid Levels- OEOP Crime Victim (Office of Educational Opportunity Programs)

Manager Wunner stated that she came before the Legislature in November or December in regard to the Office of Victims Services (OVS) contract, which was extended for one year from the original award, and that funding was honored to supplement a County match for one of the contracts to bridge the gap between the original award and what was clawed back. She stated the grant contract was approved last month, and brings back current levels to grant levels, allowing ability to spend, and adding \$33,000 with zero fiscal impact.

Legislator Birmingham stated we have just had 3 transfers that seem to be state grants and questioned whether there are any County or local dollars devoted to these programs.

Manager Wunner confirmed and stated that the OVS contract was discussed back in December for \$116,000 County match for a contract with the Putnam Women's Resource Center for mental health services, and that is the only local contribution to the three items spoken about here.

Legislator Birmingham stated that as far as policy, he wouldn't think that any of the state programs would mind if local dollars were also allocated.

Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

Item #6 - Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A015 – County Historian – Fund Newspaper Digitalization Project Utilizing Greg Amato Trust Proceeds

Putnam County Historian Jennifer Cassidy stated Greg Amato was a cherished volunteer at the Historian's Office for many years, and at the time of his passing he asked that donations be made to support the work of the Historian's Office along with other charities. She stated that her office is committed to continuing the digitization of additional issues of the Putnam County Courier in his name. She stated this amendment is to put more funding into special projects to make archives available for free to the public on the website news.hrvh.org, which includes microfilm too and is hosted in partnership with Mahopac Library. She stated that there are many digitizing projects in progress which will help make all of the archives available to the public.

Chairwoman Montgomery thanked Historian Cassidy and stated that she loves projects like this, as there was a similar project with the Putnam Arts Counsel to archive music and she knows the newspaper archives are used a lot more by residents than is realized. She questioned how much archiving would cost and how much money is needed.

Historian Cassidy stated each year they will chip away at the archives, and she hopes to get up to 1976 with the Courier, but that would hit the budget hard, so working in increments of 5 years to 10 years is manageable. She stated there are also other titles to work on, including Cold Spring News and Reporter and Putnam Valley and Peekskill titles.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if there are plans for preserving the online only publications.

Historian Cassidy stated that is a continued conversation, and she has had conversations with the Highlands Current and Putnam Press Times regarding formats. She stated that she is concerned about the future of local newspapers, and that here, records management and being prepared for the digital world is critical.

Legislator Gouldman questioned what titles are online only.

Historian Cassidy stated she would have to look into what other papers cover Putnam County news. She stated that one example is the Journal News, and she uses physical copies that she gets from Kent Library to clip articles and build critical vertical files so that research can be pulled on any topic when requested.

Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #7 - Approval – County Historian – Accept Funding from NYS Education Department’s NYS 250th Commemoration Commission, in support of “Revolutionary Putnam County”

Historian Cassidy stated that NY State recently shared news regarding funding for Rev250 that Putnam County qualifies for funding based on K through 12th grade enrollment. She stated there is no money coming from the federal government, but she’s grateful for this non-match state grant of \$15,000. She stated that as long as all paperwork is completed properly, the grant can be shared with towns County-wide for their free programs in historic organizations or museums.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned if all the programs are all set and are centered around Rev250.

Historian Cassidy stated that there are a lot, but it depends on the group hosting. She stated for example, the Historian’s Office represents the Putnam County Rev250 Committee and has a month-long set of programs at Mahopac Library where there was a history exhibit and guest speaker and there is also an ongoing exhibit of the Putnam County Quilt. She stated there will be many programs throughout this year, including lectures, music programs and reenactments.

Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #8 – Other Business - None

Item #9 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:29pm Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Dechiaro, Administrative Assistant.

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April 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairwoman Montgomery who requested that Legislator Regan sit in on the committee in Legislator Addonizio's absence, and that Legislator Russo lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislator Russo and Chairwoman Montgomery were present. Legislator Addonizio was absent.

Item #3 - Discussion - Update - Putnam Hospital - Hospital President Dr. Mark Hirko

Chairwoman Montgomery welcomed Dr. Mark Hirko, President of Putnam Hospital Center, and requested that he provide an update.

Dr. Hirko stated it's important to get the word out as things continue to move forward, and one year into the merger with Northwell there are many changes being implemented. He stated that the Nuvance name will be sun downed and external signage will be changing to Northwell Health Putnam Hospital. He stated that there is still work being done with security services and uniform changes and that the hospital went from a seven-hospital system to a twenty-eight-hospital system with 105,000 employees. He stated the hospital is having one of its best years, financially and in volume, and that quality, safety and throughput has improved, which is a tribute to the hospital team's efforts. He stated the downward trend when the obstetrics group left in 2022 turned around and the hospital is on track for 100 births this year. He stated other accomplishments, including a flourishing gynecology practice, partnership with Somers Orthopedic, completion of renovations for most operating rooms, electrical improvements, a new triage relationship with Dutchess County hospitals, and that growth areas include cancer care. He stated that areas of concern include lack of adolescent and pediatric beds, Medicaid reimbursements for patients using emergency room care only and hiring and retention, as changes at Optum forced at least 30% of their doctors to leave the region. He stated that the hospital has gone from the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade of C to now maintaining an A rating, which shows that the changes implemented are working. He stated that resources will be managed going forward so as not to be redundant with other Northwell Hospitals in the local system, and to focus on patient flow and care quality.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned if keeping up with growth demand means hiring more physicians or building infrastructure.

Dr. Hirko stated there is a lot of infrastructure that can be converted to other things, but he just needs to know what it will be. He stated that the facility was running at 30-35% when he came on board, was built with 300 beds, and about 80 are used although they are licensed for 164. He

stated that the demand is for staffing and knowing what community expectations are for this local hospital.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned if there was a future plan to address the lack of pediatric beds and the Medicaid issue.

Dr. Hirko stated that regarding pediatric in-patient beds, there needs to be a certificate of need approved by the state, and that he is working with Northwell to see where this location fits in with other Northwell facilities in Central Connecticut and Albany.

Legislator Russo questioned if there was a plan for re-educating Putnam County residents that maternity is available at the hospital, as many believe they have to go to Danbury or elsewhere.

Dr. Hirko stated with Danbury, Northern Westchester and Vassar Hospitals all being tertiary and educational centers within 30 miles, they will always be the ones doing the high-end cardiac and cancer procedures and major trauma care, as Putnam doesn't have the resources. He stated there is community education being done, by going out to explain the hospital's direction. He stated regarding women's health, Putnam Hospital is a low-risk neo-natal center, which limits who can deliver there, and that he is also working on patient transport services.

Legislator Regan questioned how many beds are available in the mental health unit and are there any upgrades planned for that floor.

Dr. Hirko stated there are 20 beds running up to 90% occupancy, as they are receiving transfers from other hospitals.

Legislator Regan questioned if there has been any progress with redoing and upgrading the morgue.

Dr. Hirko stated that per his conversations with the Coroner, all the changes asked for were implemented and that there was discussion back in January regarding reimbursement of the dieners brought in to assist on autopsies.

Legislator Regan questioned how often Putnam Hospital is on diversion and is Dr. Hirko notified.

Dr. Hirko confirmed and stated it is extremely rare, but he is the one who approves it. He stated two instances when this happened, including a lightning strike that caused a generator malfunction for eight hours and a shorter diversion incident where a patient set a fire in a psychiatric evaluation room. He stated that in his opinion, communication could have been better and that the call for diversion has to come through himself or the senior leadership team above him.

Legislator Birmingham questioned what a diversion is.

Dr. Hirko stated that when an emergency room is full or overwhelmed, due to things like power loss or bad weather preventing ambulances from getting in, that the state is notified that the hospital can't accept any more patients, and ambulances are diverted.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if there are any plans for the west-side of the County.

Dr. Hirko stated they would love to do more and that surveys have been done by Northwell showing that patients west of the mountain go to Peekskill, and it's rare that they go to Putnam Hospital. He anticipates more growth for primary care in Somers and Mahopac and believes there are plans to build eastward.

Legislator Gouldman stated that the western side of Mahopac borders Putnam Valley anyway and if there were practices in that area, more people from Putman Valley would go there.

Dr. Hirko stated that there are resources to look at travel patterns and long-term data with Northwell and that this could be one of the alternatives.

Chairwoman Montgomery thanked Dr. Hirko and stated that he could come back in the next few months to provide another update.

Item #4 - Discussion - Update - Department of Health - PFAS Pilot Program Quarterly Update from Public Health Director Rian Rodriguez and Associate Public Health Sanitarian Brian Stevens

Chairwoman Montgomery stated that PFAS are per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances that are man-made chemicals and used for decades in products like cookware and water-proof fabrics. She questioned how the PFAS Pilot Program is doing.

Rian Rodriguez, Public Health Director stated that Public Health Week is a great time to discuss this and that Putnam County was the first of six counties selected to participate in the program, which launched March 9th. There is a cap of about 600 tests, and Putnam County stands at 360, though Dutchess and Ulster have reached the cap already and are paused. He stated that \$1.5 million in total was allocated for this program, and with this demand, the equitable distribution he estimated of \$300,000 across five years will be exhausted before then. He stated that this pilot will inform broader mitigation programs and the learnings will be used as a tool to test and monitor residents' private wells and put in mitigation rebates.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned if there is enough staffing capacity to handle this volume of requests and oversight.

Brian Stevens, Public Health Sanitarian stated they haven't gone through the process fully and this week will be the first week that the state contractor is sampling wells. He stated that results are expected in one to two months after that and then there is another month to put on treatment, so rebate applications should start coming in two to three months.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned if Sanitarian Stevens administers the program.

Sanitarian Stevens stated their part is making people more aware of the program and processing the rebates. He stated that questions about the program periodically come in and also people call in looking for help signing up.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned Sanitarian Stevens as to if he has the staffing capacity to do all of that.

Director Rodriguez stated this is a new program for the department, so they are trying to understand the staffing bandwidth. He stated that the initial work is front office work, such as initiating applications and answering questions, and that there will be training in April on the platform and dashboard used in the program. He stated that his staff may also need to be out assisting in the field and he foresees coming to the Personnel Committee of the Legislature in the future regarding staffing needs.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned if the tracking has shown PFAS clusters in certain areas.

Sanitarian Stevens stated there is already a separate program to regulate office buildings, businesses, restaurants and plazas, and that there could be additional information on neighborhoods from the state in the future to share.

Legislator Sayegh questioned that as Mahopac Business District was identified as a Superfund Site by the state, whether single family homes around the district would be affected and qualify for testing.

Director Rodriguez stated they would qualify for testing and should participate.

Legislator Sayegh questioned how homeowners with wells find out about the program.

Sanitarian Stevens stated there was a news brief picked up and amplified by other media outlets as well as social media posts and information on the Putnam County website.

Director Rodriguez stated there has been good traction on social media, and many views and shares on Facebook, Instagram and X.

Legislator Regan questioned if people would have any reason to be hesitant to participate in the program, such as having their well shut down.

Sanitarian Stevens stated no, at least not in the initial testing, as after testing they are not required to do the treatment.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if there are any programs planned for group wells or subdivisions where multiple homes use one well.

Director Rodriguez stated the state will be using this pilot program as proof of concept, and as the program generated a lot of interest immediately, scale and cost could become a concern.

He stated that in his opinion, there is probably additional value to addressing this on a larger scale, but he isn't aware of this being discussed at the state level.

Legislator Goldman stated that he understands why the public would be concerned, as chemicals are used on lawns too and most residents have private wells, and so many people drink bottled water for that reason.

Chairwoman Montgomery thanked Director Rodriguez and Sanitarian Stevens for the update, stated the program is impactful for residents and requested that they return to the Health Committee in a few months to provide another update.

Item #5 - Approval – Fund Transfer 26T067 - Department of Health - Move Allocated Funds from Early Learning Center (ELC) Itinerant Services Line to ELC Care at Private Institutions Line

Health Department Fiscal Manager William Orr stated that this is for special education, itinerant services under the institution budget line and only involves moving money to pay the right expense, with no fiscal impact.

Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

Item #6 - Approval - Budgetary Amendment 26A023 – Department of Health - Adjust DOH Budget To Account for the Performance Incentive Award

Chairwoman Montgomery stated this budgetary amendment of \$23,084 will adjust the budget to account for a state performance incentive award and allocate funds toward equipment, training and public health program support.

Fiscal Manager William Orr confirmed that is correct.

Director Rodriguez stated that the funding will be used for education and staff training, addressing the issue of colorectal cancer, and making screening kits available for individuals who don't meet traditional screening guidelines.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned if there is a plan for public outreach regarding colorectal cancer education.

Director Rodriguez confirmed that there is a plan and now that Northwell is a partner and has set up an early onset cancer center at Phelps, that system is available to our residents. He stated that his team will help initiate screening, and he wants to ensure access to diagnostic confirmation, treatment and post survivorship services through the Northwell partnership. He stated that he would like Putnam County to be the most screened county in NY State.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned what age is recommended for screening.

Director Rodriguez stated the current recommendation is for ages 45 and above, but this particular program will look at individuals between ages 35 and 45.

Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Regan. All in favor.

Item #7 - Approval - Resolution Proposed by Legislator Montgomery - Urging NYS Legislature To Pass S4744A /A8396 to Increase the Personal Needs Allowance for Nursing Home Residents

Chairwoman Montgomery stated this resolution will urge NYS Legislature to pass legislation to increase the personal needs allowance for nursing home residents, which is currently \$50 and has not increased since 1988.

Legislator Birmingham stated the \$50 amount has been around for almost 40 years and is really behind the times, as it isn't enough to even buy a month's worth of razors.

Legislator Sayegh stated she is greatly in favor of this, as she witnessed firsthand the hardship of her aunt, who was on Medicaid, living in a nursing home and receiving only an additional \$50 month allowance for personal needs, which really covered nothing. She stated that our senior citizens deserve better, and some worked all of their lives and have nothing to show for it.

Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to waive the rules and accept additional; Seconded by Legislator Russo.

Chairwoman Montgomery stated that she drafted a letter to send to the NY State Legislature, which is in session now, that was distributed to all Legislators and can be edited for signature by the full Legislature, to show support for the passage of the Senate bills S4744A / A8396 to Increase the Personal Needs Allowance for Nursing Home Residents.

Legislator Sayegh stated she would be happy to add her name to the letter.

Legislator Birmingham stated he would be happy to add his support and recommended how the letter could be edited based on how many Legislators agree to sign.

Item #8 – Other Business (None)

Item #9 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:55 p.m. Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Dechiaro, Administrative Assistant.

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ALEXANDRA GORDON,
Acting Commissioner of Finance



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

August 5, 2026

Ms. Diane Trabulsy, Clerk
Putnam County Legislature
40 Gleneida Avenue
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26A067

Dear Ms. Trabulsy,

Pursuant to Code Section 5-1, A dated February 14, 2010, I am advising you of the following request to amend the Putnam County Department of Health's 2026 budget:

Increase Revenues:

10296002 432773	4410 Early Lrn Ctr COP – Education Transportation	<u>\$ 173,195</u>
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Increase Expenses:

10296002 52110	4410 Early Lrn Ctr COP – Furniture and Furnishing	\$ 2,000
10296002 54310	4410 Early Lrn Ctr COP – Office Supplies	\$ 500
10296002 54311	4410 Early Lrn Ctr COP – Printing and Forms	\$ 100
10296002 54313	4410 Early Lrn Ctr COP – Books and Supplements	\$ 300
10296002 54330	4410 Early Lrn Ctr COP – Medical Supplies	\$ 100
10296002 54414	4410 Early Lrn Ctr COP – Care at Private Institution	\$ 125,000
10296002 54640	4410 Early Lrn Ctr COP – Education and Training	\$ 300
10296002 54646	4410 Early Lrn Ctr COP – Contracts	\$ 16,600
10296002 54678	4410 Early Lrn Ctr COP – Leased Transportation	\$ 26,000
10296002 58002	4410 Early Lrn Ctr COP – FICA	<u>\$ 2,295</u>
		<u>\$ 173,195</u>

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0

Please review and approve the attached budgetary amendment for the Early Learning Center “4410” designation that requires a different mix of faculty and staff to student ratio. This a new program that will be a small, focused group of students and this amendment will ensure that the Health Department provides programs that align with the approved use of funds.

Please forward to the appropriate committee.

AUTHORIZATION:

Date	Commissioner of Finance/Designee: Initiation by \$0 - \$5,000.00
Date	County Executive/Designee: Authorized for Legislative Consideration \$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00
Date	Chairperson Audit/Designee: \$0 - \$10,000.00
Date	Audit & Administration Committee: \$10,000.01 - \$25,000.00

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Celestine Shields

From: Milena Berardi
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 12:47 PM
To: Alexandra Gordon; Celestine Shields
Cc: Rian Rodriguez; William Orr; Valerie Kurtz
Subject: Budgetary Amendment
Attachments: 4410 ELC.docx

On behalf of Bill Orr,

Please review and approve the attached Budgetary Amendment for the Early Learning Center "4410" designation that requires a different mix of faculty and staff to student ratio.

This new program will be a small, focused group of students.

Please add it to the Health Department agenda for August.

The fiscal impact for 2026 will be 0.



Milena Berardi

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alexandra Gordon, Acting Commissioner of Finance

FROM: William A. Orr, Jr., Senior Fiscal Manager

DATE: August 5, 2026

RE: Budgetary Amendment

Please review and approve this Budgetary Amendment for 4410 ELC. This Amendment will ensure that we provide programs which align with the approved uses of the funds.

Increase Revenue: 10296002.432773	\$173,195.00
4410 ELC- Ed and Transportation Handicap Child 3 to 5	

Total Increase Revenue	<u>\$173,195.00</u>
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Increase Expense: 10296002.52110	
4410 ELC-Furniture	\$ 2,000.00

Increase Expense: 10296002.54310	
4410 ELC-Office Supplies	\$ 500.00

Increase Expense: 10296002.54311	
4410 ELC-Printing & Forms	\$ 100.00

Increase Expense: 10296002.54313	
4410 ELC-Books and Supplements	\$ 300.00

Increase Expense: 10296002.54330	
4410 ELC-Medical Supplies	\$ 100.00

Increase Expense: 10296002.54414	
4410 ELC-Care at Private Institution	\$125,000.00

Increase Expense: 10296002.54640	
4410 ELC-Education & Training	\$ 300.00

Increase Expense: 10296002.54646
4410 ELC-Contracts \$ 16,600.00

Increase Expense: 10296002.54678
4410 ELC-Leased Transportation \$ 26,000.00

Increase Expense: 10296002.58002
4410 ELC-FICA \$ 2,295.00

Total Increase Expense **\$173,195.00**

Total Fiscal Impact **(0.00)**

Furniture

Tables and chairs for students, desks and chairs for staff.

Office Supplies

Markers, pens, whiteboards, copy paper.

Books and Supplements

Educational materials for students.

Medical Supplies

First Aid kit items.

Care at Private Institution

Eight children at \$31,056 per child x .50% (1 semester of the program) = \$124,224 (Starting in September 2026).

Contracts

Rent for building, build out costs.