



## Health Services Committee

Committee Meeting

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### ~Minutes~

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

6:00 PM

Board Room

Health Committee Members: Chairperson Handel; Legislators Davis, True, Hobart, O'Connell, Lanuto

**PLEASE NOTE:** No person shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor during any session of this Legislature unless a request therefore has been submitted prior to commencement of the meeting to a duly elected member of this body who represents the district in which the person making such request is a bonafide resident.

### Call to Order

- Shaun Groden - Greene County County Administrator
- Erin Berkery - Greene County Deputy Budget Officer
- Tanya Ernst - Greene County Confidential Aide to the County Administrator
- Savannah Hillicoss - Greene County Confidential Aide to the County Administrator
- Peter Kusminsky - Green County Sheriff
- Barbara Wallace - Director of the Preschool Special-Ed Program for Greene County Public Health
- Nikki Johnson - Early Childhood Center Director at Astor Services for Children & Families
- Jason Freckenburgh, Psy. D. - Greene County Director of Community Services
- Mike Ryan - The Mountain Eagle:Newspaper Reporter
- Laura Churchill - Greene County Director of Public Health / Clinical Services
- Daniel King - Greene County Dep. Director of Emergency Services / Emergency Manager
- Ray Shanley - Greene County Sheriff Superintendent
- Sean Hotaling - Greene County EMS Coordinator
- Dr. Bryant Morgan - Interim VP Finance / Chief Financial Officer for Columbia-Greene Community College
- Drew Ledoux - Chief of Staff for Columbia-Greene Community College
- Dr. Racheal Chubb - Director of Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness for Columbia-Greene Community College
- Joel Phelps - VP Student Success for Columbia-Greene Community College
- Carl Norris - Executive Director of Workforce Development for Columbia-Greene Community College

Chairperson Handel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### Proposed Action Items:

Chairperson Handel stated, "Good evening, everybody. We're opening up Health Services Committee Meeting this evening at 6 p.m. Before we get into our two proposed action items, we have Nikki Johnson here with Astor Head Start, to give us a brief update."

Ms. Johnson stated, "I didn't realize I was going to be first. Hello, everybody, how are you?"

A number of Legislators welcomed Ms. Johnson.

Ms. Johnson stated, "Hi, okay, just a little nervous now that I see myself on either side, but that's okay. So, first, I just want to thank you all for giving me some time to come and talk a little bit about Astor Services and what we will be offering in Greene County, well, what we are offering here in Greene County, and what we propose to offer in Greene County. I have met some of you at a few different events. There was some fairs and events that I've seen, so hello again to all of you. But again, my name is Nikki Johnson. I work for Astor Services. For those of you who don't know what Astor Services is, we are a big agency that does a lot of mental health services, educational services, and family support services for children and families. The little section of Astor that I work for is our Head Start, Early Childhood Program. Our early childhood program, we have centers all throughout Dutchess County. We have had our Head Start program owned, granted and operating for over, almost 50 years at this point. We've been serving children and families, of the most high-risk needs throughout Dutchess County for all that time, and we were lucky enough to receive the grant to provide services to Greene County residents back in November, and we opened up our site in, (A tone went off.) is that something? (A number of Legislators stated no.) Okay. I didn't know if that was like, 'you're done, never mind, we don't want to hear you,' I'll leave. But we, so, I'm talking about Cairo, yes so, we have our center in Cairo that is up on Volunteer Drive. It's across from that emergency services building. Small little four-room schoolhouse, and we opened it in November, and we've been serving families ever since. So, a little bit kind of about Head Start, and I'm gonna go ahead and just tell you I'm a little nervous. There's a lot of you here. I wasn't quite sure what I was getting into when I was asked to come so, (Legislator True stated, "You're fine, don't worry.") Thank you. I'll still be nervous, but I'll still keep chatting. So, Head Start is a federally funded program it's been around for a long time. Most people know that it is based for low-income, high-risk families. So, families who are below the federal poverty guidelines, which here in New York, are crazy low. Luckily, we live in this state, but we do follow those federal poverty guidelines. We support children and families that are on public assistance, families who may be experiencing homelessness, children that are in foster care so, really the children that are at most high risk and the idea behind Head Start is just that, to give children and families a head start so, that they are ready to move into kindergarten and be successful in your school districts. So, what that looks like for us at Head Start is starting prenatally, we can offer care, social supports for moms when they're pregnant. We help them sign up for health insurance. We help get them on WIC if need be, we support them in finding doctors and specialists, housing, food, resources, anything of that nature. Then we

also have home-based services for when the baby comes. Our teachers can go right into the home once a week. Spend time with mom and baby, or guardian and baby for 90 minutes, supporting not only their education and their development, but also supporting that family in processing what it's like to have a newborn in the home, and getting them the resources that they need, right. So again, if we're talking low-income, high-risk families, a lot of times that's helping them get the child on Medicaid, or continue that process, find them services if they are having a hard time with heating their home, or food pantry referrals, things like that. After the baby grows a little bit more, they get to come to our center-based program if we have an opening, which is what we have in Cairo. So, we are able to serve infants starting at eight weeks, all the way till they are 18 months in our early, I'm sorry, three years old until, in our Early Head Start program, and in those toddler classrooms, we do follow a curriculum, that is all science and research-based that helps support a child's development, not just physical, but we're looking into their social emotional health, their nutrition, their physical health. We have nurses on staff that do support any child that needs a little bit extra care and while those children are in our care, we are providing them with everything that they need so, parents don't have to worry about buying formula and sending it in, like you would a traditional daycare or, packing a breakfast and a lunch. We provide them with nutritious meals through the CACFP program, and diapers, lights, all of the things that those babies need come from that Head Start grant. So it is, it's a very all-encompassing program. While we're supporting those babies in our care, we have family advocates that work directly with the moms, dads, guardians, grandparents, whomever is in the home to help them understand the best next steps for how to care for their child, right? So, we want to prepare the kids for kindergarten, that starts from babies, right? We know that those kiddos need the interaction. How are we going to help that parent? Because if all they're thinking about is, 'where is my next meal?' We have to help them get that so that they can provide the right, best care for their baby, right? So, we try to take that and alleviate that from them by offering them the referrals that we know are the in Greene County, right. So, that is our Head Start, our Early Head Start program. Our Head Start program is for children three to five so, preschoolers, right? Super fun, like a traditional preschool, for any of you that have kids, I'm sure you've seen your little three-, four-, five-year-olds in school, kiddos come in, and again, they receive a healthy, nutritious breakfast. They have a nice, structured day that is, learning through play, with really rich language with their teachers to help support them in understanding how we interact, how are we a good friend, how do we share, how do we tell our friends when we don't want to share, right? So, all of those things to help them be a good person when they get to kindergarten, and that's lovely. But one of the biggest pieces to what we do with those preschoolers is we're also assessing them. So, we assess where they are developmentally, physically, social-emotionally, and we help connect the families with the appropriate people to get those students evaluated early. So, we can help provide them with services like speech therapy, special instruction, all of those things, because we know, as early childhood professionals, that if we are able to support those children young, and get them started in the programs early. Overarchingly, what we see is those needs tend to diminish as the child gets through school, right? We start them early, you give them the supports and the therapies that they need. The research does show that then those children are more successful the earlier that you start them in those programs. So, we do have those two Head Start classrooms. We're really excited to, I guess, announce here and I'm sure everyone's

aware, that we are working currently with Barb and the State, and all of you, to go ahead and open a special-ed classroom in that Head Start building. It would be an integrated room so, students that need a little extra support. Some special instruction from a special education teacher that we will hire. Speech therapists that come into the building to support those therapies right while the children are in school so, that they can be receiving the services in a real-world setting, where those children are talking with their friends, and those therapies are there to support they're learning on how to be a good friend so, that they can be ready for kindergarten, which ultimately is our goal. Okay, that's all of that. So, a few of our successes across Dutchess County and Cairo, Greene County so, far are that we have been able to provide many, many families with referrals for housing. We support all homeless families in finding I'm sorry, working towards getting appropriate jobs and job training. We helped find them the resources that they need. I know I was a center director very recently, and I had my own building of students, and we had been able to provide special services evaluations, and then placing those students. Out of 50 students, I think we had eleven of them actually got placed in different programs, which is a huge number, and now those kiddos are successful in kindergarten and first grade, so we love that. Outside of that, we have some challenges, right? There are definitely challenges, Greene County, as you are well aware of, is a rural area, and it's really hard. We are one little section in Cairo, we are that one little building, and we are supposed to provide services for all of the students and all of the low-income families in your area. So, we are currently working to contract for bus transportation. In fact, I'm working on the contract right now, and we should be able to provide some busing for preschoolers starting in September, and those buses will pick the children right up at their home, bring them right to our school, where they'll get that appropriate care, food, all of the needs that they have met, and then take them right home so, they're able to get all of those services from us. We're really excited about that, and we do have two home visitors on staff that are also willing to make the trek out to wherever your families are, and provide those learning services in their home, which is wonderful as well. That's actually what my first job was at Astor Services many, many moons ago, and it's a great service. It allows those families that may feel very isolated, as we know in our most rural areas, I'm from a rural part of Dutchess, those families don't always have a lot of supports around, and we do know, just the research also tells us, that social supports mean everything for families in their child's outcome. If a parent has nowhere to turn, and they start to feel helpless, we start to see neglect, and we start to see, really those developmental milestones not get hit, and we work really hard to prevent that so, that is all of that. A few things that I would love from the committee, and I don't know if this is a great time to ask, but just to work with us. So, we are here to support your County and your children, your neediest of children, and I hate that word, but that's what it is, and we really want to help your students be successful as they grow up, ultimately that's our goal. It's what we've done in Dutchess County super successfully, it's what we look to do here. So, if we are looking for referrals, please, and you have an agency in your district, or you know of some provider that may be able to support us, please send them our way, that's our job. We're here to support you, we just hope that you would send some people to us. We are also looking to partner with some local healthcare providers. In Dutchess County, we have dentists and pediatricians that we work really, really closely with, the ones that generally accept the Medicaid services that our families need, and we work really closely with them to make sure that those students are getting their physicals on time, their

immunizations on time, any, referrals to specialists that they may need. We work with all of those doctors and dentists to provide that so, we're looking for partnerships there as well. One last thing is that we are kind of at a lack of space. If anyone has come to visit, our little Head Start space, and if you haven't, please do. It's super cute, it's adorable, and if you've, if you have kids of your own, trust me, it'll just, it's reminiscent of when your kids were little. It's a really small building, and we don't have a ton of space for, like events. So, if there happens to be any space available, I know that there is an emergency center across the street that we would love to partner with, and maybe use a little bit of space there when we have events, or if we are able to provide evaluations for special-ed there, that would also be great. But yeah so, that's my spiel, for now, and I'm so thankful that you guys listened to me this long, and I'm happy to answer any questions that you may have."

Legislator Lennon stated, "Well I observe daily your operation, (Ms. Johnson stated, "Great.") and, I compliment you, (Ms. Johnson stated, "Thank you.") on what you're doing there. (Ms. Johnson stated, "Thank you.") Children, when they go out back with their playtime, they're so happy. You know, I hear them, and I spend time over across the street., at Emergency Services. (Ms. Johnson stated, "Great.") I'm in that parking lot there, but thank you for what you're doing. It's nice to see it come back, because we had a couple years where we had nothing. (Ms. Johnson stated, "Right, right.") I know South Cairo had a big operation, right? Early childhood, and then Cairo stopped, and I'm happy to see it back. (Ms. Johnson stated, "Oh yeah.") And, I just compliment you on what you're doing, very interesting, talk here tonight, what you actually do, so thank you."

Ms. Johnson stated, "Thank you for that, and I will say that one thing we heard when we first head that we has the grant, and we went to meet the staff and we got to meet some members of the community our very first day. One thing that we did hear was, 'are you guys staying? Are you gunna really be here? I know I'm not the executive director but I work directly with her and, I just can say we've been doing the a long time in Dutchess County very, very successfully. We know what we're doing, and we are here for the long haul. These are our people now, these are our families now. I have four adult children but, these are our kids, and I think the one piece that always makes the difference in a child's life is knowing that the people in the building actually care about them, and that's what you see, and I hope that's what you get to see when you hear those kids outside. (Legislator Lennon stated, "Very good.") Yeah, thank you."

Legislator Lanuto stated, "Quick question for you. So, you asked one thing for more clients, for people to help with, have you been in contact with our Department of Social Services? Try to work with them on some of the homeless families that they have, the children that might need some of these services?"

Ms. Johnson stated, "We have, actually so, I'm not the center director, I work with all of our centers across Dutchess and Greene County, but our center director, the woman that works on staff, sorry, not on staff, on-site every day, is Laura Markle, and she has been in contact with DSS, and I know that we have asked to be put on the referral list, and we do have family advocates that have gone to all of the shelters that we're aware of, to give our information and to try to set up times to actually go in and fill out applications with people. Anyone that's living at the shelter is categorically eligible for program. So, in Dutchess

County, for example, we have family advocates that are family support workers, right? So, we have some that work directly with the shelters, and when a new client comes in, they call her directly, and it's okay, we have this child, these are their ages, come on in, do an application, let's get them in program, and we're not gonna be able to serve every child, right? I mean, we're in one small building right now. But we're gonna do our part, we're gonna work our hardest to ensure that we're supporting the families that need our services the most, which are those homeless families. (Legislator Lanuto stated, "On average, about how many children are you guys providing services to?") In the Cairo Building? (Legislator Lanuto stated, "Yeah.") So, total I have that number for you. It's a small building, but we have in the Cairo Building, see, I don't have that in front of me, but I do. I can just tell you, in the Cairo building, we have, five infant spots, we have eight toddler spots, so infants are eight-weeks to 18 months, our toddlers are 18 months to three years, and then we have 34 spots for heads, for the preschool students and that's it for now, in the center-based program. Then we can serve 20 children in their homes. Again, a small operation right now, there's no telling what it could grow into, and if the numbers are there, you know, when we move forward."

Legislator Lanuto stated, "So that's what you're currently servicing?"

Ms. Johnson stated, "Yep, that's, well, for September, yes. So, we only just opened in November, and it's been, like, you know, getting it off the ground, hiring.

(Legislator Lanuto stated, "So those are the filled spots that you've been servicing.") Oh, yes (Legislator Lanuto stated, "Wow.") yeah, we're really excited. Yep, fully staffed and fully enrolled, we're ready."

Legislator Lanuto stated, "Very good, thank you."

Legislator Bulich stated, "So, quick question, too, is, so if you, as a parent, are earning more than that threshold, you're not eligible for these services?"

Ms. Johnson stated, "So, yes and no so, for Head Start, there are these, what's the word I'm looking for? There are certain levels and criteria. So, yes, if a person is making over 100 percent of the federal poverty guideline, which is very low for a family of four, it's, I think, under \$32,000, they aren't immediately eligible. However, we do questionnaires as part of our intake process, I'm sorry, our application process. So, some and some of those questions are really personal. Things like, have you had CPS recently in your family? Is there traumatic events that this child has had in their home? Do you have any, concerns about their development or anything like that? And that all weighs into the decision for who gets picked. Ultimately, the goal is that we're supporting the children and families that need our services the most. Anyone that isn't eligible or isn't picked, for example, we do connect them to all of the different organizations that we can to help them find childcare subsidies and things of that nature, but Head Start is that little niche piece to childcare that is really supporting the people who need the help the most, who need that support the most. So, there is that piece to it. That being said, for our special-ed slots, for those integrated slots, that we did, that I was just talking about, that we're really excited about, those are not, income-based. So, if Greene County says, we have little Johnny, and he needs special-ed services every, I'm sorry, special instruction services every day, and he has speech therapy

three times a week, and he can be assigned to us, even if their families are making far more than the federal poverty guidelines, because ultimately, it is serving the needs of the people who need that service the most, if that makes sense. (Legislator Bulich stated, "Sure does.") Yeah. Yeah, no problem."

Legislator Levera stated, "So, Nikki I'm guessing that this is something that we can add to our 'Think Differently' initiative, where we're trying to be more inclusive, and I was going to ask Laura, some of these services that she's talking about, is that something that we could include?"

Ms. Churchill stated, "We certainly could put the link to Astor and let them explain the services that's free, yeah absolutely."

Legislator Luvera stated, "Just because I'm wondering how many families actually know that you exist."

Ms. Johnson stated, "So, more and more. Our center director, Laura Markle, is fantastic at advertising. We've been at all of the community events, and the biggest piece to what we do is that families talk, right. We reach out to them, and they share the great experiences that they have, and luckily, the referrals come in. But as we stay, and as we're solid, the community will know that we're back, right? I think that that's the other piece, is when Head Start left, and I apologize, because I don't remember who the grantee was, I apologize, but when they had to shut down and they lost their grant, I think that the community feels that so deeply, that they think, well, it's gone, it's never coming back, we're going to go find something else. So really, it's just us being solid there, for us to build the trust of the community again so they know we're not going anywhere. So, it's just gonna take a little time, but but they've come in because we're full. So we're here -."

Chairperson Linger stated, "So right now you're still 100 percent federally funded?"

Ms. Johnson stated, "Yes, yeah, that hard start is federally funded, yes. Anything else?"

A number of Legislators thanked Ms. Johnson.

Ms. Johnson stated, "All right, well, thank you so much for your time. I really appreciate it, and we love being here in Greene County so, thank you so much and I do have some flyers I can hand out at some point."

Chairperson Handel stated, "Nikki, I absolutely love your passion and enthusiasm. (Ms. Johnson stated, "Oh, thank you.") They are lucky to have you."

Ms. Johnson stated, "Listen, we do the best work, it's good work, right? You get to work with the most vulnerable population, but those babies man, I do ask each and every one of you to please try to schedule a time to come and visit once the kids are in session. I'm telling you, you'll melt. They are the cutest, you'll have the best time, thank you."

Chairperson Handel stated, "Thank you."

Ms. Wallace stated, "I have a brief video."

Chairperson Handel stated, "I do believe that Barbara Wallace has a brief presentation for us."

Ms. Wallace stated, "It's a hard act to follow here, (Ms. Johnson stated, "I told you I was chatty, I'm sorry.") and you know, I'm Barb Wallace, the Director of the Preschool Special-Ed Program here at Public Health, and Laura and I went on some field trips to go visit our center-based programs. But first of all, I want to say thank you to Matt, Pat, and Jay for, attending our youth fair and meeting a lot of our providers at that event, and it was a great opportunity for us to just collaborate and discuss, you know, the needs of our county, and we're so happy to have Astor join us on our team. We're going to be presenting the contract for your approval this evening, and as a former Head Start employee myself, it's very addicting. I mean, it's a wonderful program, it's all-inclusive. Families have voice in it; it's been around since the 60s. It's a federal grant, but it's amazing what they can do supporting families. We've had in, Columbia County, we've had parents that started as of, you know, having their children a program, they became an employee as a TA, they got their education, Head Start provides support for education, and they go on and become teachers themselves, and it's just a wonderful step up for everyone. So, so thank you for being here with us."

Ms. Johnson stated, "Can I mention one more thing? So, I actually, my oldest daughter is almost 30, and I was a Head Start mom 30 years ago. (Ms. Wallace stated, "There ya go.") So, it does come full circle, right and it is, that's the beauty of what we do. So, thank you."

Ms. Wallace stated, "Yes, oh wonderful. So, back to Laura and I doing our field trips. In June, we went to go visit some of our programs. We saw CoARC, we went to see Anderson, Spectrum, Wraparound, and Circle of Friends. The little PowerPoint I put together, focuses mostly on co-work. We have 18 children this year that attended and so, I think a picture's worth a thousand words, hopefully our video will work, and we'll see how that goes. Without further ado, here we go."

Ms. Wallace presented a PowerPoint slideshow to the board.

Chairman Linger stated, "You also have Jason on Zoom."

Chairperson Handel stated, "I don't think he has anything to say."

Chairman Linger stated, "I don't think so, I hear of anything, I just wanted to let you know."

Chairperson Handel stated, "Thank you. Okay, is that everything?"

Ms. Wallace stated, "That's it and all of our partners, our program partners welcome all of you, if you would, they would to have you attend, to come and visit their programs. So, just

putting that out there. They're very happy to serve our children and it's been a pleasure working with them."

Chairman Linger stated, "I did the fire prevention at the Circle of Friends for quite a few years."

Ms. Wallace stated, "Wonderful.

Chairperson Handel stated, "Thank you, okay without further ado, we'll get on to the proposed action items."

1. Authorizing Agreement - Greene County Mental Health And Coordinated Care Services, Inc.

**ON MOTION OF SHERRY TRUE**

**ITEM NO. 8851**

**Authorizing Agreement - Greene County Mental Health And Coordinated Care Services, Inc.**

WHEREAS, Coordinated Care Services, Inc is a not-for-profit agency that performs a range of services designed to meet the management and technical assistance needs of local government behavioral health and human services communities, and

WHEREAS, Greene County Mental Health desires to enter into a Services Agreement with Coordinated Care Services, Inc, for the term January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for the provision of services, under the terms and conditions therein set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of the Greene County Mental Health Department be authorized to execute a Services Agreement, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney, between Greene County Mental Health and Coordinated Care Services, Inc.

**Meeting History:**

Health Services 08/05/26

Finance 08/17/26

Greene County Legislature 08/19/26

RESULT: Moved for Adoption MOVER: Legislator Sherry True SECONDER: Legislator Patricia Handel AYES: Legislator Handel, Legislator Davis, Legislator True, Legislator Hobart, Legislator O'Connell, Legislator Lanuto, Legislator Luvera, Legislator Lennon, Legislator Linger NOES : None ABSENT: Legislator Davis

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| <b>RESULT:</b> Moved for Adoption |
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| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Legislator Sherry True                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Legislator Patricia Handel                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Legislator Handel, Legislator Davis, Legislator True, Legislator Hobart, Legislator O'Connell, Legislator Lanuto, Legislator Luvera, Legislator Lennon, Legislator Linger |
| <b>NOES:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Legislator Davis                                                                                                                                                          |

2. Approving Center Based Provider Contract - Preschool Special Education Program

**ON MOTION OF MICHAEL LANUTO**

**ITEM No. 8869**

**Approving Center Based Provider Contract - Preschool Special Education Program**

WHEREAS, Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law requires that counties contract with approved providers for appropriate preschool special education programs and related services for 3-5 year old preschool children with disabilities;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Greene County Legislature be authorized to execute a Professional Service Agreement for Center Based Services for the preschool special education program, subject to approval to form by the Greene County Attorney, for the period beginning September 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 with the following approved Agency Provider:

1. Astor Services

**Meeting History:**

Health Services 08/05/26

Finance 08/17/26

RESULT: Moved for Adoption MOVER: Legislator Michael Lanuto SECONDER: Legislator Harry Lennon AYES: Legislator Handel, Legislator Davis, Legislator True, Legislator Hobart, Legislator O'Connell, Legislator Lanuto, Legislator Luvera, Legislator Lennon, Legislator Linger NOES : None ABSENT: Legislator Davis

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Moved for Adoption                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Legislator Michael Lanuto                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Legislator Harry Lennon, Legislator Handel, Legislator Davis, Legislator True, Legislator Hobart, Legislator O'Connell, Legislator Lanuto, Legislator Luvera, Legislator Lennon, Legislator Linger |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Legislator Handel, Legislator Davis, Legislator True, Legislator Hobart, Legislator O'Connell, Legislator Lanuto, Legislator Luvera, Legislator Lennon, Legislator Linger                          |
| <b>NOES:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Legislator Davis                                                                                                                                                                                   |

#### Adjournment

Chairperson Handel stated, "Is there anything else to come before Health Services committee this evening?"

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Adjourned                                                                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Legislator Harry Lennon                                                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Legislator Michael Lanuto                                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Legislator Handel, Legislator Davis, Legislator True, Legislator Hobart, |

Legislator O'Connell, Legislator Lanuto, Legislator Luvera, Legislator  
Lennon, Legislator Linger

Unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



## **Resolution No.**

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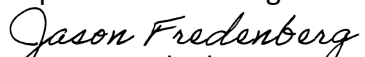
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#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Contract Summary - CCSI 2026

County of Greene – Department of  
Mental Health

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| 1. Contractor Name:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | / ႁႃႆႇႉႈႏ႐႔႕ / ႋ႐႔ { ႇႎ႐႓ႏႅ ႌႏႅ                                             |
| 2. Contract Term:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026                                         |
| 3. Contract Amount:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | ႆႃႃ ႃႃ 9ႆႅႇႇႇ 49,875 ႃႃ႐ ႇႇႎႏႅႇႇ ႐ႇႏႇႇႇ                                     |
| 4. Agreement Type:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | New <input type="checkbox"/> or Renewal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. If <b>Renewal</b> , Previous Contract Amount                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 45,885                                                                      |
| 6. Description of Service Provided:<br><br><p>CCSI offers a broad array of management services and technical assistance specifically tailored to meet the needs of local behavioral health departments receiving funding from state agencies.</p><br><p>See contract for full description of services &amp; fiscal tasks</p> |                                                                             |
| Department Head Signature:<br><br>Jason R. Fredenberg, Psy.D., DCS                                                                                                                                                                        | Date:<br><br>7/06/26                                                        |



## **Resolution No.**

### **Approving Center Based Provider Contract - Preschool Special Education Program**

WHEREAS, Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law requires that counties contract with approved providers for appropriate preschool special education programs and related services for 3-5 year old preschool children with disabilities;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Greene County Legislature be authorized to execute a Professional Service Agreement for Center Based Services for the preschool special education program, subject to approval to form by the Greene County Attorney, for the period beginning September 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 with the following approved Agency Provider:

1. Astor Services

#### **Meeting History:**

Health Services 08/05/26

Finance 08/17/26

Greene County Legislature 08/19/26

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Rate - Center-Based Provider Astor Services
2. Summary Sheet - Astor Services



# **Greene County Public Health Children's Services**

## **Preschool Special Education**

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### **Center-Based Program Rates**

- Center-Based Programs receive tuition-based reimbursement per each attending student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) dates.
- Tuition Rates are set by the NYS Education Department's Rate Setting Unit. Each program is assigned its own rate on an annual basis. Rates are based upon each program's annual fiscal report, and various other factors as determined by the Rate Setting Unit.
- Rates are also subject to change by the Rate Setting Unit for prior years
- Ten-month rates range from \$33,700.00 to \$57,978.00 per student.
- Two-month rates for Extended School Year (ESY), or summer programming, range from \$5,628.00 to \$9,663.00 per student.
- Rates include all expenses associated with maintaining a center-based program: building costs, staffing costs (i.e. licensed therapists, teachers & teacher assistants), nursing services, communications/computer systems, office supplies, insurance coverage, etc.

**Summary Sheet of  
Proposed Contract/Agreement**

**County of Greene /  
Department of Public Health**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1. Contractor Name:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Astor Services                                                                |
| <b>2. Contract Term:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           | September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027                                             |
| <b>3. Amount:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Approved Rates per<br>New York State Education Department<br>(See Attachment) |
| <b>4. Type of Agreement?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | New                                                                           |
| <b>5. Description of Service Provided:</b><br><br>The above Related Service/Center-Based Service Agency provides SEIT, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological counseling, and service coordination. |                                                                               |
| <b>Department Head Signature:</b><br>                                                                                                           | <b>Date:</b><br>July 20, 2026                                                 |