

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative conference room, Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 8:30 AM.

Present:	Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
	Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator
	Mr. Dennis Mullen	Legislator
	Ms. Loretta Sullivan	Legislator
	Ms. Lori Morgan	Director of Community Services
	Mr. Chris Korba	Director of Administrative Services - MH
	Mr. Shawn Yetter	Commissioner of Social Services
	Mr. Gary Grant	Deputy Commissioner of Social Services
	Ms. Susan Medina	Deputy Director of Public Health
	Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services - PH
Guests:	Ms. Marte Sauerbrey	Chair of the Legislature
	Ms. Rita Hollenbeck	Chief Accountant/Budget Officer
	Mr. Peter DeWind	County Attorney

### MENTAL HYGIENE

#### 1. Budget Status

- Mr. Chris Korba shared that through ten months, expenses are at 58% or down 12%. State Aid is received at the beginning of the quarter. The fee-for service revenue from February through October is down 6% due to vacancies in revenue producing positions. However, with expense savings, the budget is tracking on target.

#### 2. Personnel

- None.

#### 3. Critical Issues/Topics

- Behavioral Health Care Collaborative (BHCC) – Ms. Morgan explained that NYS is sending a lump sum to managed care companies over a three-year period. Three agencies were pre-approved to be lead agencies. TCMH will know the final lead agencies in December. Ms. Morgan has chosen Integrity as they are further ahead in the process and they are in a contiguous county (Tompkins).

#### 4. Resolutions

- Appropriation of Funds – Suicide Coalition donation.

#### 5. Proclamations

- None.

### PUBLIC HEALTH

Ms. Susan Medina presented personnel, highlights and resolutions (Agency report was previously submitted to committee members electronically).

#### 1. Budget Status

- Mr. Denis McCann noted that the 2017 Public Health budget is tracking well. Early Intervention continues to track well. Mr. McCann shared that the Preschool budget, as has been reported throughout the year, may

need additional funds at the end of the year. Mr. McCann stated the amount needed appears smaller than previously anticipated, and PH is monitoring closely as they are still receiving October bills. Anticipate a resolution to appropriate/transfer funds in December.

2. Personnel
  - Susan Haskett, retired October 28, 2017.
  - Elizana-Marie Joseph, AmeriCorps Member, started October 26, 2017.
  - Tara Lounsbury, Intern, SUNY Delhi, started October 30, 2017.
  - Michaela Snyder, Intern, Mansfield University, started October 30, 2017.
3. Program Comments
  - Agency Report for October 2017 was provided to the Committee. Ms. Medina mentioned the Flu Clinics that were held. Also, Healthy Neighborhoods surpassed their goal for visits. The Fluoride Varnish Program applied fluoride varnish at Owego, Apalachin, Candor and Nathan T. Hall elementary schools.
4. Resolutions
  - Transfer of Funds – Additional Dental Hygienist contractual services due to demand of services and a long-term vacancy of a Dental Hygienist.
  - Authorize Position Reclassification – Change a part-time Registered Professional Nurse to a part-time Early Intervention Service Coordinator.
5. Proclamations
  - None.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the October 3, 2017 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Mullen and Seconded by Legislator Monell. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted as written.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

Commissioner Yetter discussed caseloads, programmatic highlights, and personnel changes. (Reports were all sent to Committee members via email yesterday).

1. Budget
  - Mr. Gary Grant reported that all programs in the 2017 budget are at or near budget. The softening in the Foster Care budget continues. Two large detention bills had to be paid last month. The reimbursement is 50%. Safety Net is good. Day Care is down. There are \$9,000 in domestic violence bills; running \$6,000 over budget – Reimbursement is 50%. Emergency Assistance for Adults is at \$33,000 and Mr. Grant budgeted \$36,000. He increased this line for 2018. The reimbursement is 49%.
2. Caseloads
  - During October, Cash Assistance caseloads decreased 6 cases, with Family Assistance increasing 3 cases and Safety Net decreasing 9 cases. These cases are still down 3% for the year.
  - MA-Only decreased 2 cases. The State MA enrollments are starting to slow down.
  - MA-SSI increased 14 cases.
  - Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 27 to 3,687.
  - SNAP cases increased 3 cases.
  - Day Care increased 7 cases.
  - Services decreased 3 cases.
  - See Caseload Summary.
3. Programmatic Highlights
  - Youth Bureau Report – In packet. The Youth Bureau will be receiving SEY (Sexually Exploited Youth) funding. Plan approval was received yesterday. DSS will be contracting with A New Hope Center. Casinos have been identified as a potential spot for youth to congregate and put themselves at risk of being

trafficked, sexually exploited or at risk of victimization. (Additional information: Senate Bill 56893 addresses training programs for employees of hotel and gaming facilities regarding human trafficking recognition).

- TEC Report – In packet. Unemployment remains consistent. The Job Fair is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Intermunicipal Agreement with Chemung – Commissioner Yetter shared that DSS will be bringing a resolution for this Agreement next month. The ridership fluctuates. DSS has been using the Appalachian Funding to cover the local share. Commissioner Yetter is not sure if the funding will be the same or if the funding may require a local match. This should be a couple thousand dollars if that is required. This route serves Tioga Downs. Mr. Gural asked to meet with Marte Sauerbrey, Commissioner Yetter, Gary Grant and Broome County because he is looking for transportation for workers to Tioga Downs.
- Active Shooter Alarm – Mr. Grant reported that he has been in discussions with the Sheriff's department about running a "real" practice drill of the Active Shooter Alarm procedures including them clearing the building. It will be a building wide discussion of when to schedule this drill; possibly the beginning of December. The cameras have been installed but they are not activated yet & have not been hooked up with the monitors. The speakers on the outside of the building are not working yet either. IT needs to be told where the "dead areas" are located.
- SWAT Training – The Sheriff's department will be using the HHS building this Saturday, 11/11/17 for their SWAT training.

#### 4. Personnel Changes

- Shelly Rounseville hired 10/16/17 as Seasonal HEAP Office Specialist I.
- Susan Boldman resigned 10/31/17 as Caseworker. The paperwork for the back-fill has been started.

#### 5. Resolutions

- Appoint Members to Youth Bureau Board.

#### 6. Proclamations

- Adoption Awareness Month
- Tioga County United Way Month

### **ADJOURNED:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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