

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative conference room, Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 8:30 AM.

Present:	Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
	Mr. Tracy Monell	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
Guests:	Ms. Marte Sauerbrey	Chair of the Legislature

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Budget Status

- Mr. Chris Korba shared that through eleven months, expenses are down 8.3%. The fee-for service revenue from February through November is down due to vacancies in revenue producing positions. However, with expense savings, the budget is tracking on target. Mr. Korba hopes to have a little return of local share at the end of the year.

2. Personnel

- None.

3. Critical Issues/Topics

- None.

4. Resolutions

- Appoint New Member to Community Services Board (Carolyn Galatzan)
- Transfer of Funds Budget Modification – Incurred mandated expenses.

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

- Ms. Medina shared that Mr. Denis McCann reported that the 2017 Public Health budget is on target. There is a resolution for additional funding to meet the mandated costs of the Handicapped Education program.

2. Personnel

- Jessica Lovell, RN, started 11/29/17.

3. Program Comments
 - Agency Report for November 2017 was provided to the Committee. Ms. Medina mentioned that Public Health attended an Emergency Preparedness drill at Elderwood Nursing Facility in Waverly. Also, Todd Kopalek and Amy Fancher graduated from Leadership Tioga.
4. Resolutions
 - Appoint Member to the Tioga County Board of Health.
 - Reappoint Member to the Tioga County Board of Health.
 - Amend Budget and Transfer an Appropriation of Funds.
5. Proclamations
 - National Influenza Awareness Week.

Ms. Medina also noted that there will be a resolution presented by the Personnel Committee moving the Mail Clerks out of the Public Health budget and into Social Services' budget for 2018. Mr. Gary Grant explained that it makes sense because most of the mail is Social Services and the mail machine lease is with DSS. The three departments (MH, PH & DSS) will still be sharing the cost.

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 he expects to make up the Foster Care overage with savings in other areas resulting in a return of \$70,000 in the program side of his budget. Safety Net is down and he has lowered that budget for 2018. There are currently an adequate number of certified foster care homes.
2. Caseloads
 - During November, Cash Assistance caseloads increased 3 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 2 cases and Safety Net increasing 5 cases. These cases are still down for the year.
 - MA-Only decreased 19 cases. MA enrollments are starting to slow down.
 - MA-SSI remained unchanged.
 - Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 30 to 3,657.
 - SNAP cases decreased 17 cases.
 - Day Care decreased 3 cases.
 - Services increased 1 case.
 - See Caseload Summary.
3. Programmatic Highlights
 - Youth Bureau Report – In packet.
 - TEC Report – In packet. TEC was recognized for the third straight year for their services to Veterans. Sheri McCall was presented with an award for Community Development and Public Issues last night at Cornell Cooperative Extension.
 - Active Shooter Alarm Drill – Mr. Grant shared that there is an Active Shooter Drill scheduled for tomorrow between 1:30 – 2:30 at HHS. There will be four Sheriff's deputies there that will each have a quadrant and an observer assigned to them. There will be a debrief meeting next week.
4. Personnel Changes
 - Jessica Krom, SWE, resigned 11/24/17.

5. Resolutions

- Authorize the Reappointment of Shawn L. Yetter as Commissioner of Social Services.

6. Proclamations

- None.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the November 7, 2017 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell and Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted as written.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services