

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Health & Human Services**

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 8:37 AM.

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| Present: Mr. William Standinger | Chair of the Committee                    |
| Mr. Tracy Monell                | Legislator                                |
| Mr. Dennis Mullen               | Legislator                                |
| Ms. Lori Morgan                 | Director of Community Services            |
| Mr. Chris Korba                 | Director of Administrative Services (MH)  |
| Mr. Shawn Yetter                | Commissioner of Social Services           |
| Ms. Mickelle Andrews            | Director of Administrative Services (DSS) |
| Ms. Heather Vroman              | Public Health Director                    |
| Mr. Denis McCann                | Director of Administrative Services (PH)  |

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| Guests: | Ms. Marte Sauerbrey | Chair of Legislature      |
|         | Mr. Jackson Bailey  | County Administrator      |
|         | Ms. Elizabeth Myers | Deputy Commissioner (DSS) |
|         | Mr. Peter DeWind    | County Attorney           |

**MENTAL HYGIENE**

1. Financial
  - Mr. Chris Korba noted that the 2024 budget is tracking well with eight months of expenses and seven months of revenue. Fee-For-Service revenue is coming in well. Expenses are being offset by vacancies.
2. Old Business
  - Criminal Psych – Ms. Lori Morgan shared that there is one new court order for an evaluation.
3. New Business
  - Waverly location – Working on getting an address so they can apply for licenses. Also ordering furniture. Ms. Morgan expects an opening in November.
4. Personnel
  - None
  - All school positions are currently filled
5. Resolutions
  - None
6. Proclamations
  - None

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

1. Financial
  - Mr. Denis McCann reported that for the 2024 budget, there are no surprises, and everything is tracking well.
2. Old Business
  - None
3. New Business
  - Agency Report for August 2024 forwarded to committee.
  - With the recent Listeria outbreak of Boars Head sliced meat products, Environmental Health contacted Tioga County food establishments to pull all their Boars Head meats.
  - The Dental Van is working with TC Veterans Services Agency to try and provide dental services to TC Veterans.
4. Personnel
  - None
5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to move forward
  - Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds
  - Authorization to Accept Juul Settlement Funds, Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds – May be able to use funds to put vape detectors in school bathrooms
  - Create One (1) Full-Time Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
  - Amend Tioga County Sanitary Code (Approved by TC BOH)
6. Proclamations
  - None

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

1. Financial
  - Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that Foster Care & Day Care are running over budget. Day Care expenses receive 100% reimbursement from the NYS Child Care Block Grant. There is a resolution to appropriate funds.
2. Old Business
  - None.
3. New Business
  - Caseloads
    - During August, Cash Assistance decreased 2 cases, with Family Assistance increasing 1 case and Safety Net decreasing 3 cases.
    - MA-Only decreased 3 cases.
    - MA-SSI increased 3 cases.
    - Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 12 to 3,343

(Caseloads continued)

SNAP increased 40 cases.

Day Care increased 11 cases

See Caseload Summary

- Tioga Career Center report is attached. Unemployment continues to remain below the State & Federal levels.

#### 4. Personnel Changes

- Kathleen Wage, Office Specialist II, resigned effective 8/9/24
- Katherine Garrison, Principal Social Welfare Examiner, retired effective 8/12/24
- Alyssa Kinney reinstated as Part-Time Caseworker effective 8/14/24
- Kevin Maliner, PT Mail Clerk, hired effective 8/14/24 – Resigned 8/15/24
- Karen Northup, Social Welfare Examiner, retired effective 8/24/24

#### 5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

- Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2024 Budget
- Amend Resolution No. 230-24; Execute Lease Extension with MCP Enterprises, Inc. for Child Advocacy Center (Includes a move to the larger suite which will allow for more privacy for interviews)

#### 6. Proclamations

- None

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the August 6, 2024 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell. Seconded by Legislator Mullen. Motion Carried.

### **ADJOURNED:**

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gail V. Perdue*

Executive Secretary, Social Services