

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Meeting Chambers/Zoom

Committee Members Present

Alex Stepanski, Chairman, Town of Stockbridge
Brandee DuBois, Vice-Chairwoman, City of Oneida
Mary Cavanagh, City of Oneida
Melissa During, Town of Lincoln

Others Present

Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Social Services
Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health
Shawn Prieto, Deputy Director of Administrative Services
Tina Wayland-Smith, County Attorney
Mark Scimone, County Administrator
Samantha Field, Public Information Officer
Christina Kennedy, Corporate Compliance Officer, via Zoom
Emily Burns, Clerk to the Board
Kristin Guinto, Confidential Secretary to the Board
Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health Services
Kathryn Hopkins, Mental Health Clinic Treatment Program Coordinator
Ron Raymer, Director Veterans Agency
Lukas Duimstra, Veterans Counselor, Veterans Agency
Keith Lummis, Assistant Director of Finance
Peggy LeClair, via Zoom
William Nicholson, Community Service Director, Community Action Partnership
Beth Piersall, Confidential Secretary, Mental Health

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Stepanski called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., indicating that there was a quorum for the Health and Human Services Committee.

Approve Minutes

The Health and Human Services Committee reviewed the meeting minutes for August 23, 2022. A motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois to approve the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Cavanagh and carried unanimously.

Mental Health

Director Teisha Cook presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Hamilton Central School District for a Satellite Mental Health Clinic

A motion was made by Supervisor Cavanagh to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Modification of the 2022 Adopted County Budget (Mental Health Project-Phase II)

A motion was made by Chairman Stepanski to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Modification of the 2022 Adopted County Budget (Mental Health - Schools Mileage Reimbursement)

A motion was made by Supervisor Cavanagh to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Director Teisha Cook provided an update on Mental Health First Aid training that the Rural Health Council is offering for schools in Madison County. Brookfield, Canastota, Cazenovia, Chittenango and Madison have completed the training. As of October 5th, Cazenovia will have 150 staff that have received the training. Canastota also has Connected Schools Community personnel in the school to assist them. Morrisville School will be scheduling training. The Rural Health Council continues to have conversations with DeRuyter, Hamilton and Oneida schools regarding the training. The training is for non-clinical staff that may have contact with someone experiencing a mental health crisis. Vice-Chairwoman DuBois noted that this training may be of interest for students in the Allied Health Program.

Director Teisha Cook reviewed the final report from the Office of Mental Health site review that occurred in July. Health monitoring must be completed for all clients. A policy has been implemented regarding this. Client Satisfaction Survey has been available on the MHD website and a paper version will be available for clients to complete soon. Untoward Incident Review Committee needs to have a peer participate on the Committee. A corrective action plan has been approved by the Office of Mental Health.

Public Health

Director Eric Faisst reported that the Health Festival and Vaccination Event at Good Nature Farm Brewery on September 18th went well. They had 636 people attend the event and 20 vendors participated including DSS and Mental Health. They administered 135 vaccinations, including 70 COVID vaccines, 57 flu vaccines and 8 Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) vaccines. Public Health plans to have the event again next year.

Director Eric Faisst presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Early Intervention Administration Grant

A motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor During and carried unanimously.

Environmental Health Division Fee Schedule

A motion was made by Supervisor During to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Cavanagh and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Modification of the 2022 Adopted County Budget

A motion was made by Supervisor Cavanagh to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously. This resolution is for the Preschool program to cover increased tuition rates and transportation costs. The Preschool program is a mandated program.

Social Services

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented the Commissioners Report. These numbers are through the month of August 2022. At this time, numbers are at 66%. Commissioner Fitzgerald reports there has been an increase in JD referrals.

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth

A motion was made by Chairman Stepanski to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor During and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Community Action Program, Inc.

A motion was made by Supervisor During to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Community Action Program, Inc.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Cavanagh and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with VenTek, Inc.

A motion was made by Supervisor Cavanagh to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Veterans Agency

Director Ron Raymer reported that things are going well at the Veterans Agency. Total client contacts for August was 648. On September 1st, Veterans Agency staff attended training regarding "Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022".

Director Raymer presented the following resolution to the Committee

Authorizing the Modification of the 2022 Adopted County Budget (Veterans Outreach and Peer Support)

A motion was made by Supervisor Cavanagh to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Director Raymer has met with Amanda Larson from the Gorman Foundation regarding potential space in the Northside Shopping Plaza for the Veterans Community Center. Director Raymer has also consulted with King & King Architects for a design plan for the space.

Youth Bureau

Director Tina Louis was attending a conference out of the area and was unable to attend today's meeting.

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2022 Adopted Budget (SA OCFS multiple)

A motion was made by Supervisor Cavanagh to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor During and carried unanimously.

In 2021, the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law was established which legalized mobile sports gaming. This resolution reflects that 1% of state tax proceeds from mobile sports gaming be invested into youth programs. This funding is expected to increase.

Authorizing the Modification of the 2022 Adopted Budget (Youth Sports OCFS)

A motion was made by Chairman Stepanski to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor During and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Modification of the 2022 Adopted Budget (Skanda)

A motion was made by Supervisor Cavanagh to approve both the resolution and insurance waiver, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Director Tina Louis thanked Christina Kennedy for updating the policy and procedures for unpaid job shadowing and internships. Modifications included dealing with confidential information and areas of training beneficial to students on the county campus. This will go before Government Operations Committee for approval on September 29th.

New Visions students are engaged in classroom activities in the Career Center classroom and will be visiting county departments. There are six students enrolled: 3 Canastota, 1 Camden, 1 Hamilton, 1 Madison. If you know of someone who may be interested in the New Visions Program, the student may reach out to their school guidance office.

Preferred Agenda

It was the consensus of the Committee to allow any eligible resolutions from today's meeting to be added to the Preferred Agenda. All resolutions were voted on and approved by the Committee.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m., seconded by Supervisor During and carried unanimously.

Next meeting: October 25, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Piersall for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski