

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 26, 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

John Pinard, Town of Lenox

Melissa During, Town of Lincoln

Others Present

Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Social Services

Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health

Lukas Duimstra, Veterans Counselor, Veterans Agency

Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health Services

Tina Wayland Smith, County Attorney

Keith Lummis, Assistant Director of Finance

Samantha Field, Public Information Officer

Quinn VanLone, BOCES New Visions Program

Liz Crofut, Interim Director of Community Action Partnership, via Zoom

Beth Piersall, Confidential Secretary, Mental Health

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Stepanski called the meeting to order at 10:35 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 March 22, 2022.

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

Mental Health

Director Teisha Cook presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Creating Five Staff Social Worker Positions in the Mental Health Department and Modifying the 2022 Adopted County Budget

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

Director Cook noted that during Phase I of this project, Chittenango, Hamilton, Cazenovia and Oneida schools expressed interest and will have satellite clinics. The clinics will be OMH licensed clinics and we will be able to bill for some of the services. Chittenango School will have two full time social workers and the remaining schools will have one. The cost for these

positions will be covered equally from Federal Aid from the Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery funds and the school districts.

Authorizing the Chairman to Execute a Settlement Agreement

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

This settlement is from Excellus for incorrect reimbursement rates that were paid for Child Health Plus claims from April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2021.

Director Teisha Cook provided an update regarding the RFP to provide substance abuse services in the jail. The RFP has been issued and Chairman Stepanski and Director Cook will be reviewing the proposals. An update will be provided at the May Health and Human Services Committee meeting.

Public Health

Director Eric Faisst presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Public Health Department Approved Charges and Fee Schedule

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter an Agreement for the Healthy Neighborhood Program Grant & Modifying the 2022 Adopted County Budget

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter an Agreement for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant & Modifying the 2022 Budget

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

Modifying the 2022 Budget for Drinking Water Enhancement Grant Renewal

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

Director Faisst discussed the 2022 County Health Rankings report. Madison County is ranked 9th for Health Outcomes and 17th for Health Factors. Health factors include smoking, obesity, physical inactivity, excessive drinking. Director Faisst forwarded the report to Committee members following the meeting.

Social Services

Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald presented the Commissioners Report. These numbers are through the month of March 2022. At this time, most numbers are within limits at 25%. There

was a retroactive rate increase for adoptions which was approved at the February Health and Human Services Committee meeting. The information included in the report is based on a cash basis, it reflects the current finances.

Veterans Agency

Veterans Counselor, Lukas Duimstra, reported that March was a busy and productive month with 379 client contacts. They continue to meet client needs and connect them with services. The Madison County Veterans Service Agency Annual 22km Veterans Awareness Hike is scheduled for April 30th at 9 a.m. and will begin at the WAVEM Memorial on the county campus.

Youth Bureau

Commissioner Fitzgerald reported that Director Tina Louis will be sending out an announcement regarding the New Visions BOCES intern graduation event that will take place on Wednesday, May 18th.

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 Supervisor Cavanagh to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Next meeting: May 24, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Piersall for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski