

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 28, 2022
Meeting Chambers/Zoom

Committee Members Present

John Becker, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Town of Sullivan
Alex Stepanski, Chairman, Town of Stockbridge
Brandee DuBois, Vice-Chairwoman, City of Oneida
Mary Cavanagh, City of Oneida, via Zoom
John Pinard, Town of Lenox
Melissa During, Town of Lincoln, via Zoom

Others Present

Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Social Services
Tina Louis, Director, Youth Bureau
Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health
Tina Wayland-Smith, County Attorney
Melissa Felton, Second Assistant County Attorney
Hannah Tulchinsky, Intern, County Attorney's office
Samantha Field, Public Information Officer
Emily Burns, Confidential Secretary to the Board
Christina Kennedy, Corporate Compliance Officer
Ron Raymer, Director, Veterans Agency
Lukas Duimstra, Veterans Counselor
Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health Services
Cindy Edick, County Treasurer
Keith Lummis, Assistant Director of Finance
Erin Dutcher, Community Action Partnership, via Zoom
Christine Paul, Madison County Rural Health Council, via Zoom
Peggy LeClair, via Zoom
Cathy Almodover, ARISE at the Farm
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 May 24, 2022. A motion was made by Supervisor Pinard to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Mental Health

Director Teisha Cook presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2022 Adopted County Budget (Mental Health Intergovernmental Transfer)

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Crouse Health Hospital, Inc. and Modifying the 2022 Adopted County Budget

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

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

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

Discussion Regarding Opiate Funding Proposal for Mat Roosa - The County has received funding from the opiate settlement. Some of the funding will be available to outside agencies. Mat Roosa will assist us in developing a process for agencies to apply for mini grants. The contract for Mat Roosa is under \$20,000. A meeting will be scheduled with the County Attorney and County Administrator to discuss the details regarding how the settlement funding may be utilized.

Director Teisha Cook reported that social workers have been hired for the satellite clinics at Cazenovia and for one of the two positions at Chittenango schools. Oneida has decided to pause recruitment for the time being. We have not received applicants for Hamilton School, but continue to recruit.

Public Health

Director Eric Faisst presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of a Contract with Birnie Bus Service for Transportation Services

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

Re-Appointing Board Members to Madison County Board of Health

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter an Agreement with the New York State Department of Health for State Indoor Radon Grant and Modifying the 2022 Adopted County Budget

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

Director Eric Faisst wanted the Committee to be aware of a resolution that will be presented at the Government Operations Committee. The resolution is to utilize ARPA - American Rescue Plan Act funding for the following items. 1) \$25,000 for a Health Festival and Vaccination Event. This free event is planned for September 18th from 2-7 p.m. at Good Nature Farm Brewery. There will be 15-20 health related vendors and live bands. This event will encourage healthy behaviors and vaccinations for individuals age 18-25 that have the lowest vaccination rate. 2) \$58,000 for software that is HIPAA compliant and will assist with data collection and integrates with current software. 3) \$20,000 for Public Health app that will provide access to health information and notifications. 4) \$15,000 for wastewater testing for opiates and cannabis. Committee approved proceeding with the resolution.

Social Services

Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald presented the Commissioners Report. These numbers are through the month of May 2022. At this time, all numbers are within range at 42%.

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2022 Adopted Budget (ESG-CV)

A motion was made by Supervisor Pinard 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 May was 388. A Madison County resident recently contacted the Veterans Agency expressing interest in donating some of their farm land as a Madison County Veteran's Cemetery. The County Attorney's office and Director Raymer will contact the County Attorney in Onondaga County as they have a Veterans Memorial Cemetery to obtain additional information.

Youth Bureau

Director Tina Louis provided an update regarding the \$7,750 in funding from OCFS. This is for a sports related program and needs to be utilized by December 31, 2022. The funding will be allocated to the Madison County Children's Camp this year. Next year, the funding will be increased and an RFP will be issued.

Director Tina Louis reported that space for the New Visions program on the county campus will be expanding. There will now be two classrooms, including one for carpentry instruction.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Chairman Stepanski to enter into executive session on the advice of counsel to discuss the performance of a particular contractor. Vice-Chairwoman DuBois seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. A motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois to exit executive session; Supervisor Pinard seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

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 Pinard to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m., seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Next meeting: July 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Piersall for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski