

MINUTES
HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
May 22, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ralph Angelo
John Champlin
John Cowley
Theodore Fafinski
Margaret Hilton

PRESENT: Mary Beer, Mary Gates, Diane Johnston, Greg Powers, Mary Krause, John Garvey, Cathy Bentzoni, Sandy Seeber, Debbie Gierman, Steve Vanderbrook
Guest: Rev. Dr. Richard McCaughey

NECESSARILY ABSENT: Norman Teed

Chairperson Hilton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Supervisor Teed was declared necessarily absent.

1. Approval of Minutes – May 1, 2013 – Supervisor Champlin moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Fafinski and carried.

2. MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

a. **Update on Mental Hygiene Budget for 2013** – Diane Johnston provided an update in regards to the Mental Hygiene budget. Expenditures are more than anticipated at this point in the year specifically for inmates. She will be meeting with jail personnel to monitor expenses. Mary Gates explained the application of state aid for mental hygiene and how it affects the budget.

b. **RHIO (Regional Health Information Organization) Agreement** – Diane Johnston explained that the RHIO is a computerized system where physicians, hospitals and other providers can quickly access patient health information. A staff psychologist is interested in using the RHIO for this purpose. At this time, Mental Health does not have an agreement with RHIO. As there is now a fee per user, she will do further research to ensure it will be beneficial for the psychologist before initiating an agreement.

3. HEALTH FACILITY

a. **Resolution: Award of Contract for the Purchase of Prescription Drugs and Pharmaceuticals** – Greg Powers presented the resolution. Mr. Powers stated that the Purchasing Dept. issued a RFP for the purchase of prescription drugs and pharmaceuticals. The County spends approximately \$500,000 per year on these items for several county departments. After review of the proposals, it is recommended the award be made to Health Direct Institutional Pharmacy, a division of Kinney Drugs, Inc. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Angelo, seconded by Supervisor Champlin and carried.

b. **Resolution: Establish Capital Project 05-2013 – Hot Water Tank Replacement at Ontario County Health Facility and Award of Contract for Engineering Services – C&S Companies – Dept. of Public Works – Buildings and Grounds** – This resolution was pulled from the agenda.

c. **Resolution: Office of the Medicaid Inspector General Repayment** – Mary Gates advised OMIG conducted a Payment Integrity Review for Medicaid claims. As a result of the review, overpayments to the county were identified as well as underpayments. OMIG requires a check for the overpayments totalling

\$17,221.58. Underpayments of approximately \$25,000 will be claimed through the regular billing process. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Fafinski, seconded by Supervisor Cowley and carried.

d. Informational: Certified Nursing Assistant Reclassifications – Greg Powers advised the committee of a request for reconfiguration of CNA positions. Mr. Garvey advised that the Management Compensation Committee requested additional financial information for review. No further action at this time.

e. Budget Transfer Request – Nursing Assistant Position Changes – Deferred to June 12, 2013 meeting.

f. Statement of Revenue and Expenses for Period Ending April 30, 2013 – Mary Gates presented the financial statement and offered to answer any questions. She noted that revenue is slightly lower based on the occupancy (84.05%).

4. PUBLIC HEALTH

a. Update on RFPs:

Mary Beer provided the following updates:

- The RFP for Turnings/Substance Abuse was approved by the Community Services Board to move forward and has received approval from OASAS (Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services). After Mr. Garvey's review and approval, the RFP should be ready within the next couple of weeks. After a request from Mr. Garvey, Rev. Dr. Richard McCaughey, Chairman of the Community Services Board, provided his comments. He commented that it is recognized by the Community Services Board that the way we have provided services in the past may not be possible any more. They are open to move in the direction of this committee. He also mentioned concerns with ARC and funding closely tied to developmental disabilities. The CSB subcommittees have been reinstated. They will proceed and work closely with the Health and Medical Services Committee. Ms. Beer recognized the individuals who also worked on the RFP with her (Diane Johnston, Mary Gates and Mary Krause).
- The Mental Health RFP is moving forward and is in draft form at this time.

b. Update on GI Outbreak – Mary Beer briefed the committee on the GI outbreak that occurred at the Victor Central School District. She met with the Superintendent and NYS DOH communicable disease staff. A full investigation was performed involving the Geneva District office and the CDC. No students were admitted to the hospital although there were students who went to the Emergency Room and received hydration. The end result indicated the source of the illness was Norovirus although the specific source was not able to be obtained. She noted that the collaboration between the superintendent and the three agencies was remarkable and that the processes in the schools are very well developed in case of an outbreak.

Other updates:

- Ms. Beer stated she serves on the Finger Lakes Health System Advisory Committee. She shared that the OB/GYN unit at Geneva General Hospital closed due to a change in status with OB/GYN physicians with a private practice. Discussion followed regarding impacts on Geneva and surrounding rural population. The hospital is committed to reopening the unit after successful recruitment of OB/GYN physicians for staffing coverage.
- Ms. Beer also spoke regarding the changes occurring with hospital mergers and affiliations. Mr. Garvey also commented about the benefits of partnered care. Discussion followed.
- Choose Health Ontario Award (CHOO) – Ms. Beer reported that the Choose Health Ontario award was presented to the Geneva City School district on Friday, May 17th in recognition of promoting community health and wellness for their students and faculty. Both Supervisors Hilton and Chairman Marren participated in the presentation.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Mr. Garvey advised that on May 21st the sub-committee interviewed representatives from both Centers for Specialty Care and Bleier, Peckman and Bain, who were the two bidders for purchase of the Health Facility. The selection process will continue with visits to facilities operated by the bidders. Discussion followed.

Chairperson Hilton inquired if there was any further business to come before the committee.

- Greg Powers thanked Supervisor Hilton for attending the Volunteer Luncheon held at the Health Facility on May 17th.
- Rev. Dr. McCaughey stated that the Community Services Board will be sending a formal recommendation to support the permanent appointment of Diane Johnston as DCS. The correspondence is being sent to the Board of Supervisors as well as other appropriate individuals. Mr. Garvey also expressed support of the appointment and commended Ms. Johnston for doing a great job as Interim Director for the County and the community.

Being there was no further business to come before the committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Angelo, seconded by Supervisor Fafinski and carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ernst
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