

MINUTES
HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
July 24, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ralph Angelo
John Champlin
John Cowley
Theodore Fafinski
Margaret Hilton (Chair)
Norman Teed

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Beer, Mary Gates, Diane Johnston,
Greg Powers, Cathy Bentzoni, John Garvey,
Supervisor J. Sheppard

Chairperson Hilton called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.

1. **Approval of Minutes – July 3, 2013** – Supervisor Fafinski moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Angelo and carried.
2. **MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**
 - a. **Resolution: Appointment of Diane L. Johnston, Director of the Ontario County Office of Mental Health and Director of the Office of Substance Abuse Services** – County Administrator John Garvey presented the resolution. Mr. Garvey stated his confidence and recommendation for the appointment of Ms. Johnston as Director of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. He has met with the State agency that oversees Mental Health and Substance Abuse and they have assured him that Ms. Johnston meets the qualifications for Community Services Director. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Champlin, seconded by Supervisor Angelo and carried.
 - b. **Turnings RFP** - Mary Beer advised that two proposals were received in response to the Turnings RFP. A review team is being formed to assist with the review process. The team will be comprised of four county staff members (Mary Beer, Mary Krause, Mary Gates, Diane Johnston); two representatives from the Community Services Board (Chris Smith and Janet Starr); and one representative from the Health and Medical Services Committee. After discussion, Supervisor Fafinski volunteered to serve on the team.
 - c. **Mental Health RFP** – Mary Beer stated that the RFP has been completed and approved by the Community Services Board. Mr. Garvey indicated he will be meeting with Ms. Beer and Ms. Johnston and anticipates a release date will be chosen by early next week.
 - d. **Substance Abuse Prevention Proposal** – Diane Johnston provided background information on prevention programs offered previously to second through fifth grades at three school districts in the County. Those programs will no longer be offered as they did not meet evidence-based requirements for State funding. The term evidence-based means there has been research that determines measurable outcomes. She is recommending that evidence-based prevention programs be offered to all nine school districts in the county. This would maintain current levels of state aid and county contributions for prevention. With the committee's approval, she would like to explore substance abuse

prevention programs that are evidence-based and focused on middle and high school students. The cost involved and available State funding would also be explored as well as the potential to contract with the Council on Alcoholism and Addictions of the Finger Lakes to provide the programs. After discussion, the committee was in consensus to approve the proposal for exploration of alternative substance abuse prevention programs that are evidence-based.

- e. **Update – Center of Excellence/State OMH Plan** – Diane Johnston advised that the State Office of Mental Health announced that they will be closing State facilities over the next three to four years. There are now 24 centers across the State and nine of those facilities are being considered. The State is looking at redesigning services from an in-patient to an out-patient emphasis. There are no specifics at this time, but she will keep the committee updated as details become available.

3. HEALTH FACILITY

- a. **Resolution: Authority to Accept Settlement Agreement and Cancel Uncollectible Balance** – Mary Gates presented the resolution authorizing the acceptance of a settlement agreement and cancellation of the uncollectible balance for patient services for a former resident of the Health Facility. Underberg & Kessler worked with the attorneys for the estate in an effort to collect the balance. A settlement is being proposed in the amount of \$9,000 and the discharge of the remaining balance of \$14,541.12. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Fafinski, seconded by Supervisor Teed and carried.
- b. **Statement of Revenue and Expenses for Period Ending June 30, 2012** - Mary Gates reviewed the financial statement. She noted total revenue is down including net patient revenue. Occupancy rate year to date is at 83% with an average of 81 beds occupied. No IGT funding has been received to date and there has not been an update from the State. Expenses are also lower.

4. PUBLIC HEALTH

- a. **Resolution: Authorizing Contract Extension and Amendment – Kemp Bus Sales, LLC – Children With Special Needs – Public Health** - Mary Beer presented the resolution to authorize the contract extension for transportation of early intervention and preschool special education children. The bid contract award allowed for five (1) one year renewals if agreeable to all parties. The contract has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. Supervisor Fafinski inquired if there was a cost increase. Ms. Beer advised there was a slight increase in the rates. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Fafinski, seconded by Supervisor Champlin and carried.
- b. **Informational: Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2013** – Mary Beer explained as part of the quality improvement process for Public Health, a copy of the most recent PAC meeting minutes are provided to the committee for informational purposes. She offered to address any concerns or questions in reference to the minutes.

c. **Public Health Update:**

- **Licensed Home Care Services Agency (LHCSA) Review** – Mary Beer advised the Dept. of Health review took place two months ago. She has recently received the report and is proud to announce there were no deficiencies found.
- **NYS Dept. of Health Consolidated Review** - Mary Beer stated that Dept. of Health is here this week to review each program at Public Health. She will report back to the committee once the report is received from the State.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE – John Garvey stated the resolution to award the contract for the sale of the Health Facility will be on the August 1, 2013, Board of Supervisors meeting agenda. He has had discussions with both bidders and advised them of the recommendation of the Health and Medical Services Committee. He has also met with CSEA. He is optimistic Ontario County will have a facility that will meet the needs of the community and to also move into new areas of services. He has asked Irene Coveny, Director of the Office of the Aging, to report on how services for the elderly could be configured, such as how to meet the needs of elderly people not currently in a skilled nursing facility who want to stay in their homes.

Additional items:

- Mary Beer distributed copies of correspondence in response to an anonymous letter received from the Citizens to Save Our Nursing Home. Her response was at the request of Chairperson Hilton and Board Chairman Marren to provide facts and clarification. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Garvey complimented the committee on an outstanding job in having to make the difficult decisions that face the community long term. He also thanked the committee for their guidance and willingness to go forward with policy.
- Greg Powers advised that the Residents and Families Picnic is scheduled for Friday, August 9th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Mr. Garvey advised he will be presenting a resolution to recommend the reappointment of Greg Powers through his next term at the August meeting.
- Mary Gates advised the budget review data packets will be presented at the next meeting.

Being there was no further business to come before the committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Champlin, seconded by Supervisor Angelo and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ernst
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