

MINUTES
HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
April 9, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ralph Angelo
Todd Campbell
Dianne Crowley
Pamela Helming (N/A)
Margaret Hilton (Chair)
Norman Teed
N/A – Necessarily Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Beer, Mary Gates, Diane Johnston,
Mary Krause, Cathy Bentzoni, John Garvey, Judah (Yudi) Polatoff

Guests: Supervisor J. Marren, Supervisor J. Sheppard

Chairperson Hilton called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Supervisor Helming was declared necessarily absent.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2014 meeting was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Angelo, and carried.

2. HEALTH FACILITY

The following updates were provided:

- Mr. Polatoff advised a salary adjustment for a nursing assistant position will be presented to the Personnel Committee. The adjustment being requested is based upon nursing experience salary guidelines.
- Mr. Polatoff stated that the facility is at full occupancy.
- Mr. Garvey advised that an electrical contractor began working April 7th in regards to the installation of magnetic locks to insure the safety and security of residents.

3. MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE

a. Ontario County Turnings/Substance Abuse Services Annual Report – 2013

Diane Johnston reviewed the annual report and spoke regarding several accomplishments for 2013, which included an increase of third party insurance revenue by 38%, contractual arrangements with the Council on Alcoholism to provide prevention services to the county school districts, and the privatization of the Turnings Treatment program.

b. Ontario County Mental Health Center Annual Report – 2013 – Diane Johnston presented and reviewed the report including challenges, accomplishments and goals for 2014. Discussion followed. She also advised the committee that the State Office of Mental Health will be conducting an audit of the department within the next four to six weeks.

c. Informational: RCE and DSRIP

Regional Centers of Excellence (RCE) – RCE is an initiative to reduce psychiatric hospital beds. The State budget was approved and reinvestment funds will be coming through; however, there are no specifics at this time. Many changes will be occurring.

Delivery System Incentive Reform Payment (DSRIP) program- Diane Johnston discussed the DSRIP program to help reduce hospitalization over a five year period by 25%. This is an \$8 billion initiative which will require the collaboration of providers and hospitals for funding awards. The goal of the program is for better outpatient services and avoiding unnecessary hospitalizations. Discussion followed.

4. PUBLIC HEALTH

- a. **Resolution: Healthcare Decisions Day Proclamation** – Mary Beer presented the resolution to proclaim April 16, 2014 as Healthcare Decisions Day. Healthcare Decision Day is designed to raise public awareness of the need to plan ahead for health care decisions related to end of life care and medical decision making whenever patients are unable to speak for themselves and to encourage the specific use of advance directives to communicate these important health care decisions. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Angelo, and carried.
- b. **Informational: 2014 County Health Rankings** – Mary Beer reviewed the recently released County Health Rankings report. The information is also available online by State and County. Ontario County's overall ranking is 10th out of 62 counties. Ms. Beer went through the breakdown by indicators. She also reviewed the trends indicating areas showing improvement, needing improvement, and negative trends. The results support what is being worked on through the Community Health Improvement Plan which was developed as part of the Community Health Assessment completed in 2013.

5. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** - John Garvey advised he continues to work with Mr. Polatoff on Health Facility needs and with Diane Johnston in regards to the many changes to behavioral health services.

Supervisor Marren spoke regarding the following items:

- A special meeting is scheduled for noon on April 10th in regards to transportation.
- Safety Awards Banquet – March 25, 2014 – He attended and remarked it was a great event. A 911 Center employee was recognized for providing life saving measures to a caller. Mary Beer also expressed her appreciation to those who attended in support of the Choose Health Ontario award presented to the Salvation Army of Canandaigua.

As there was no additional business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Angelo, seconded by Supervisor Teed, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ernst
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