

MINUTES
HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
June 11, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ralph Angelo
Todd Campbell
Dianne Crowley
Pamela Helming
Margaret Hilton (Chair)
Norman Teed

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Beer, Mary Gates, Diane Johnston, Cathy Bentzoni, Mike Reinhardt, John Garvey, Judah (Yudi) Polatoff, Supervisor J. Sheppard, Steve Healy

Chairperson Hilton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2014 meeting was made by Supervisor Angelo, seconded by Supervisor Teed, and carried.

2. HEALTH FACILITY

- a. **Resolution: Contract with Northeastern Electrical to Provide Construction Services in the Relocation of Electrical Services to the Health Facility** – John Garvey explained the necessary electrical line relocation project for the Health Facility. The work needs to be completed prior to the transfer of the facility to Centers for Specialty Care. The total cost of the project budget is set at \$125,667.50. The construction bids were received with Northeastern Electrical being the second low bidder and meeting the bid requirements and qualifications to complete the project. The other bidder withdrew due to a calculation error and underestimated the cost of the project. After discussion, a motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Angelo, seconded by Supervisor Crowley, and carried.

Yudi Palotoff, contracted Administrator, reported the facility is fully occupied and also has a small waiting list. Physical/Occupational therapy services continue to increase.

3. MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- a. **Verbal Report – Office of Mental Health (OMH) Audit** – Diane Johnston advised that the State Office of Mental Health performed an audit of the department two weeks ago which went well. She explained that 31 criteria are reviewed. Six areas need improvement, two of which are related to smoking cessation as medical and physical care are integrated with Mental Health care. The department is working to correct all items prior to the receipt of the State's formal report. Chairperson Hilton commended Ms. Johnston and her staff for their work.
- b. **Verbal Report – Internal Medicaid Audit** – Ms. Johnston stated that the internal Medicaid audit is performed annually. She reported that she does not have the results at this time, but is anticipating the results will be available for the next committee meeting. Mr. Garvey further explained this is an effort to prevent reoccurrence of errors. He applauded Ms. Johnston and the audit staff personnel

for their efforts.

- c. **Verbal Report – Distribution of Additional Supporting Housing Slots by OMH** – Ms. Johnston stated a letter was received on May 15th advising that seven additional supporting housing units were being allocated to Ontario County. This action is relative to the psychiatric hospital closings and redistribution of funds discussed previously. Supervisor Campbell inquired if one unit pertains to one individual. Ms. Johnston explained that one unit is one individual apartment.

Additional item: Mary Gates spoke regarding a revenue miscalculation error. She advised that in the process of preparing for the CFRs it was determined that approximately \$75,000 in revenue was picked up twice while running reports in 2013. An adjustment was made in 2014 for year 2013 as the 2013 budget has been closed out. Steps have been put in place to prevent it from happening in the future.

4. PUBLIC HEALTH

- a. **Resolution: Acceptance of Supplemental Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program COLA Funds** – Mary Beer presented the resolution authorizing acceptance of \$2,140 in supplemental Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program COLA funds for the period of April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. She advised a typographical error in the third Whereas paragraph would be corrected to read non-personnel services. Chairperson Hilton asked if there was a change in the amount from the previous year. Ms. Gates advised there was only a minimal change in the amount. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Crowley, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried.
- b. **Resolution: Acceptance of Supplemental Zoonoses (Rabies) Program COLA Funds** - Mary Beer presented the resolution authorizing acceptance of \$2,781 in supplemental Rabies COLA funding from the NYS Dept. of Health for the period of April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. She stated a typographical error in the third Whereas paragraph will be corrected to read non-personnel services. There is a minimal change in the amount from the prior year. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Angelo and carried.
- c. **Resolution: Authorization of Contract – Finger Lakes Community Health –** Mary Beer presented the resolution authorizing the renewal of an agreement with Finger Lakes Community Health, formerly Finger Lakes Migrant Health Care Project, for the provision of STD services for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. She explained that Schedule A of the contract was revised as clarification was received from the State for inclusion of coverage for additional STDs. Clarification was also added relative to insurance submission and billing at the Medicaid or pharmacy rates. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Helming, seconded by Supervisor Angelo, and carried.
- d. **Resolution in Support of Ending Tobacco Sales at Pharmacies** – Mary Beer presented the resolution. Committee members expressed concern in regards to interfering with private businesses. Per discussion, Ms. Beer will provide copies

of the studies referenced in the resolution to committee members for their review. In addition, she will revise the resolution to be presented at the next committee meeting. The committee took no action pending further information.

- e. **Resolution: Authorization to Renew Intermunicipal Agreement – Monroe County Office of Medical Examiner – Medicolegal Death Investigative and Forensic Pathology Services** – Mary Beer presented the resolution authorizing the renewal of a one-year agreement for medicolegal death investigative and forensic pathology services for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. She stated that notification was received from Monroe County late last fall that they performed a study of the services provided to surrounding counties to determine if the amount currently being charged was adequate or indicated a subsidization of services by Monroe County. As a result, the new contract prices have been revised accordingly along with a decrease in the number of initial cases from 20 to 13. Cases beyond the initial 13 will be paid at the 2014 fees and charges schedule. After much discussion, the committee took no action pending further information.
- f. **Re-credentialing Recommendation (Dr. Sharza)** – Mary Beer reviewed the re-credentialing documentation for Dr. Sharza per Article 28 regulations. The review and recommendation is required every two years by the governing body. She supports re-credentialing Dr. Sharza as the Public Health Medical Director. He has met all of the necessary requirements. A motion to support the re-credentialing of Dr. Sharza was made by Supervisor Crowley, seconded by Supervisor Teed, and carried.
- g. **Informational: Public Health Law Immunization Changes** – Mary Beer presented a letter to the committee in regards to the amended Public Health Law relative to day care and school immunization requirements to take effect July 1, 2014. As part of accreditation, Public Health must document that the governing body is advised of changes to Public Health law and how that information is communicated to providers.
- h. **Informational: Revision of Rabies Confinement Letter** – Mary Beer discussed the revision of the Rabies Confinement letter. The Public Health team reviewed the most current laws and regulations regarding rabies procedures and has updated the confinement letter to reflect current law and provide clearer instructions to pet owners.

Additional item: Mary Beer provided an update in regards to DSRIP (Delivery System Incentive Reform Payment program). This program is funded through the Federal government for Medicaid redesign. Each regional DSRIP will submit a proposal to address cost savings to Medicaid. Letters of intent for the regional lead were sent. There were five from our region. Strong and Rochester General Hospitals have partnered as co-leaders for our region. Proposals are due June 26th.

5. County Administrator's Report - John Garvey provided an update on the Health Facility transition. The team continues to work together on all aspects for a successful transition and he continues to meet with staff to provide updates. He traveled to attend

the NYS Dept. of Health Public Health Council meeting two weeks ago where the transaction was discussed. The Dept. of Health staff commented that the Centers for Specialty Care organization has the character, competence and resources to make a successful transition. They voted to approve; however, a second vote is required at the next session. Mr. Garvey will follow-up regarding the specific date. Once approval is received, a closure date is anticipated for late September or October. Mr. Garvey will continue to update the committee regarding the progress of the transition.

Assistant County Attorney Michael Reinhardt requested a motion to enter into Executive Session for discussion of litigation. At 9:28 a.m. a motion to enter Executive Session was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Angelo, and carried.

Supervisor Teed motioned to move out of Executive Session at 10:56 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Angelo, and carried.

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:56 a.m. by Supervisor Crowley, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ernst
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