

MINUTES
HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
July 2, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ralph Angelo (n/a)
Todd Campbell
Dianne Crowley (n/a)
Pamela Helming
Margaret Hilton (Chair)
Norman Teed
*(n/a – necessarily absent)

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Beer, Mary Gates, Diane Johnston, John Garvey, Mary Krause, Supervisor J. Sheppard, Steve Healy, Kate Ott, Lauren Fitzgerald, Rev. McCaughey, Penny Gugino.

Chairperson Hilton called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Supervisors Angelo and Crowley were declared necessarily absent.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2014 meeting was made by Supervisor Helming, and seconded by Supervisor Teed. Supervisor Campbell inquired as to the wording of a sentence contained in item 5. - County Administrator's report. The sentence in regards to the County Administrator attending the Public Health Council meeting will be corrected for clarification. The motion carried to approve the minutes as amended.

2. HEALTH FACILITY

a. **Resolution: Authority to Accept Settlement Agreement and Cancel Uncollectible Balance** – Mary Gates presented the resolution to accept a settlement agreement for an unpaid patient balance of a prior resident. Underberg & Kessler has been working with the estate to collect the unpaid amount. The family has proposed a settlement agreement of \$8,800 to be paid in 22 monthly installments and discharging the remaining balance of \$5,037.76. The total unpaid balance is \$13,837.76. Underberg & Kessler is recommending the acceptance of this agreement. After discussion, a motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Helming, and carried.

3. MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE

a. **Resolution: Authorization of Renewal of Professional Consultant Contract – Sandra G. Boebel** – Diane Johnston presented the resolution for a professional consultant contract for Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner services for the period of July 14, 2014 through December 31, 2014. She advised the wording in the resolution will be corrected to reflect that this is a new contract and not a renewal. There are sufficient funds within the budget for funding of the contract. A motion to approve the resolution as amended was made by Supervisor Helming, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried.

b. **Resolution: Authorization for Renewal of Professional Consultant Contract – Monika Mullen, LCSW-R** – Diane Johnston presented the resolution for a professional consultant contract for provision of social work services for the period of July 11, 2014 through December 31, 2014. She explained that they are currently short staffed and this will aid in the intake process to allow for quicker access to services for clients. Sufficient funds are available within the

budget. Ms. Johnston stated that the resolution would be corrected to reflect that it is a new contract and not a renewal. A motion to approve the resolution as amended was made by Supervisor Helming, seconded by Supervisor Teed, and carried.

4. PUBLIC HEALTH

- a. **Resolution in Support of Ending Tobacco Sales at Pharmacies and Stores that Contain a Pharmacy** – Mary Beer presented the resolution which was revised after discussion at the committee's last meeting. The last Resolved paragraph and title of the resolution were changed to reflect the committee's comments.

Ms. Beer introduced Penny Gugino, Coalition Director of the Tobacco Action Coalition of the Finger Lakes. Ms. Gugino spoke to the committee regarding the county-wide effort being made across the State to support ending tobacco sales at pharmacies. Ms. Gugino provided a presentation and distributed a booklet that highlighted the 2012 Surgeon General's report on tobacco use among youth and young adults, in addition to other information supporting the opposition of the sale of tobacco in pharmacies.

Supervisors Helming and Teed expressed their appreciation of pharmacies and retailers voluntarily no longer selling tobacco products; however, felt that it should be a voluntary effort without government interference. After discussion, the committee took no action on the proposed resolution.

- b. **Resolution: Authority to Renew Intermunicipal Agreement – Monroe County Office of Medical Examiner** – Mary Beer reintroduced the resolution originally presented at the June 11th meeting with clarification in the third Whereas paragraph. She advised additional information was received from the Monroe County Medical Examiner's office in reference to the cost study they performed last fall. Ms. Beer will be attending a meeting at the Medical Examiner's office on July 30th to discuss their services and extended an invitation to committee members to attend if interested. She advised the Medical Examiner's office is willing to go back to a three year contract and negotiate the number of cases covered under the contract global fee. There have been seven (7) cases year to date. If the number of cases remain the same as in 2013, the impact to the budget is estimated to be approximately \$10,000-\$11,000 for 2014. Chairperson Hilton inquired if there were any cost projections for a three year contract. Ms. Beer advised at present there are no cost projections, however, in the past there has been a 2% increase each year. Cost projections will be discussed at the July 30th meeting in Monroe County. Ms. Beer will share with the committee the results of that meeting. After further discussion, a motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Helming, and carried.
- c. **Resolution: Authority to Renew Contract – Livingston-Wyoming ARC – Kidstart** – Mary Beer presented the resolution to authorize a renewal contract with Livingston-Wyoming ARC - Kidstart for professional services for the Children with Special Needs Program – Preschool Program. The time period of the contract is July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015 and is paid at the State rate

(Schedule A). There are sufficient funds budgeted. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Helming, seconded by Supervisor Teed, and carried.

- d. **Resolution: Authorization for Services – Gail Doran MS ED, Inc. –** Mary Beer presented the resolution authorizing a contract with Gail Doran MS ED, Inc. for the Children with Special Needs Program – Preschool for the time period of June 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. Ms. Beer explained that Ms. Doran is a new provider to the program as a teacher of the blind and visually impaired. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Helming, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried.
- e. **Resolution: Authority to Accept Grant Award – NYS Dept. of Health – Immunization Action Plan Grant Program –** Mary Beer presented the resolution to accept the Immunization Action Plan grant program award in the amount of \$53,966 for the period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. Ms. Beer advised this amount was budgeted. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Helming, and carried.
- f. **Resolution: Authorization: Acceptance of Supplemental Immunization Action Plan COLA Funds -** Mary Beer presented the resolution to accept the COLA funds for the Immunization Action Plan in the amount of \$4,328 for the period of April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. This amount was not budgeted. Mary Gates advised that the blank resolution number will be completed in the second WHEREAS paragraph after the adoption of the Immunization Action Plan Grant award resolution. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Helming, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried.
- g. **Update: Community Health Improvement Program (CHIP) – Presentation – Kate Ott, Public Health Educator –** Mary Beer introduced Kate Ott, Public Health Educator, and Lauren Fitzgerald, Intern, Gettysburg College. Ms. Ott explained the puppet program that was recently presented to the Agribusiness program in Geneva for children ages 18 months – 5 years. The puppets are being used to present programs about healthy eating. Ms. Ott and Ms. Fitzgerald performed a small sample of the program for the committee. Mary Beer wanted to share the program with the committee as an example of programs and activities taking place that tie into the CHIP. She will provide an update on the initiative involving local restaurants at a future meeting.
- h. **Accreditation Update –** Mary Beer updated the committee in reference to accreditation. Clarification has been received that the S2AY Rural Health Network can apply as a group with one county being the lead contact. Applying as a group will provide a large cost savings. Each county will pay approximately \$5,000 rather than \$25,000 if applying individually. Ms. Beer advised that funds for accreditation were budgeted in the preliminary budget for next year. As a result of this new development, it will be unnecessary to budget funds for accreditation in 2015. It is anticipated that the site visit will be early 2017. She asked for the committee's support. The committee was in consensus to support

the group accreditation application through the S2AY Rural Health Network.

- 5. County Administrator's Update** – Mr. Garvey noted a recent article in the Daily Messenger with a focus on mental health. He stated that Diane Johnston and Rev. McCaughey, Chairman of the Community Services Board, are working diligently on reducing the waiting period for services.

Chairperson Hilton inquired if there was any further business to come before the committee. Supervisor Sheppard provided a reminder regarding the review of budgets by standing committees starting at the end of July and into the month of August.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Helming, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ernst
Secretary 1

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