

MINUTES
HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
August 13, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

Vice Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Supervisors Hilton and Teed were declared necessarily absent.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2014 meeting was made by Supervisor Crowley, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried.

2. MENTAL HEALTH

a. **Informational – Lakeview Mental Health Pilot Project** – Diane Johnston spoke to the committee regarding Lakeview Mental Health being selected by the NYS Office of Mental Health to pilot a new program for Enriched Crisis and Transitional Housing. The program provides step down transitional housing for individuals coming out of inpatient hospital stays in addition to hospital diversion. The funding provides for three beds which will be located at a house in Canandaigua and will include 24-hour staffing.

b. **2015-16 Budget Review** – Diane Johnston and Mary Gates reviewed the 2015-16 budget proposal.

A4310 – Mental Health Administration - Ms. Johnston advised that this year the budget was separated into three categories to separate out the costs for various services (Mental Health Administration (mandated); Mental Health Clinic (non-mandated); and Mental Health (mandated and court ordered related services). She reviewed the budget summary spreadsheet noting changes and additions in funding requests. With the closure of Turnings/Substance Abuse Services the OASAS (Office Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services) pass through funds and the County contribution have been absorbed into the Mental Health budget. The purchase of new electronic charting and billing software (\$7,900) is being proposed as the current system is inadequate.

Ms. Johnston reviewed the proposed decrease in funding to Ontario ARC, which provides services under the State Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities system. The proposed initial 10% decrease in funding is reflected in the amount the county contributes over the required amount. With program and funding changes, it became necessary to re-examine and make alterations to the contract. Discussions with ARC will continue to reevaluate the contract going forward. Supervisor Helming inquired regarding the determination of the proposed percentage of decrease. Mr. Garvey advised this would be a planned

reduction over time so as not to disable the agency with a funding crisis. Supervisor Helming recommended beginning with a smaller reduction for 2015 so that there would be less of an impact on the agency. After discussion was concluded, a motion to approve the Mental Health Administration budget (A4310) was made by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Crowley. Ayes: Angelo, Campbell, Crowley; Nay: Helming. Motion carried.

A4390 – Mental Hygiene Law Expenses – The budget request was increased by 15% to cover anticipated costs for court-ordered psychiatric hospitalizations. The number of required hospitalizations continues to increase annually. A motion to approve the Mental Hygiene Law Expenses (A4390) budget was made by Supervisor Helming, seconded by Supervisor Crowley, and carried.

3. PUBLIC HEALTH

- a. **Resolution: Authority to Accept Grant Award – NYS Dept. of Health – Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program** – Mary Beer presented the resolution to accept the grant award of \$26,683 for the time period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. The grant award amount remains unchanged from the previous year. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Crowley, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried.
- b. **Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office – Visit Update** – Mary Beer provided an update to the committee regarding the meeting that she, Supervisor Campbell, staff, and a coroner attended in Monroe County to discuss future contracted services. A better understanding of their services was gained after a tour of their operations. Discussions included returning to a three-year contract. For future contracts, they will present a request to their legislature to designate a global number of cases for a three-year contract period and to allow for renegotiation in case of mass fatality events to be fair to all parties. They were very complimentary to Ontario County in the way our coroners determine case referral to minimize the number of cases sent on to them. Ms. Beer stated it was a very worthwhile trip and was grateful Supervisor Campbell was able to attend.
- c. **2015/16 Budget Review** – Mary Beer reviewed the budget request spreadsheet for Public Health programs. The overall budget request is decreased by 6.19%. Part of that reduction is due to retirements, new staffing and a realignment of Finance staff who support those areas. While there is a reduction for 2015, there is an increase of 1.5% for 2016 which is mainly staffing related. Ms. Beer and Mary Gates noted changes in specific programs. There is a county cost increase in Preschool Special Ed due to reductions in anticipated Medicaid revenue. The addition of the mileage line item was added to the Coroners budget (A4050). Supervisor Crowley inquired in regards to the budgeted revenue amount for Public Health Services (line item 3402) and the YTD-June 30 amount. Ms. Gates advised that amount is revenue from state aid which cannot be claimed until after the end of each quarter. The amount on the worksheet does not reflect a true six-month measurement. After discussion, a motion to approve the Public Health Department budget (A4010, A4017, A4020, A4021, A4042, A4046, A4050, A4058, and A4059), was made by Supervisor Crowley, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – John Garvey requested Mary Krause update the committee regarding the transition team activities. Ms. Krause advised the transition team is meeting weekly and continuing with administrative projects (i.e. records retention, contractor notification, employee notification). Legal work is progressing as well (easements, transfer of water to Town of Hopewell, etc.). Public Works projects regarding the separation of the electric service experienced a delay. The PointClickCare software system went live this week. Information Services assisted with the successful transition. The residents and families picnic went very well last Friday, August 8th.

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Crowley, seconded by Supervisor Helming, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ernst
Secretary 1

APPROVED