

MINUTES
HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
September 5, 2012

MEMBERS:

Jack Marren
Ralph Angelo
John Champlin
John Cowley
Margaret Hilton
Norman Teed

PRESENT: Committee Members, John Garvey, Mary Gates, Mary Beer, Greg Powers, William Swingly, Mary Krause, Sandy Seeber, Diane Johnston, Supervisor Russell

DISTRIBUTION: Committee Members, Board Chairman Theodore Fafinski, Supervisor Dan Marshall, Karen DeMay, Department Heads

Chairman Marren called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed Supervisor Russell.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 15, 2012

A motion was made by Supervisor Angelo to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Supervisor Teed. The motion was carried.

2. HEAL GRANT UPDATE – County Administrator John Garvey provided an update on the HEAL grant. He advised that Thompson Health is still waiting for information requested from the State before acceptance of the grant. Mr. Garvey also stated the resolution on the agenda for the next Board of Supervisors meeting is a non-binding resolution of support to accept the grant before the deadline of September 14th. A workshop to share additional information and data for all members of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 6th at 5:00 p.m. in Rm. 205, 3019 County Complex Drive. Discussion followed.

3. HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES – Mary Beer shared data with the committee regarding home-based care programs available in the county for older residents. These programs have reflected the increased interest in home-based services. The programs include: EISEP (Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program), Long Term Health Care Program (“nursing home without walls”), Consumer Directed (program for home aide services), and the PCA Program (Patient Care Aide).

Mary Krause spoke regarding PACE (Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly). This is a program that is not currently offered in Ontario County. PACE Programs have been concentrated in more urban areas, but consideration is being given to expanding to more rural areas based on demographic age distribution. A profile of the program and “frequently asked questions” information was provided to the committee. The program provides inter-disciplinary care with dual eligibility and provides coordinated care tailored to individual needs.

Chairman Marren inquired about Rochester General Hospital’s commitment to the PACE program. Ms. Krause advised that they have partnered with Newark-Wayne Hospital and are exploring the opportunity to expand PACE into Wayne County.

Ms. Beer and Ms. Krause will also be sharing this information and data at the Board of Supervisors workshop scheduled for September 6.

Mary Gates updated the committee regarding preliminary finances for the Health Facility for 2013. It is projected that a 4 million dollar subsidy from the county would be needed in 2013 assuming that the IGT funds are received. The subsidy needed to operate would increase in each year beyond. Chairman Marren inquired about the \$1.2 million IGT for 2013/2014 and whether it will continue beyond 2014. Mary Gates advised that the \$1.2 million figure for 2013 and 2014 is what is estimated at this time. Very preliminary information indicates that it is uncertain IGT funds will be allocated beyond 2014. Discussion followed.

4. HEALTH FACILITY

- a. **Resolution: Daily Private Pay Room and Board Charge Adjustment Effective January 1, 2013** – Greg Powers presented the resolution to establish the daily room and board charge for private pay rooms. Chairman Marren inquired regarding how our rates compare with other nursing homes in the county. Mr. Powers advised our rates are mid-range. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Angelo, seconded by Supervisor Champlin, and carried.
- b. **Resolution: Acceptance of One Year Extension Proposal – Audit of the Financial Records of the Ontario County Health Facility for the Year Ending 12/31/2012** – Mary Gates advised the current contract has the provision to extend for one more year for services to include the year-end audit for 2012, special projects, and the Medicaid rate review. The contract expiration date would be extended to October 31, 2013. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Champlin, and carried.
- c. **Resolution: Authorization to Contract with Finger Lakes Visiting Nurse Service** – Greg Powers presented the resolution which will provide hospice services to residents and families of the Health Facility at no cost to the county. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Champlin, seconded by Supervisor Teed, and carried.

5. PUBLIC HEALTH

- a. **Resolution: Authorization to Renew Contract – Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Grant (Contract #1579-10)** – Mary Beer requested approval of the resolution to accept the renewal of the grant with Health Research, Inc. for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$91,993. Ms. Beer explained there is an increase in the grant amount over the previous year. Last year's grant amount was \$88,487. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Angelo, seconded by Supervisor Cowley, and carried.
- b. **Resolution: Authorization to Participate in Joint Order for Flu Vaccine for 2012 with Chemung County as Lead Agency-** Mary Beer presented the resolution for the joint order with Chemung County as the lead agency for the purchase of flu vaccine. The order has decreased this year as more pharmacies and physician offices are offering the vaccine. This year's anticipated cost for vaccine is \$6,194. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Hilton, and carried.
- c. **Resolution: Authorization to Establish Charges for Flu Shots – Public Health 2012/2013** – Mary Beer advised the resolution will establish the charge for flu shots at

\$30.00 per vaccination which remains unchanged from last year. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Champlin, seconded by Supervisor Hilton, and carried.

- d. **Informational: Sugar Sweetened Beverages** – Mary Beer spoke to the committee on an initiative taking place regarding sugar sweetened beverages in vending machines in county buildings. Studies have shown that by reordering the appearance of beverages in vending machines, people most often choose those that are closer to the top. Currently, the sugar sweetened beverages are at the top and the healthier selections are below. After speaking with the vendor for the county, they are willing to rearrange the order of the beverages to help promote health.

Supervisor Hilton remarked on the comments she has received regarding the large number of cigarette butts littering the shoulder of the road at the intersection of County Rd. 46 and Freshour Rd. in the area that is being used by county employees for smoking breaks. There is a no littering sign in place. Mary Beer stated that efforts will be made to encourage county employees to be good neighbors.

- e. **County Complex Trail Event – September 10, 2012 at 12:30 p.m.** – Mary Beer invited the committee to attend the re-dedication of the County Complex Trail on September 10th. The re-dedication of the trail events include a ribbon cutting, a Health Fair and the start of the Stepping Up program. Markers have been installed indicating each ¼ mile of the trail and is one mile in length. Historical markers have also been added along the route.

Chairman Marren distributed correspondence from Supervisor Huber to members of the committee in regards to the 2013 budget process.

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Angelo, seconded by Supervisor Cowley, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ernst
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