LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 8:32 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger Chair of the Committee

Mr. Tracy Monell Legislator

Ms. Lori Morgan Director of Community Services

Mr. Chris Korba Director of Administrative Services (MH)

Mr. Shawn Yetter Commissioner of Social Services

Ms. Mickelle Andrews Director of Administrative Services (DSS)

Ms. Heather Vroman Public Health Director

Mr. Denis McCann Director of Administrative Services (PH)

Guests: Mr. Jackson Bailey County Administrator

Ms. Elizabeth Myers Deputy Commissioner (DSS)

Ms. Cathy Haskell Legislative Clerk

Legislator Standinger noted the Committee cannot approve the April 8, 2025 minutes as there is not a quorum of Legislators present. The April & May minutes will be approved at the June Committee meeting.

**MENTAL HYGIENE**

1. Financial

* Mr. Chris Korba noted that the financials are showing that 4.2% local share has been used after five months in 2025. The State Aid is received at the beginning of each quarter. The Fee-For-Service revenue is trending very well.

1. Old Business

* Criminal Psych – No invoices have been received. However, Ms. Morgan is hearing there may have been one person found incompetent.

1. New Business

* Federal Budget Impact – There has been no impacts so far.

4. Personnel

* Breanna McCartney, CSW, starting 5/19/25

1. Resolutions

* None

1. Proclamations

* May Mental Health Awareness Month & Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week (repeat)

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

1. Financial

* Mr. Denis McCann reported that the 2025 budget is tracking well. The Fee Revenue is tracking very well in both Dental and Environmental Health.   
  EI Fee Revenue is ahead of last year. Mr. McCann stated that May is typically a large revenue month, and he expects the same this year.

1. Old Business

* None

1. New Business

* Federal Budget Impacts – The AmeriCorps positions were cut; however, the position was vacant at TCPH. The Pilot program to assist people with replacing or repairing their wellheads was also cut.
* Agency Report for April 2025 forwarded to committee.
* A school based dental audit was done last month. It went very well. There was one finding regarding not submitting a report on-line. A corrective action plan was submitted. The program was praised for its messaging and customer service.
* The Health Education Team has been busy creating materials for the CredibleMind platform. This is a collaboration with Mental Hygiene that will give the community on-line access to local MH and well-being resources. There is also an on-line assessment tool. The platform went live last week.
* The 2024 Communicable Disease Report was distributed. The highlights show increases in Lyme disease and a Pertussis case for the first time in five years. The fifth highest disease in Tioga County is Chlamydia. The report also includes an overview of what testing is done and recommendations for follow-up.

1. Personnel

* Kylie Holochak was promoted to Health Project Coordinator, effective 3/24/25
* Laura Bennett was promoted to Senior Public Health Educator, effective 4/7/25

1. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

* Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (Visions FCU funding)
* Authorization to Apply for Grant (Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation)
* Authorize Extension of Agreement for Transportation Services for the Preschool Special Education Children’s Program (Serafini Transportation)

Ms. Vroman noted that there is an opportunity for a school based dental program grant for $50,000/year for the next five years for providing dental services. The resolution will be brought next month.

1. Proclamations

* American Stroke Month in Tioga County (repeat)

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Legislator Standinger commented that he enjoyed the CAC Open House. He felt it was well attended and wishes it had been available when he was working in law enforcement.

1. Financial

* Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that the administrative side of the budget is tracking under budget due to payroll (vacancies). Foster Care is tracking high. The other programs are on target.

1. Old Business

* None

1. New Business

* Caseloads – See Caseload Summary  
  During April, Cash Assistance increased 1 case, with Family Assistance   
  increasing 2 cases and Safety Net decreasing 1 case.   
  MA-Only increased 23 cases.   
  MA-SSI increased 2 cases.  
  Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 37 to 3,514  
  SNAP decreased 57 cases.  
  Day Care remained flat
* Tioga Career Center report is attached. The TC unemployment number has dropped down from last month. Two TC businesses closed, RJ Williams & Double Aught. TCC is actively working with both companies to support their affected employees through the layoff process. The Harvard building across from HHS has been sold & will have a new business going in with plans to hire 50-60 employees. Hopes to employ 100 people in the future.

4. Personnel Changes

* Nancy Leonard, OS1, HEAP Temp. ended, effective 4/4/25
* Samantha Allen, OS1, HEAP Temp. ended, effective 4/11/25

5. Resolutions - Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

* Authorize Contract with Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference. This replaces the Glove House contract
* Appropriation of Funds & Amend 2025 Budget (Raise awareness about sexually exploited youth)

1. Proclamations

* Foster Care Awareness Month (repeat)

Ms. Vroman shared that Mr. Denis McCann was the Employee of the Quarter at Public Health for the First Quarter of 2025. Congratulations Denis!

**ADJOURNED:**

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue  
Executive Secretary, Social Services