

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 8:29 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standing	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator
Mr. Dennis Mullen	Legislator
Mr. Jake Brown	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
	Ms. Marte Sauerbrey	Chair of Legislature
	Mr. Peter DeWind	County Attorney {Arrived 8:45 AM}

Legislator Standing asked for a motion to approve the November 5, 2024 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell. Seconded by Legislator Mullen. Motion Carried.

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial

- Mr. Chris Korba noted that the 2024 budget is tracking well with eleven months of expenses and ten months of revenue. He anticipates having a local share return. 84% of the Waverly budget has been spent. Any abatement funding not spent goes back to the County. Legislator Mullen & the Waverly Mayor have both complimented Ms. Morgan on the new facility.

2. Old Business

- Criminal Psych – Ms. Lori Morgan shared there is one person that has been found incompetent & she expects them to be admitted soon. There is \$118,000 left in the budget for this year after spending \$79,000.

3. New Business

- Waverly location – Ms. Morgan noted that the Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting is tomorrow at noon. The Chamber of Commerce and a NYS Senator will be there. All are welcome to attend.

4. Personnel
 - Carissa Singer, Accounting Clerk, starting on 12/30/24
5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolution to move forward
 - Appropriation of Funds & Budget Modification (pass-thru funding – no local share)
6. Proclamations
 - None

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial
 - Mr. Denis McCann reported that the 2024 budget is tracking well. Expenditures are below target and revenues continue to track well. Mr. McCann noted there will be a resolution brought during Finance Committee to transfer funds out of the Pre-School budget to the Community College budget. El Escrow account is under budget of local share by \$45,000. There will be a return to the local share for Public Health. There are problems with the new State Early Intervention software. Some providers are not getting paid, and they are leaving Early Intervention. Ms. Morgan shared that NYSAC & NYSCHO have been advocating for a rate increase for providers and trying to address the problem of providers not being paid.
2. Old Business
 - None
3. New Business
 - Agency Report for November 2024 forwarded to committee. Ms. Vroman shared PH has accepted their first credit card/electronic payment this month, and now have in almost all programs. Next, they will be working on on-line applications to make it easier for the public.
 - Next month will be bringing a resolution for grant with Broome County on railroad safety.
 - The Appalachian Regional Commission will be conducting an evaluation visit for the mobile dental van. A case study to highlight the success of the dental program will be done. Dentist is booked through February. They are still actively recruiting for another dentist.
4. Personnel
 - Megan Gilbert, Public Health Sanitarian, new hire effective 11/18/24
 - Lisa Schumacher, Office Specialist III, promotion effective 11/18/24
5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to move forward
 - Authorization to Apply for Grant (NACCHO)
 - Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (Floyd Hooker Foundation-LPPP)
 - Reappoint Member to the Tioga County Board of Health (Raftis)
 - Reappoint Member to the Tioga County Board of Health (Standingier)

6. Proclamations

- None

Ms. Morgan requested an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter after the Committee meeting.

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial

- Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that Foster Care and overtime lines continue to run over budget. The overall salary budget is under due to vacancies. Safety Net and rest of program lines are on target.

2. Old Business

- None

3. New Business

- Caseloads

During November, Cash Assistance decreased 7 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 3 cases and Safety Net decreasing 4 cases.

MA-Only increased 13 cases.

MA-SSI decreased 2 cases.

Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 16 to 3,352

SNAP decreased 16 cases.

Day Care remained flat

Foster Care went up slightly this month. Numbers are driven by substance abuse & mental health issues

See Caseload Summary

- Tioga Career Center report is attached. Unemployment rates continue to remain well below the State & Federal levels. There is now a DOL person in the Center one day a week.

4. Personnel Changes

- Nancy Leonard, Seasonal HEAP OS1, hired effective 11/4/24
- Hannah Natale, Caseworker, hired effective 11/4/24
- Robin Bussard, Social Services Employment Specialist, hired effective 11/4/24
- Megan Gilbert, Social Welfare Examiner, resigned effective 11/15/24
- Crystal Wagstaff promoted to Social Welfare Examiner, effective 11/18/24
- Cherie Miller promoted to Social Services Employment Specialist, effective 11/18/24
- Colleen Sherwood, PT Mail Clerk, hired effective 11/18/24 – Dismissed 11/26/24
- Amber Phillips, Support Investigator, hired effective 11/18/24
- Sarah Dusinberre, OSII, resigned effective 11/26/24

5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to move forward
 - Authorize Contract with A New Hope Center
 - Authorization to Sign Contract (Steuben County – Non-Secure Detention Bed)
 - Authorize Contract with Family & Children’s Society of Broome County, Inc.

 - Authorize Contract with Glove House (In-Home Parenting Education Services)
 - Authorize Contract with Glove House (Waverly School District)
 - Authorize Contract with Industrial Medicine Associates
 - Authorize Contract with Liberty Resources
 - Authorize Contract with Multiple Agencies
 - Authorize Contract with Securitas Security Services

6. Proclamations
 - None

ADJOURNED:

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

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to enter an Executive Session with Public Health to discuss a Personnel matter at 8:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services