

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 8:30 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger	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:	Ms. Marte Sauerbrey	Chair of Legislature
	Ms. Elizabeth Myers	Deputy Commissioner (DSS)
	Mr. Peter DeWind	County Attorney
	Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
	Mr. Michael Medina	New Visions Program (NVHS)

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial

- Mr. Chris Korba noted that there are more expenses coming for the 2023 budget. There is \$215,000 in revenue that has not yet been posted at the Treasurer's office. There should be a return to local share, but the amount is unknown at this point. One invoice for the full month of October has been received. There will be no more Criminal Psychiatric invoices for 2023. The 2024 budget is tracking well.

2. Old Business

- Criminal Psych – See above.

3. New Business

- Waverly location – Ms. Morgan noted that the bids will be coming in tomorrow afternoon. Gary Hammond will be bringing the information on the winning bid to his Committee meeting on Thursday.
- Opioid Abatement Funding – TCMH will receive \$441,000; some restricted and some unrestricted. Ms. Morgan would like to get community and non-profit input on how the money should be used. It needs to be tied back to opioid issues. She will utilize social media. An RFP is needed only if over \$10,000. Commissioner Yetter noted that he would like to see some money go toward a training component for DSS, Sheriff's office, Probation, etc. The safety issues are significant for all these departments. Ms. Vroman noted that Public Health will also be collaborating with MH.

4. Personnel
 - Nicholas Conti, CASAC-T, started 1/29/24
5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolution to continue
 - Transfer of Funds 2023 Budget Modification (Criminal Psych)
6. Proclamations
 - None

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial
 - Mr. Denis McCann reported that there are still invoices and revenue coming in for 2023. Preschool expenses were lower than anticipated in November and December. Expect a 2023 return to the County in both Public Health and Preschool. The 2024 fringe benefit budgeted numbers in reports will change due to the Budget Officer completing the annual redistribution into department accounts.
 - Mr. McCann noted that the grant application that the Legislature authorized last month for the tick-borne disease program was not awarded.
2. Old Business
 - None
3. New Business
 - Agency Report for January 2024 forwarded to committee. An overdose alert was issued on Friday (2/2/24) due to three non-fatal overdoses in Tioga County and surrounding counties.
 - Two new medical consultants joined the PH team, Dr. James Skiff and Dr. John Zevan.
 - Cold temperatures & a power outage caused some frozen pipes on the dental van but with the assistance of Public Works and Martins Plumbing, there was only one day of down time.
 - As part of PH's Strategic Plan, all staff will be completing a survey to indicate their interest in proposed projects.
4. Personnel
 - Nicholas Conklin, (Contracted) Public Health Fellow, last day effective 2/2/24
 - Stephen Mastro, Public Health Sanitarian, hired effective 1/16/24
5. Resolutions - Legislators approved resolutions to continue
 - Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (Year 11 Performance Incentive)
 - Authorize Purchases Outside County Policies
6. Proclamations
 - None

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the January 2, 2024 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell. Seconded by Legislator Mullen. Motion Carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial

- Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that Day Care is running high for 2024. Foster Care is right about at budget, Safety Net is under budget. The 2023 budget will be under but there are still over \$600,000 in accruals.

2. Old Business

- None.

3. New Business

- Caseloads
During January, Cash Assistance increased 3 cases, with Family Assistance increasing 5 cases and Safety Net decreasing 2 cases.
MA-Only increased 3 cases.
MA-SSI increased 1 case.
Total Individuals on Medicaid remained flat at 3,352.
SNAP increased 4 cases.
Day Care decreased 1 case.
See Caseload Summary
- Tioga Career Center report is attached. The unemployment rate in Tioga County has just gone up slightly to 4%, still below the State & Federal levels.

4. Personnel Changes

- Kimberly Place promoted to E & T Counselor effective 1/2/24
- Alexis Gause, PT Community Services Worker, resigned effective 1/5/24

5. Resolutions - Legislators approved resolutions to continue

- Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2024 Budget (Safe Harbor)
- Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2024 Budget (Federal 5311)

6. Proclamations

- None.

ADJOURNED:

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services