

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Health & Human Services**

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 9:33 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. Liz Myers	Deputy Commissioner (DSS)

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the December 5, 2023 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell. Seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion Carried.

### **MENTAL HYGIENE**

1. Financial
  - Mr. Chris Korba noted that the 2023 budget shows budget savings of \$183,242 for the local share return. There are still some outstanding invoices for Court Ordered Criminal Psychiatric Care. One person at \$30,000-\$40,000 month. There is also a lot of Fee-For-Service revenue to collect. There should be a return to local share of at least \$100,000.
2. Old Business
  - Criminal Psych – See above.
3. New Business
  - There has been one admission from the jail which will be a cost of \$30,000/month.
  - Waverly location – Ms. Morgan noted that she is waiting for Gary Hammond to approve the final specs before it goes out to bid.
4. Personnel
  - None
5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolution to continue
  - Abolish Office Specialist II and Create Accounting Associate II Position
6. Proclamations
  - None

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

1. Financial
  - Mr. Denis McCann reported that the 2023 Public Health budget continues to track well, and he expects to have a nice return including preschool. Bills were lower than anticipated in November and December.
  - Working with IT on updating dental software for the Dental Van.
2. Old Business
  - None
3. New Business
  - Agency Report for December 2023 forwarded to committee. Two bills were signed by the Governor on Article 28 and Article 36. One allows PH to go into homes to do lead visits and the other article allows for less restrictions on a whole for Public Health.
  - Flu season has been declared in NYS. They are 64 cases with most under the age of 5. 282 COVID cases in November.
  - Public Health has purchased a trailer to be used mainly for rabies clinics but might in the future be used for mobile vaccine clinics.
  - Ms. Vroman complimented her staff, supervisors, and Directors for doing a good job in providing services to the community. There has been increases in services, investigations, and the quality of work.
4. Personnel
  - Megan Givens, Early Intervention Service Coordinator; Resignation effective 12/14/23
  - Interviewing for Environmental Health Sanitarian today.
5. Resolutions
  - None
6. Proclamations
  - None

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

1. Financial
  - Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that all Full Time and Part Time lines are under budget so the savings will cover the overtime line that is over budget.
2. Old Business
  - None.

### 3. New Business

- Caseloads  
During December, Cash Assistance increased 7 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 3 cases and Safety Net increasing 10 cases.  
MA-Only decreased 33 cases.  
MA-SSI decreased 6 cases.  
Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 34 cases to 3,352.  
SNAP increased 49 cases.  
Day Care decreased 2 cases.  
See Caseload Summary
- Tioga Career Center report is attached. The unemployment rate in Tioga County continues to remain below the state & federal levels.

### 4. Personnel Changes

- Jennifer Park promoted to Sr. Caseworker effective 12/4/23
- Brett Bright, Social Welfare Examiner, hired effective 12/4/23
- Michael Carlson, Caseworker, hired effective 12/4/23
- Stacy Arroyo, Caseworker, hired effective 12/18/23
- Alyjah Casella, Social Welfare Examiner, hired effective 12/18/23

### 5. Resolutions - Legislators approved resolutions to continue

- Authorize Contract with Liberty Resources
- Authorize Contract with Securitas Security Services
- Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2024 Budget (Safe Harbor)
- Appoint New Youth Bureau Board Member Term (Application attached)

### 6. Proclamations

- Human Trafficking Awareness Month (repeat)

## **ADJOURNED:**

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 9:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gail V. Perdue*

Executive Secretary, Social Services