

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative conference room, Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 8:30 AM.

Present:	Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
	Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator
	Ms. Loretta Sullivan	Legislator
	Mr. Dennis Mullen	Legislator
	Ms. Lori Morgan	Director of Community Services
	Mr. Chris Korba	Director of Administrative Services - MH
	Mr. Shawn Yetter	Commissioner of Social Services
	Mr. Gary Grant	Deputy Commissioner of Social Services
	Ms. Lisa McCafferty	Director of Public Health
	Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services - PH
Guests:	Ms. Marte Sauerbrey	Chair of the Legislature
	Ms. Rita Hollenbeck	Chief Accountant/Budget Officer

PUBLIC HEALTH

Ms. Lisa McCafferty presented personnel, highlights and resolutions (Agency report was previously submitted to committee members electronically).

1. Budget Status

- Mr. Denis McCann noted that the 2017 Public Health budget is on track at 58.3%. He is continuing to monitor the Preschool budget. Regarding the proposed 2018 budgets: Public Health is proposing to be slightly better than the zero-increase goal. Included in the 2018 budget are a 4-wheel drive vehicle and a position that is currently unfunded. Both have reimbursements of at least 36%.
The Preschool budget is projecting to be \$84,135 above due to the increased costs in transportation and level of services provided. TCPH is planning to increase the Preschool mileage reimbursement for parents in an attempt to control transportation costs.

2. Personnel

- Fred Bogart, P/T Mail Clerk, retired 6/30/17.
- Nancy Mastro, P/T Mail Clerk, started 7/24/17.
- Emily Warfle, Public Health Educator, started 7/24/17. She will be working on PH Preparedness.
- Barbara Bilbrey, Public Health Nurse, started 8/7/17.

3. Program Comments

- Agency Report for July 2017 was provided to the Committee. Ms. McCafferty mentioned highlights: Al Knapp's Year 4 Performance Initiative regarding Chronic Disease, Healthy Neighborhoods performed over 135 HNP visits, Heather Vroman (formally Morgan) coordinated a Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council meeting on 7/25. The LEICC is an advisory board for Early Intervention and a requirement of EL yet hasn't been active in the county for several years and TCPH is revising our new employee handbook.

4. Resolutions

- Appropriation of Funds from additional NYSDOH awards.
- Authorization to Apply for Grant (Appalachian Regional Commission for \$150,000 towards replacement of the dental van).

5. Proclamations

- Immunization Awareness Month

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Budget Status

- Mr. Chris Korba shared that the 2017 fee-for-service revenues through six months are slightly below target. Expenditures for seven months are below target due to savings from vacancies. The 2018 proposed budget includes a decrease of \$189,000 for the VAP Grant, a decrease of \$60,000 in Medicaid claiming, and an increase in revenues for MH of \$106,000 due to the new SW in Waverly school and the new psychiatrist being able to prescribe Saboxone. Mr. Korba is projecting to come in flat for the 2018 budget.

2. Personnel

- None.

3. Critical Issues/Topics

- Lourdes – Ms. Morgan explained that she has received a response from Lourdes to the questions from the CSB; however, they didn't thoroughly answer the questions. This will be discussed at the CSB meeting next week. Lourdes requires Ms. Morgan's approval to apply for a OMH license.

4. Resolutions

- None.

5. Proclamations

- None.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the July 5, 2017 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell and Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted as written.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Commissioner Yetter discussed caseloads, programmatic highlights, and personnel changes. (Reports were all sent to Committee members via email yesterday).

1. Budget

- Mr. Gary Grant reported that the 2017 budget is tracking well except for Foster Care which continues to run above budget. For the 2018 proposed budget, Mr. Grant referred the committee to the 1-page summary: Administrative expenses are decreasing by -\$90,236; Administrative Revenues were also reduced by \$69,500; Program Local Share is increasing by +\$331,965 leaving the DSS Local Share of +\$311,229. There was a discussion regarding Foster Care costs & how they have increased due to several high cost placements.
- Ms. Rita Hollenbeck noted that all three budgets do not yet have any contractual salary increases included. This may also impact fringe costs.

2. Caseloads

- During July, Cash Assistance caseloads decreased 9 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 4 cases and Safety Net decreasing 5 cases.
- MA-Only decreased 28 cases.
- MA-SSI decreased 6 cases.
- Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 111 to 3,706.
- SNAP cases decreased 43 cases.
- Day Care increased 13 cases.
- Services increased 6 cases.
- See Caseload Summary.

3. Programmatic Highlights

- Youth Bureau Report – In packet.
- TEC Report – In packet.

4. Personnel Changes

- Jordan Marsh, Social Welfare Examiner, resigned on 7/31/17. This position will remain vacant for the time being. Still included in the 2018 budget but that may change.

5. Resolutions

- Authorize Contract with Our Lady of Lourdes for Tioga PACT Program. This program has a positive impact on Foster Care numbers. This will be the 3rd 5-year contract.
- Create and Fill Seasonal Social Welfare Examiner Position and Seasonal Office Specialist I Positions for the HEAP Program. This reduces the number of HEAP staff and the time frames for the positions
- Authorize Purchase/Contract for Mobile Content Management Solution for Child Welfare Services Software with Northwoods. This software product will allow more freedom for caseworkers to access form requirements. It will reduce the amount of paper being used and allow for less travel down time. The funding resolution will be presented next month. There is a 62% reimbursement and the remaining funds will come from the Capital Software Fund. The \$448,239 is the cost of the software plus implementation. Northwoods will be on-site for several months. The annual maintenance cost is \$47,000. That includes software updates and maintenance. The hardware costs are minimal after discussing with Doug Camin.

6. Proclamations

- None.

Mr. Grant shared that the TEC 2018 Budget is 100% federally funded. He is still working on the 2018 Youth Bureau budget. Mr. Grant has also worked out a 5-year plan on vehicle purchases with Gary Hammond. He has budgeted flat.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services