

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 8:30 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Dennis Mullen	Legislator
Mr. Tracy Monell	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
Mr. Gary Grant	Deputy Commissioner of Social Services
Ms. Lisa McCafferty	Public Health Director
Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services - PH

Guests: Ms. Marte Sauerbrey Legislative Chair
Mr. Peter DeWind County Attorney
Ms. Cathy Haskell Legislative Clerk

Legislator Mullen expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Yetter for his input on the Retention Committee and for being very instrumental in making the bonus come to fruition.

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial
 - Mr. Chris Korba noted that the 2022 budget is tracking well. He is expecting to have a return at the end of year. Fee-For-Service Revenue is for ten months, and Expense tracking is for eleven months. Only 39% of the local share has been used. There will be end of the year adjustments made during December and January.
2. Old Business
 - Criminal Psych – No new orders to report.
 - OASAS Grant – Ms. Morgan is still waiting for word on this grant approval.
3. New Business
 - None.
4. Personnel
 - None.
4. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to continue.
 - Authorize Contract with Trinity to Administer Prevention and Jail Services.
 - Authorize Contract with Catholic Charities to Administer Ongoing Integrated Supported Employment Services.
 - Authorize Contract with AspireHopeNY, Inc. to Administer Parent Support Services.

- Authorize Contract with Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. to Administer Psychosocial Club, Health Home Non-Medication Care Management, Health Home Service Dollars & Administration, Supported Housing Rental Assistance & Community Services, Warm Line and Drop-In Center.
- Authorize Contract with Helio Health for Contracting for Mental Hygiene Employees.

6. Proclamations

- None.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the November 8, 2022 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Mullen. Seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial

- Mr. Denis McCann shared that the 2022 budget is “tracking well.” Revenues continue to come in as expected. Although report shows the Local Cost/Share is above target through November, significant amount of reimbursed revenue still to come in 2022. Mr. McCann expects to have a return at year end.

2. Old Business

- None.

3. New Business

- Agency Report for November 2022 forwarded to committee. Highlighted activities were water supply projects and new rules and regulations regarding water quality parameters.

4. Personnel

- None.

5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to continue.

- Authorize the Re-Appointment of Lisa McCafferty as Public Health Director.
- Recognition of Joseph Picco’s 11 Years of Service to Tioga County Board of Health.
- Reappoint Member to the Tioga County Board of Health.

6. Proclamations

- Stress Management and Seasonal Affective Disorder Month (New-Katie Wait to receive).

Legislative Chair Sauerbrey asked about audits. Ms. McCafferty provided updates on the following audits/site reviews:

- Article 28 Clinics (Dental – file documentation)
- Financial Audit – PH preparedness
- Random Water Program Site Survey

Ms. McCafferty reminded that she had discussed these a couple of months ago at the HHS meeting and gave a brief summary of the three.

Legislator Standinger stated that he had previously received an update and the final document of the Article 28 Clinic Audit.

Chair Sauerbrey would like all Legislators to be updated on audit results.

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial

- Mr. Gary Grant shared that Foster Care has stabilized over the last few months. Safety Net and Cash Assistance are both down. Mr. Grant reached out to the car dealer regarding the three cars he has on order. The earliest they will arrive is March. Reimbursement on the vehicles is around 70%.

2. Old Business

- None.

3. New Business

- Caseloads
During November, Cash Assistance decreased 3 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 5 cases and Safety Net increasing 2 cases.
MA-Only increased 12 cases.
MA-SSI increased 3 cases.
Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 9 cases to 3,811.
SNAP increased 23 cases.
Day Care increased 5 cases.
See Caseload Summary and Charts.
- Tioga Career Center report is attached. The unemployment rate in Tioga County (2.2) remains below the State (3.6) & Federal (3.4) rates. The center continues to work closely with outside agencies, businesses, and schools.

4. Personnel Changes

- Michele Robins, Seasonal HEAP SWE, hired 11/1/22 and resigned 11/15/22.
- Karen Signs, Accounting Associate III, resigned effective 11/4/22.
- Amber Duke, Social Welfare Examiner, hired effective 11/7/22.
- Amber Smacher, Caseworker, hired effective 11/7/22.
- Jared Giannicchi, Caseworker, hired effective 11/21/22.
- Alyssa Kinney, Caseworker, hired effective 11/21/22.

5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to continue.
- Authorize the Re-Appointment of Shawn L. Yetter as Commissioner of Social Services.
 - Authorize Salary Above CSEA Base for Caseworker (Andrea Gleason).
 - Authorize Contract with Glove House.
 - Authorize Contract with Literacy Volunteers of Broome Tioga Inc.
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- Authorize Contract with A New Hope Center.
 - Authorize Contract with Liberty Resources.

Chair Sauerbrey expressed her appreciation to the departments for submitting their contract information.

6. Proclamations
- None.

ADJOURNED:

Motion by Legislator Mullen, seconded by Legislator Monell to move into Executive Session at 8:58 AM to discuss a personnel matter.

Legislator Monell motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 9:21 AM, seconded by Legislator Brown.

County Attorney DeWind and Legislative Clerk Haskell remained in attendance.

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 9:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services