

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, July 5, 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	Chair of the Legislature
Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk

Legislator Mullen asked for a motion to approve the June 7, 2022 HHS Committee minutes as written. Seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion Carried.

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial
 - Mr. Chris Korba noted that the budget is tracking as expected. Fee-For-Service Revenue is for five months, and Expense tracking is for 6 months with 21.80% of the budget used. There are no new reports of any criminal psych placement orders.
2. Old Business
 - Criminal Psych – See above.
3. New Business
 - None.
4. Personnel
 - None.
5. Resolutions – Resolutions were approved to continue.
 - Recognition of Jodi Sampey's Over 23 Years of Dedicated Service to the Tioga County Department of Mental Hygiene.
 - Authorize Grant Renewal Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2022 Budget.
6. Proclamations
 - None.

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial
 - Mr. Denis McCann shared that the 2022 budget is “tracking well.” As is typical each year, July and August expected to bring large revenues. Early Intervention (EI) escrow is scheduled to switch over to private insurances to fund from County requirement. Currently EI Escrow is under budget. There is a significant lack of providers for EI services.
2. Old Business
 - None.
3. New Business
 - Agency Report for June 2022 forwarded to committee. Highlights were the Strawberry Festival health inspections and ongoing monitoring of reportable diseases, such as COVID and Monkeypox.
 - QR code distributed for Community Health Assessment Survey.
 - Hard copies of Summer Fun booklets distributed.
4. Personnel
 - Laura Schurter, Accounting Associate III, effective June 17, 2022.
5. Resolutions – Resolution was approved to continue.
 - Amend 2022 Budget & Appropriate Funds (NYSDOH).
6. Proclamations
 - Lyme Disease Awareness Month (Repeat)

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial
 - Mr. Gary Grant shared that there was a slight improvement in foster care costs. One high-cost child aged out. There are now 3 kids from school placements in high level care with a 46% reimbursement. According to the 2023 Capital Plan, Mr. Grant will be replacing 2 vehicles. We still have 8 vehicles on order.
2. Old Business
 - None.
3. New Business
 - Caseloads
During June, Cash Assistance decreased 2 cases, with Family Assistance increasing 3 cases and Safety Net decreasing 5 cases.
MA-Only increased 14 cases.
MA-SSI increased 3 cases.

Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 19 cases to 3,789.

SNAP cases decreased 7 cases.

Day Care increased 12 cases. Day Care has gone up 8%. There is a push on advertising. However, the lack of providers remains.

Services cases increased 1 case.

See Caseload Summary and Charts.

- Tioga Career Center report will be sent down when available. The unemployment rate in Tioga remained flat at 2.8%. There were 29 new UI claims filed in June. There are currently 211 job postings.

4. Personnel Changes

- Joseph Breitwieser promoted to Social Services Employment Specialist effective 6/20/22.
- Kaoru Baker, Caseworker, hired effective 6/20/22.
- Dyann Seldon promoted to Social Welfare Examiner effective 6/20/22.
- Steven Keator, Employment & Training Counselor, hired effective 6/20/22.
- Collin Ferraro, Caseworker, last day effective 6/30/22.

5. Resolutions – Resolutions were approved to continue.

- Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2022 Budget (RSP).
- Approve Funding 2022 Youth Bureau Program Funding.

6. Proclamations

- None.

ADJOURNED:

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services