

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, March 5, 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

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the February 6, 2024 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 there are still adjustments being made for the 2023 budget. Excluding Waverly expenses, the return to the County is currently \$506,000. There is \$205,000 in fringe savings. The 2024 budget is tracking well with nothing unexpected.
2. Old Business
 - Criminal Psych – Ms. Lori Morgan shared that there was a 508 transport from the jail. The first bill received is \$42,000. There is possibly another 508 transfer pending.
3. New Business
 - Waverly location – Resolutions for lease and awarding construction contracts.
 - Commissioner Cunningham from OASAS visit went well.
4. Personnel
 - Jeffery Canis, Sr. CSW School Based (Spencer Middle) started 2/26/24
 - Jennifer Ferline, MSW-P resigned 2/28/24

5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to continue
 - Execute Lease of Property Located at 32 Ithaca Street, Waverly, NY to house Mental Hygiene’s Waverly Office
 - Award Construction Contracts for the Waverly Annex Project
 - Appropriations of Funds (LGU)
 - Authorize Execution of Cooperative Agreements Between the Law Department, ITCS, Sheriff, DSS, Public Health, and Mental Hygiene
6. Proclamations
 - None

Legislator Mullen expressed his sincere appreciation of the efforts made to get the Waverly project underway. He noted this was always Legislator Weston’s vision.

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial
 - Mr. Denis McCann reported that although there are still adjustments being made on the 2023 budget, expectation is that Public Health will have over \$200,000 return to the county. There are no surprises in the 2024 budget.
2. Old Business
 - None
3. New Business
 - Agency Report for February 2024 forwarded to committee.
 - The Annual Report is being distributed today at the meeting. A new Communicable Disease Report also distributed to physicians that will be used for education and outreach.
 - Representatives from NYSDOH Environmental Health and the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LPPP) met with environmental staff to provide education/insight especially for staff that recently started working in this program. There was also a demo of a new X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) analyzer to be used for detecting lead in homes.
 - Members of the Broome/Tioga Child Fatality Review Team met with representatives of the Railroad to discuss possible interventions to prevent avoidable child fatalities.
 - The grant from NYSACHO for tick-borne diseases was awarded to TCPH after it was originally denied.
4. Personnel
 - Erin Youells, Office Specialist III, last day effective 2/9/24
 - Sarah Centerwall, Early Intervention Services Coordinator, resigned effective 2/23/24

5. Resolutions - Legislators approved resolutions to continue
 - Amend Employee Handbook: Abolish Section IX. Safety Rules, Subsection A. Entitled Contagious Diseases in Its Entirety
 - Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (MRC)
 - Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (Tick-Borne Diseases)
 - Amend 2024 Budget & Transfer Funds (Lead Paint Analyzer)
 - Authorize Execution of Cooperative Agreements Between the Law Department, ITCS, Sheriff, DSS, Public Health, and Mental Hygiene
6. Proclamations
 - Public Health Week – April 1-7, 2024 (repeat)

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial
 - Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that there are still adjustments being made for the 2023 budget. DSS will have a return of around \$350,000 to the county. In the 2024 budget, payroll is under budget along with Safety Net. Day Care continues to remain high. May need to allocate more funds later in the year. Foster Care is running a little high.
2. Old Business
 - None.
3. New Business
 - Caseloads
During February, Cash Assistance increased 4 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 3 cases and Safety Net increasing 7 cases.
MA-Only decreased 10 cases.
MA-SSI decreased 3 cases.
Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 18 to 3,334.
SNAP increased 7 cases.
Day Care decreased 4 cases.
See Caseload Summary
 - Tioga Career Center report is attached. Outreach efforts expanded by sending one of the Employment Counselors to the Spencer-VanEtten School and Waverly Schools starting in March. This is part of the learning skills program for those students not planning to go to college.
4. Personnel Changes
 - Megan Gilbert promoted to SS Employment Specialist effective 2/26/24
 - Stephen Williams hired as FT Social Welfare Examiner effective 2/26/24
 - Sarah Dusinberre hired as Office Specialist 1 effective 2/26/24

5. Resolutions - Legislators approved resolutions to continue
 - Approve Funding 2024 Youth Bureau Program Funding. Legislator Mullen praised the work done by the Lions Camp Badger
 - Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2024 Budget (Code Blue)
 - Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2024 Budget (RSP)
 - Authorize Contract with Liberty Resources (MST)
 - Authorize Execution of Cooperative Agreements Between the Law Department, ITCS, Sheriff, DSS, Public Health, and Mental Hygiene

6. Proclamations
 - None.

ADJOURNED:

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services