

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, April 4, 2023 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
Ms. Mickelle Andrews	DSS Accounting Supervisor
Ms. Heather Vroman	Interim Public Health Director
Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services

Guests: Ms. Marte Sauerbrey	Legislative Chair
Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial

- Mr. Chris Korba noted that the final 2022 budget shows a return of \$563,000 to local share. 2023 is tracking well with no unexpected expenses.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the March 7, 2023 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell. Seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion Carried.

2. Old Business

- Criminal Psych – Ms. Morgan shared that they just found out about one person being referred for admin.

3. New Business

- Waverly School – Waverly School has requested two new contracts for Social Workers. They agreed to pay \$50,000 for each position. Resolution will be coming forward next month.

4. Personnel

- None.

5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to continue.

- Authorization to Reclassify Records Management Clerk Position
- Appropriation of Funds and Budget Modification

- Amend Budget and Appropriate Funds for Mental Hygiene & Public Health for NYS Health Care & Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus Program. This is a continuation from last year.

6. Proclamations

- None.

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial

- Mr. Denis McCann reported that the return to local share for 2022 is \$738,057 after \$450,000 was transferred to the Treasurer's office for the Community College shortfall and over \$200,000 in Fringe Benefit Savings. There is nothing unexpected in the 2023 budget.

2. Old Business

- None.

3. New Business

- Agency Report for March 2023 forwarded to committee.
- Ms. Vroman noted that they are scheduling Public Health Week (April 3-7) activities. Meet'N'Greet with BOH members and HHS Committee Legislators. They are also planning an Open House for April 20th with theme: Reset, Renew, Reimagine. (Reset as a department. Renew our partnerships. Reimagine Public Health in Tioga County). Some state partners will be attending. There will be several educational tables/demonstrations to include Narcan training, water testing, car seat installations, raffles, and giveaways. All are welcome to attend.
- Tioga County Public Health is the first in the state to have a Well Head replacement program in collaboration with NYSDOH; and two well heads were just replaced in the Berkshire area.

4. Personnel

- None.

5. Resolutions - Legislators approved resolutions to continue.

- Authorize Appointment of Public Health Director (H. Vroman)
- Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (CPiA)
- Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (Performance Incentive Program)
- Authorize Appointment to Title of Director of Patient Services (M. Miller)
- Authorize Appointment to Title of Deputy Director of Public Health (S. Medina)
- Amend Budget and Appropriate Funds for Mental Hygiene & Public Health for NYS Health Care & Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus Program. This is a continuation from last year.

6. Proclamations

- None.

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial

- Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that the return to local share of the 2022 budget is \$1,468,059. Some of the savings were from weekly shares, Safety Net, and payroll. There is nothing unexpected so far in the 2023 budget. The billing issues with the Tioga Career Center have been corrected and are now up to date.

2. Old Business

- None.

3. New Business

- Caseloads

During March, Cash Assistance increased 2 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 2 cases and Safety Net increasing 4 cases.

MA-Only increased 39 cases.

MA-SSI decreased 16 cases.

Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 28 cases to 3,879.

SNAP increased 22 cases.

Day Care decreased 10 cases.

See Caseload Summary and Charts.

- Tioga Career Center report is attached. Unemployment went up in Tioga County as it did at the state and national levels.
- Remote Work Update – 13 people have requested and been approved for remote work: 8 in Children's Services, 2 at Support Collection, 2 in Admin and 1 person in the TCC. It is going well so far.

4. Personnel Changes

- Jo Ellen Yoest, Sr. Caseworker, last day effective 3/3/23.
- Penny Walker, Seasonal HEAP OS1, last day effective 3/10/23.
- Amy Link, promoted to Accounting Associate III effective 3/13/23.
- Danielle Lovejoy, SWE hired effective 3/13/23, resigned effective 3/17/23.
- Amber Johnson, Caseworker, hired effective 3/27/23.

5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to continue.

- Approve Contract, Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2023 Budget
- Authorization to Reclassify Welfare Management System Coordinator Position
- Authorize Appointment of Director of Administrative Services – This is part of succession planning.

6. Proclamations

- Child Abuse Prevention Month (repeat)

ADJOURNED:

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 9:04 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services