

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 8:31 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Jake Brown	Legislator
Mr. Tracy Monell	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. Heather Vroman	Public Health Director
Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services (PH)
Guests: Ms. Marte Sauerbrey	Legislative Chair
Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
Ms. Mickelle Andrews	Director of Administrative Services – DSS
Ms. Sue Medina	Deputy Director of Public Health

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial

- Mr. Chris Korba noted that regarding the 2023 budget, the fee for service/state aid revenue target is four months of the budget year or 33% of the year, but actual is 44% as some is front loaded state aid. Expenses are for five months or 42% of budget – actual is 32% due to vacancies (salary & fringe). Overall, the budget is tracking well.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the May 2, 2023 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Brown. Seconded by Legislator Monell. Motion Carried.

2. Old Business

- Criminal Psych – Mr. Korba shared that they have not received any invoices for a client that is in court ordered psychiatric services. It's unknown if the client has been discharged or not.

3. New Business

- None

4. Personnel

- None

5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to continue
 - Resolution Appointing New Member to Community Services Board (C. Schweitzer)
 - Resolution Appointing New Member to Community Services Board (P. Moore)
 - Transfer Funds & Purchase Security Cameras HHS Building
 - Create & Fill Permanent, Full-Time Senior Clinical Social Worker (School/Community Based) Position – Tioga Center School District
 - Create & Fill Permanent, Full-Time Senior Clinical Social Worker (School/Community Based) Position – Waverly Central School District
6. Proclamations
 - None.

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial
 - Mr. Gary Grant reported that payroll is under budget, but the overtime budget is over. Foster Care is under budget by \$20,000. Safety Net and EAA (Emergency Aid to Adults) are under budget. There has been no change yet to the weekly shares for Medicaid. Every 3 years there is an FTA audit. There was a 106-page questionnaire that had to be completed before the onsite visit on 6/27/23. Mr. Grant does not expect any findings.
2. Old Business
 - None.
3. New Business
 - Caseloads
 - During May, Cash Assistance increased 3 cases, with Family Assistance increasing 4 cases and Safety Net decreasing 1 case.
 - MA-Only increased 32 cases.
 - MA-SSI decreased 4 cases.
 - Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 46 cases to 3,657.
 - SNAP decreased 17 cases.
 - Day Care decreased 2 cases.
 - See Caseload Summary – Commissioner Yetter explained that there are no charts this month due to some computer glitches with the Excel Spreadsheet. The charts will be sent to Legislators as soon as the issue is resolved.
 - HHS Committee Chair Standinger asked Commissioner Yetter about any immigrant impact. Commissioner Yetter explained that if they were placed in Tioga County by, for instance, NYC, they would be responsible for their housing costs and Tioga County would be responsible for SNAP & Medicaid. If immigrants come to Tioga County on their own, we would be responsible for all shelter & public assistance costs. Tioga County continues to have very limited shelter available to TC residents.

- Debt Ceiling – Commissioner Yetter noted that regarding the SNAP changes with increased employment requirements, there would be little impact to TCDSS and does not take effect until 2025.
 - Tioga Career Center report is attached. Unemployment rates in Tioga County remain lower than State & National levels. The TCC is working with local schools to inform them of services the Center provides to youth transitioning from high school and not continuing their education. The Broome Tioga Workforce allocation for TCC is decreasing \$30,000 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024). Mr. Grant and Ms. Mickelle Andrews are working with TCC Director Ms. Jackie Burdick to ensure the Center can continue to maintain services without any local share.
4. Personnel Changes
- Lindy Donovan, Social Welfare Examiner, last day effective 5/19/23
 - Jade Relyea was promoted from AA III to Accounting Supervisor effective 5/22/23
 - Alissa Benjamin, hired as Caseworker, effective 5/22/23
 - Emily Watkins, hired as Accounting Associate II @ SCU, effective 5/22/23
 - Joe Breitwieser, SS Employment Specialist, last day effective 5/31/23
5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to continue
- Authorization to Create & Fill One, Part Time Principal Social Welfare Examiner Position
 - Appropriation of Funds & Amend 2023 Budget (RSP)
 - Approve Contract, Appropriation of Funds & Amend 2023 Budget (SYEP)
 - Authorization to Sign Contract – Steuben County for non-secure Detention Services
6. Proclamations
- None

PUBLIC HEALTH

Motion by Legislator Monell, seconded by Legislator Brown to move into Executive Session at 9:00 a.m. for matters pertaining to employees and contract negotiations.

Staff in attendance: Denis McCann, Heather Vroman, Cathy Haskell.

Chair Sauerbrey was also in attendance.

Legislator Standinger motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 9:09 a.m., seconded by Legislator Brown.

Executive Session ended and HHS Committee Meeting continued at 9:09 a.m.

1. Financial

- Mr. Denis McCann reported that 2023 continues to track well, with nothing unexpected. Only 30% of Local Share used at this time. El escrow – State's applied credit to escrow account funded by insurance companies has been used, and our payments have started again. Preschool costs continue to

increase due to more kids and higher rates from last years. Specifically, Preschool transportation is running ahead of budget and may need additional funding by year end.

2. Old Business

- None

3. New Business

- Agency Report for May 2023 forwarded to committee.
- Ms. Vroman stated that the department had an educational from NYSDOH on their Vaccine for Children program. The visit went well and they are fully stocked on vaccine to operate clinics.
- A new law was passed on 5/20 requiring all food establishments to post signage for employees on how to respond to customers with food allergies and also post on their menus for customers to notify staff if they have allergies. The dept. mailed notification letters and signs to all permitted facilities proactively.
- Ms. Vroman received an e-mail from Brian Scanlon at Scott Smith and Son praising staff for their helpful assistance.

4. Personnel

- Sue Medina, Deputy Director of Public Health, returned effective May 8, 2023.
- Ms. Medina was introduced to the HHS Committee.
- Ms. Vroman reported there are 5 professional vacancies: 2 Nurse, 2 Dentists and 1 Speech and Language Pathologist.

5. Resolutions - Legislators approved resolution to continue

- Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (CHSC)
- Authorization Out-of-Title Pay
- Transfer Funds & Purchase Security Cameras HHS Building (ITCS Resolution)

6. Proclamations

- None

ADJOURNED:

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Legislator Standinger motioned to adjourn at 9:14 a.m., seconded by Legislator Brown.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services