

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 8:29 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator
Mr. Dennis Mullen	Legislator
Mr. Jake Brown	Legislator {Arrived 8:35 AM}
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:	Mr. Jackson Bailey	County Administrator
	Ms. Elizabeth Myers	Deputy Commissioner (DSS)
	Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
	Ms. Marte Sauerbrey	Chair of Legislature {Arrived 8:45 AM}

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the October 7, 2024 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell. Seconded by Legislator Mullen. Motion Carried.

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial
 - Mr. Chris Korba noted that the 2024 budget is tracking well with ten months of expenses and nine months of revenue. Savings in salaries due to vacancies is \$450,000. He anticipates having a local share return. 84% of the Waverly budget has been spent. Any abatement funding not spent goes back to the County.
2. Old Business
 - Criminal Psych – Ms. Lori Morgan shared there is one person that has been found incompetent & she expects them to be admitted soon. There is \$118,000 left in the budget for this year after spending \$79,000.
3. New Business
 - Waverly location – IT will be activating the fobs tomorrow. Public Works has built the reception desk, locks on doors need to be installed and the furniture will be delivered next Wednesday. Ms. Morgan feels they will open in early December.
4. Personnel
 - None

5. Resolutions
 - None
6. Proclamations
 - None

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial
 - Mr. Denis McCann reported that the 2024 budget is tracking well. Mr. McCann noted they are keeping a close eye on Pre-school and will transfer funds internally if necessary. Although unlikely, there is the possibility that additional funds will be needed late in year from County Fund Balance. Encouraging parents to drive their children has helped with the transportation costs. El Escrow account is under budget. There has been an increase in rabies post-exposure treatment throughout NYS, and in Tioga County. The costs billed can be as much as \$30,000 per person, but we go through a process to reduce to much less than that amount. While there are Rabies grant funds to offset these costs, PH may need to transfer funds internally or from Fund Balance if necessary to cover the treatment costs.
2. Old Business
 - None
3. New Business
 - Agency Report for October 2024 forwarded to committee. Ms. Vroman shared that 140 employees attended the Wellness Fair. The therapy dogs were a big hit!
 - Working on a plan for the Juul settlement funds with area schools.
 - The Floyd Hooker Grant was awarded and will be used to support our Lead Poisoning Prevention Program for received to use for children with elevated blood lead levels.
 - Administrative hearing was held October 8th for respondents of the Tioga Castings Property and Board of Health Order. No one attended and the Hearing Officer issued a formal recommendation, for next steps.
4. Personnel
 - New Sanitarian will be starting in two weeks.
5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to move forward
 - Adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2024 (EH Fees)
 - Abolish (1) Full-Time Unfunded Administrative Secretary, Create (1) Full-Time Office Specialist III, and Unfund (1) Full-Time Office Specialist I (No increase to head count)
6. Proclamations
 - Great American Smokeout Day (New)

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial

- Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that Foster Care and overtime lines are running over budget. Day Care and Safety Net lines are on target. There was discussion on how the number of children in Foster Care has almost doubled in the past four years. It is mostly due to substance abuse. Ms. Liz Myers noted that finding foster care homes is a challenge. They explore family options first and about 40% of placements are Kinship homes.

2. Old Business

- None

3. New Business

- Caseloads
During October, Cash Assistance increased 3 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 1 case and Safety Net increasing 4 cases.
MA-Only increased 4 cases.
MA-SSI decreased 4 cases.
Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 2 to 3,368
SNAP increased 30 cases.
Day Care increased 3 cases
See Caseload Summary
- Tioga Career Center report is attached. Unemployment rates continue to remain below the State & Federal levels.

4. Personnel Changes

- Samantha Allen, Seasonal HEAP OS1, hired effective 10/7/24
- Billie Jo Campbell, AAllI, resigned effective 10/8/24
- Penny Walker, Seasonal HEAP OS1, hired effective 10/21/24
- Stephen Williams, Seasonal HEAP SWE, hired effective 10/21/24
- Stephanie Galeano, promoted to Case Supervisor Grade B effective 10/21/24
- Diane Cole, Seasonal HEAP SWE, hired effective 10/21/24

5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolution to move forward

- Approve Funding – 2025 Youth Bureau Program Funding

6. Proclamations

- Adoption Awareness Month (repeat)

ADJOURNED:

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services