

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative conference room, Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 8:30 AM.

Present:	Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
	Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator
	Ms. Loretta Sullivan	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	Director of Public Health
	Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services - PH
Guests:	Ms. Kathy Roush	Chair of the Community Services Board
	Ms. Rita Hollenbeck	Chief Accountant/Budget Officer

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Budget Status
 - Mr. Chris Korba shared that the 2017 fee-for-service revenues are tracking on target. The shortfall of the VAP Grant is being made up with staff vacancies.
2. Personnel
 - Christine Sawicki, Social Worker, started 9/5/17.
 - Christine Fay was promoted to Sr. Social Worker effective 9/11/17.
 - Tedessa Whitney, Social Worker, will start 9/18/17.
3. Critical Issues/Topics
 - Lourdes – Ms. Morgan explained that Kathy Roush has sent a letter to Lourdes asking that they provide more information.
4. Resolutions
 - Authorize Position Reclassification
5. Proclamations
 - None.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Ms. Lisa McCafferty presented personnel, highlights and resolutions (Agency report was previously submitted to committee members electronically).

1. Budget Status
 - Mr. Denis McCann noted that the 2017 Public Health budget is tracking well. They continue to monitor the Preschool budget as expenditures for transportation and services are tracking above budget at this time.
2. Personnel
 - Adam Ace, Public Health Technician promoted to Public Health Sanitarian effective 9/2/17.

3. Program Comments
 - Agency Report for August 2017 was provided to the Committee. Ms. McCafferty mentioned highlights: Healthy Neighborhoods are very busy with community concerns over radon. Barb Bilbrey as our new Public Health Nurse is providing "new mother" outreach activities increasing our county's lead testing and vaccination rates.
4. Resolutions
 - None.
5. Proclamations
 - National Preparedness Month

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the August 8, 2017 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Sullivan and Seconded by Legislator Monell. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted as written.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Commissioner Yetter discussed caseloads, programmatic highlights, and personnel changes. (Reports were all sent to Committee members via email yesterday).

1. Budget
 - Mr. Gary Grant reported that the 2017 budget is tracking well except for Foster Care which continues to run above budget. The two school foster care placements are for ten months so we had a two-month break on fees. One high-cost placement has "stepped down" and one 18-year-old signed herself out of foster care. Mr. Grant explained the resolution where he is asking for a transfer of funds from the Contingency Account to cover part of the chargeback bill from OCFS for calendar year 2015. The daily rate was increased from \$216 to \$499. Budgets are based on the number of care days therefore the 2018 budget will need to be increased by \$150,000 local share for the OCFS 2016 bill. Commissioner Yetter noted that discussions with OCFS are just beginning.
2. Caseloads
 - During August, Cash Assistance caseloads decreased 1 case, with Family Assistance decreasing 8 cases and Safety Net increasing 7 cases.
 - MA-Only decreased 3 cases.
 - MA-SSI increased 6 cases.
 - Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 16 to 3,690.
 - SNAP cases remained flat.
 - Day Care increased 7 cases.
 - Services decreased 5 cases.
 - See Caseload Summary.
3. Programmatic Highlights
 - Youth Bureau Report – In packet.
 - TEC Report – In packet.
4. Personnel Changes
 - None.
5. Resolutions
 - Appoint Members to the Youth Bureau Board – Resume attached for Rachel Craig.
 - Appropriate Funds from Capital Software and Hardware Reserves for Northwoods Purchase.
 - Transfer of Funds from Contingency and Budget Modification. Mr. Grant explained that the software costs

went up slightly as we needed to add four licenses for support staff who will be indexing and scanning. DSS was able to save money by using the County network and using funds out of the computer equipment budget line (\$10,000). Ms. Hollenbeck noted that after these transfers the Software Capital Account balance will be \$120,000 and the Hardware Capital balance will be \$1,500.

6. Proclamations

- None.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services