

## MINUTES

### HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

**Monday, April 5, 2021 10:00 a.m.**

Present: Fiscal Assistant Ken Blake, Via Zoom Supervisors Jacobs, Emmel, Groat, Kolczynski, Robusto, Chatfield, Leonard and Miller, Mental Health Director Jim Haitz, Deputy Director Ed Hunt, Nursing Home Administrator Jeffrey Stalker, Nursing Home Comptroller Barbara Keefe, Public Health Director Diane Devlin, Deputy Director Kerry VanAuken and Principal Account Clerk Heather Loucks. Supervisor Bender not present for the meeting.

Minutes from the March 1<sup>st</sup> Committee meeting were approved as written.

The Annual Report for the Mental Health Department was received and filed. The report noted how mental health services were reinvented in 2020 to accommodate the pandemic and provided nearly 62,000 units of service to 4,162 individuals. The Department ended the year with over a \$1.6 million surplus; their best year on record. The State Office of Mental Health licenses all County Mental Health clinics and the State Office of Addiction Services and Support licenses the addiction clinic. The Department offers treatment and support services to adults ages 18 and over and children between the ages of four and 18. Every school building in the County has a school-based mental health program; service requests were greatly reduced when children were not in school due to the pandemic. Mental health services are available by walking into the Office or through the Wayne County Open Access Center and Center of Treatment Innovation Mobile Response Team. The report gave a brief overview of all services offered through the Department and trainings staff offered other County Departments and the statistical data for services, programs, financial performance, and pass through of state funding.

Mr. Haitz discussed efforts made by his Department on making mental health services fit into the recently developed County's Police Reform and Reinvention Plan. A report from the County's 911 Center listing all related behavioral health calls received in the past several months was displayed. The 911 Center between January and March averaged 35-38 behavioral health related calls a week. At this time, police respond to all calls. Mr. Haitz noted there are other models that allow the appropriate emergency response team to answer behavioral health calls so the right level of care can be provided on a timely basis. The Federal Department of Health and Human Services-Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care were distributed to Supervisors via e-mail prior to today's meeting. Mr. Haitz said he plans to follow these guidelines as the Department develops crisis response services and move further toward a 24/7 community response model. The Committee previewed three brief videos that explained crisis response model concepts and how ideals programs operate. The videos showed how other states and localities are addressing 24/7 non-police mental health crisis issues and the benefits to other systems when calls are handled appropriately when reported. Mr. Kolczynski questioned how the implementation of any additional programs would be funded. Mr. Haitz noted the Mental Health Department received a \$4 million grant to assist with costs related to expanding services

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over the next 2 years. He believes there would be some cost savings in public safety or other areas once a program was fully up and running and perhaps, that funding could be shifted. Some crisis services will also be able to be billed to insurances.

The following transmittals were presented for the Mental Health Department:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a renewal contract with DePaul Community Mental Health for the provision of crisis/transitional housing services for a cost not to exceed \$123,416. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract renewal with Unity House of Cayuga for the provision of mental hygiene related services for a cost not to exceed \$89,457. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a renewal rental lease agreement with Unity House of Cayuga. This agency has an office in the County's Health Services Building and is not charged a fee, as they provide services to County residents. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a renewal contract with Catholic Family Center for the provision of mental hygiene related services for a price of \$707,789. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract renewal with the University of Rochester to set forth conditions to allow University fellows to participate in a collaborative educational forensic training program at the Mental Health Department. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a renewal contract with Lakeview Health Services for the provision of mental hygiene services for a cost not to exceed \$209,528. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to purchase two SUV vehicles for utilization by the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team for a cost of \$65,000. Approved 4-0.

The following monthly reports were distributed for the Nursing Home:

- Financial: COVID expenses so far in 2021 to the Facility total \$74,649. There was an 82.27% rate of occupancy during the first two months of the year with 11 admissions. The cash balance at the Nursing Home was \$12.5 million at the end of February. The Nursing Home's Medicare Overall Quality Rating remains at 4 stars. Accounts receivable numbers are going down.
- Personnel: There are 60 open positions at the Facility, 26 of these are nursing positions.

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--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with Omnicor for the provision of preventive maintenance services and medical equipment repair to ensure resident safety. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to expend \$13,320 and schedule employee training and education with Advanced Training Initiative funds. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Frist Light for the provision of wireless internet services for Nursing Home residents. The annual cost is \$8,100.36. Approved 4-0.

Mrs. Devlin presented a transmittal requesting authorization to create and fill 10 temporary positions consisting of Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Paramedics and EMTs to be utilized during the COVID pandemic. The cost for the remainder of 2021 is anticipated not to exceed \$190,028. Mrs. Devlin noted there has been an increase in positive COVID cases in the County. The County continues to receive additional vaccinations; however, staffing for the clinics is needed and there are not many professional volunteers coming forward to perform these tasks. The cost is eligible for the standard 36% reimbursement through Public Health if COVID funding is not received to offset it. Mr. Groat said the County is going to receive \$17 million in Stimulus funding and some of those funds should be used to pay this expense. Approved 4-0.

The Annual Report for the Public Health Department was distributed last month and the Committee agreed it would be reviewed this month. The report noted the amount of time the Department spent on COVID-19 issues. During 2020 over 2,000 positive cases of COVID were diagnosed, the number grew quickly from the first reported confirmed case in March. The Department worked with residents, businesses, schools and the County workforce to see that everyone was abiding by COVID regulations set forth by the Governor. During 2020 the Department had 704 disease investigations; the report noted the increase in STD investigations. There were 920 influenza cases in the County; however, this number could have been skewed by the COVID-19 outbreak. The Children's Immunization Clinic provided 382 shots to 177 children, while the Adult Immunization Clinic immunized 32. During the year two Rabies Clinic were held at which time 411 animals received their rabies vaccination. A total of 51 residents received post exposure rabies treatment and there were eight confirmed cases of rabies in the County. In 2020 the Department received 21 referrals to the Tuberculosis Program, resulting in one active case. There were 20 cases of lead poisoning in children; the County's Lead Prevention Program's main objective is to increase the number of children who are tested for lead at ages one and again at two. The report noted the continued emergency preparedness efforts made by the Department; many were a help during the pandemic. The Early Intervention Program had 182 new referrals during the year with 343 infants/children enrolled in the program. There were 425 children enrolled in the Pre-Kindergarten Program. The majority of the Department's budget is for Pre-K Program expenses. Several programs operated by Public Health were not in operation for the

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majority of 2020 due to the pandemic. Mrs. Devlin noted the Department is accredited at this time; they obtained this status by working with several area counties. The next time accreditation is earned it will have to be done on an individual county basis.

Public Health Educator, Ryan Mulhern, noted it is National Public Health Week. He is overseeing a new virtualized app that will provide a great deal of information on both the COVID pandemic—vaccination and testing sites, and other public health issues.

In other business, Mr. Haitz reviewed the monthly financial/performance report for the Mental Health Office. Through February the Department received revenue of over \$1.3 million and had expenses of \$1.2 million; giving the Department an \$87,000 surplus through March. The annual payment for both County Buildings and Grounds and Information Technology services has been paid.

Mrs. Leonard thanked Jim Haitz for the work he did to assist with the behavioral health incident that occurred recently in Macedon. Mr. Haitz noted it was a team effort to get this incident to a positive conclusion.

Mrs. Jacobs thanked Public Health Department staff for the effort they continue to make during the COVID pandemic and Mental Health and Office of Aging and Youth Departments for assisting in the vaccination effort.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m. The next meeting of the Health and Medical Services Committee is scheduled for Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.