

MINUTES

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, June 5, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Groat, Brady, Miller and Eygnor, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Brian Sams, Deputy Mental Health Director Ed Hunt, Deputy Nursing Home Health Services Director Heather Loucks, Public Health Director Diane Devlin, Deputy Public Health Director Kerry VanAuken and Public Health Educator Elizabeth Ferguson. Supervisor Robusto was not present for the meeting.

Minutes from the May 1st Committee meeting were approved as written.

Mr. Hunt reviewed the financial status of the Mental Health Department, the report was included with the meeting's agenda. Through April, the Department received revenues of \$4.1 million and had expenses of \$3.1 million; this allowed for over a \$1 million surplus. Accounts receivable owed for up to 120 days totals approximately \$160,000; 50% of these funds are from direct pay clients—these funds are hard to collect and are sometimes received years after services are provided. Mr. Hunt reported receipts for May are showing another strong financial month for the Department.

The following transmittals were presented for Mental Health:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract amendment with Delphi Rise for the provision of mental hygiene services for a cost not to exceed \$125,000. Mr. Hunt noted additional funding will enhanced programs already offered by Delphi Rise. Approved 3-0, Supervisor Bender was not present for the vote.

--Authorization for the Director of Community Services to apply to the Department of Health and Human Services/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for a Community Behavioral Health Clinic Expansion Grant. If received, funds would be used to extend and continue the Department's Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Initiative, not for new positons. This grant could be for up to \$2 million over a two-year period. Approved 3-0, Supervisor Bender not present for the vote.

--Authorization to contract with Catholic Family Center for the provision of mental hygiene services for a cost of \$792,285. Approved 3-0, Supervisor Bender was not present for the vote.

Mrs. VanAuken reviewed Department activities since the last meeting:

- Immunization Clinics: Five adults, 21 children, along with 15 adults and one child from the Amish community were immunized during the month. Four residents tested with elevated blood lead levels. The Department received communicable diseases reports on 52 residents. There are currently two active TB cases in the County, both receiving treatment.

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- Rabies: There were 20 dog, four cat and three bat bites in May. One dog remains in a six-month quarantine.
- COVID: There were 81 new cases in May and two deaths. The individuals who died both had underlying medical conditions.
- Education: Ms. Ferguson said four car seats were distributed during May, along with the inspection of eight car seats with seven seats being replaced. The Department distributed 51 bike helmets at health fairs. One client participated in the Department's smoking cessation program and four sessions of INDEPTH were held at the Marion and Palmyra-Macedon Schools.
- Cannabis: As of May 12th there were 165 licensed facilities in the State. Now that the lawsuit with the State is settled, the Finger Lakes Region will be having licenses granted. Ms. Ferguson said the Office of Cannabis Management, through the State budget process, expanded their enforcement abilities. She reviewed new laws regarding the illegal sale of cannabis. If anyone would like to make a complaint to the Office of Cannabis management, they can do so at complaints@ocm.ny.gov.

Supervisor Bender arrived at 10:12 a.m.

- Fiscal update: the Public Health Department received a 2022 fourth quarter State Aid payment for \$148,625. After working with outside accountants, the Department has implemented a new time and activity tracker for data collection. The first quarter State Aid reimbursement for 2023 was received for \$126,978. Mrs. Devlin reported the Department was awarded a five-year Public Health Infrastructure Grant of \$129,427 annually. Funds will be used to recruit and retain staff, along with improving the work environment for staff.
- Mrs. Devlin reported she was involved in a group meeting with other County officials regarding the high number of overdoses that are occurring in Wayne County. It is not believed all overdoses are reported and placed in the overdose mapping system (ODMAP).
- Mrs. Devlin will be attending next week's meeting with County officials and outside agencies to discuss the re-activation of the County's Humanitarian Response Team should it be called upon for asylum seekers entering Wayne County. She noted the importance of having all individuals/groups that could be involved with this situation at the table to get the framework together for a unified response. Mr. House said he and Chairman Eygnor participated in a ZOOM meeting last week with the Governor's Office regarding the issue. As of last Thursday, New York City had contracts for 300 temporary housing units for asylum seekers; the majority of the units are in downstate New York. As Wayne County does not have the infrastructure to accommodate housing these individuals, Mr. House does not believe the State will send asylum seekers here. New York City will directly pay for the first four-months of expenses for any asylum seeker that is moved out of the City. Mr. House said any emergency order declared by the County will most likely be challenged in court. He questioned the need for such a declaration, as there is no current emergency in the County.

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The following transmittals were presented for the Public Health Department:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an affiliation agreement with the University of Phoenix to allow a Public Health employee to pursue a Bachelor's Degree from the online college. All schoolwork will be performed after hours. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES for the provision of transportation services to children enrolled in Early Intervention or Pre-K Programs. Both programs are State mandated. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Lisa Stone to provide related services to the Preschool Children with Handicapping Conditions Program. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to create and fill the position of full-time Public Health Program Coordinator and abolish the position of full-time Public Health Educator and amend the budget. Mrs. Devlin stated the need to have an individual to coordinate various Department programs. Both the County Administrator and Human Resource Officer have reviewed the change in position. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Oswego CITI BOCES for the provision of vision therapy services for children enrolled in the Physically Handicapping Conditions Program. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to abolish one Early Intervention Services Coordinator position, create and fill one Public Health Program Coordinator position, and amend the budget. Recently received infrastructure funding will be used to pay the salary of the position. Mrs. Devlin noted the Department will receive \$129,427 in NYS Department of Public Health Infrastructure funding for each of the next five years Approved 4-0.

The monthly activities report for the Nursing Home was reviewed. Through April, the Facility had revenue of \$4.9 million and expenses of \$6.4 million. They have a cash balance of \$6.4 million and short-term investments of \$23.9 million. Revenue from meals for the County Jail are running under budget, while meals served through the Café are slightly over budget. The flooring project will be completed this week. Ms. Loucks reported the Facility paid State assessment taxes of \$275,185 through April. Mr. Brady questioned if the Nursing Home would have a greater financial loss in 2023 than in 2022. Ms. Loucks said the way income is received by the Facility makes budgeted for it difficult and as long as the Nursing Home cannot hold all the residents it was built for, there will be an operating loss. The overwhelming majority of services provided at the Facility are needed whether there are 185 resident or 130. Mr. House noted Wayne County's Nursing Home receives one of the lowest Medicaid reimbursement rates in the State; this is due to their solid financial state. Ms. Loucks noted the Facility has not received IGT funding since February 2022; a payment is expected, although not guaranteed, in 2023. Ms. Loucks said she would have

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an updated accounts receivable report for next month reflecting those accounts that were approved to be written-off by Board resolution. Efforts continue to improve the Facility's financial reporting systems.

Mrs. Loucks stated the overall occupancy rate of the Nursing Home was 71% at the end of April, there were six new admissions during the month. The number of residents in the Facility during 2019-2021 were listed in the monthly report. During that time, the Facility was making more revenue; revenue is not coming in at that level because of the low occupancy rate.

The following transmittals were presented for the Nursing Home:

--Authorization to approve out of title pay of \$672 bi-weekly to the Assistant Director of Nursing for performing the tasks and functions of the Director of Nursing while that position was vacant. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to purchase Medicare claim interface software at a price of \$4,940 to assist with Medicare claim submission. Ms. Loucks said the new system is more efficient than the current system. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Ultramobile Imaging Inc. for mobile diagnostic services. The fee charged is based on the published Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. Approved 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting of the Health and Medical Services Committee is scheduled for Monday, July 3rd at 10:00 a.m.