

## MINUTES

### HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

**Monday, October 2, 2023 10:00 a.m.**

Present: Supervisors Robusto, Groat, Bender, Brady, Rose and Eynor, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Brian Sams, Mental Health Director Jim Haitz, Nursing Home Administrator Jeff Stalker, Nursing Home Deputy Comptroller Heather Loucks, Public Health Director Diane Devlin, Purchasing Agent Christopher O'Connor and Auditor Kristen Scott.

Minutes from the September 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Committee meetings were approved as written.

The monthly activities/financial report for the Mental Health Department was reviewed. Through August, the Department had a positive balance of nearly \$580,000 with actual revenues of \$7.1 million and expenses of \$6.5 million. Mr. Haitz reported 92% of billed revenue has been received.

A power point presentation was made on the Mental Health Department. A number of positions were filled during the summer; 17 positions remain vacant. Current and new staff are trained in relation to County and Department compliance issues. Opioid settlement funds are being utilized to place narcan red box overdose emergency kits around the County; Public Health staff are performing actual placement of boxes. Staff continue with Narcan training, kit distribution and efforts to make narcan accessible to our residents. Mr. Haitz noted Wayne County has a high overdose rate and drug test stripes are available at no cost. Supervisors questioned if individuals using drugs would bother to test them for safety. Mr. Haitz said there are some that will. Mrs. Devlin said she would keep track of the number of test stripe that are removed from narcan red boxes.

Mental Health Department statistics show there is nearly an 18% no show for appointment rate; this is lower than the industry standard. At this time there are 170 adults on a waiting list for services and 64 youth, this number is down from the spring. In the first eight months of 2023, the Department served 3,737 individuals. A patient satisfaction survey showed clients are satisfied with the services they receive through Wayne Behavioral Health.

The Mental Health Department sponsored a photo contest for its staff during September. Entries are now being reviewed.

The following transmittals were presented for the Public Health Department:

--Authorization to amend the budget and to accept Public Health Infrastructure funding of \$129,427 annually for five years. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to release Requests for Proposals for the provision of accounting services related to Article 8 State Aid Application and quarterly claims. The Department must submit this

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paperwork annually to the State. Due to staffing changes, reimbursement claims are in jeopardy and this service is needed. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Jamie Randall for the provision of related services to the Preschool Children with Handicapping Conditions Program. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to add a user license for ICLAIM System Corp. for a cost of \$1,275 a month. The new Early Intervention Services Coordinator needs to have access to the system. Approved 5-0.

The following Public Health Reports were reviewed:

- Immunizations: Six adults, 72 children, 36 meningococcal shots were given.
- Communicable Diseases: 46 cases were reported in September, three reports of elevated blood lead levels and two latent TB cases.
- Rabies: Four specimens were submitted during the month and one person is going through post-exposure rabies treatment.
- 220 Safe Sex Kits were distributed during the month.
- COVID: There were 339 documented positive COVID cases during August and September; these are positive test through a lab setting, not at home tests. There have been no new COVID related deaths.
- Education: The list of outreach activities was included with the report. Mrs. Devlin said additional advertising will be looked into for those programs that had limited participation.
- Injury Prevention: Two programs for child passenger safety seats were held and eight seats distributed. One bike helmet was distributed through the Department. A brief discussion took place on the rules for individuals driving electric bikes on the road.
- Opioid Prevention: 34 narcan kits were distributed during the month. Mrs. Devlin ask for Committee approval to place narcan red boxes in County parks; she received approval from the Deputy Superintendent of Public Works to do this. Supervisors questioned if the substance could get in the wrong hands. It was stated narcan is not a substance that can be abused. If temperature would affect the product was questioned. Mrs. Devlin said she would make contact with the Public Health Commissioner in Monroe County, as they have these boxes in their County parks.
- The Office of Cannabis Management held a Board meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> and approved a new application process for adult cannabis use retail dispensaries.
- Chronic Disease: Seven clients attended smoking cessation classes in September.

The Public Health Department is considering the use of the Patagonia Electronic Medical Records System. The system would allow for the exchange of patient data with other care sites and add them directly to patient charts to keep their records up to-date for care coordination support. Several other health departments utilize the Patagonia system. Mrs. Devlin said the

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County Attorney is reviewing the contract the County of Oswego has with Patagonia to see if Wayne County can piggyback off it. The upfront cost of the system is \$30,365, with a monthly user fee of \$1,055. Mrs. Devlin will bring a transmittal requesting authorization to contract for this system to the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Stalker reported the Wayne County Nursing Home has an overall three-star rating through the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. CMS 4-star staffing levels affords the Facility the ability to provide very good resident care. The Nursing Home was informed an IGT payment is forthcoming; however, no date or amount was given. Medicaid rates have been increased due to the Facility's increased case mix. The Nursing Home currently has 34 vacant full-time CNA positions and 10 full-time LPNs; State staffing mandates remain in place. As of this morning, there were 52 open beds in the Facility due to reducing census to meet NYS DOH staffing mandates.

Ms. Loucks reported a large amount of the \$1.3 million in accounts receivable over 120 days is due from Medicaid and Medicare Part A. The Facility is making progress with old payment reimbursements. 100% of August Medicaid reimbursements will be made and July reimbursements are also at 100%. New Medicare billing software will be arriving later this week.

The following transmittals were presented for the Nursing Home:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Bonadio & Co. for assistance with the Office of Medicaid Inspector General audit for a cost of \$19,000. Ms. Loucks reviewed the need for continued use of the accounting firm's services. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a provider agreement with Independent Health to be utilized as a managed Medicare insurance plan. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement renewal with Simple LTC. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract renewal with Rochester Regional Health for the provision of Medical Director Services. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a renewal agreement with Michael Adsit for the provision of dental services. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Maria Gigliotti for the provision of social work services. Pulled.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an application to the NYS Department of Health requesting the Facility be approved as a Nursing Home Medicaid transportation provider. Approved 5-0.

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Ms. Scott brought in a transmittal requesting authorization to amend the contract the Nursing Home has with Sodexo for dietary, housekeeping and maintenance services. Since the pandemic began, the census at the Nursing Home decreased, however the amount being charged by Sodexo for their contracted staff services did not. Ms. Scott noted their contract did not have a provision for lowering costs should the Facility's census decrease. The amendment will decrease operating expenses provided by Sodexo in correlation with the reduction in resident censuses. This will result in a savings of approximately 45,000 a month. Approved 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next meeting of the Health and Medical Services Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.