

MINUTES

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, February 4, 2019 10:10 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Baldrige, Groat, Crane, Chatfield, Jacobs, Emmel, Robusto and LeRoy, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Ken Blake, Nursing Home Administrator Denis Vinnik, Health Facility Comptroller Barbara Keefe, Public Health Director Diane Devlin, Deputy Public Health Director Shane White, Public Health Emergency Planner Christine Bilynski, Mental Health Director Jim Haitz and Deputy Director Ed Hunt.

Minutes from the January 2nd Committee meeting were approved as written.

Mr. Vinnik introduced the new Facility Comptroller, Barbara Keefe, to the Committee.

The financial status of the Nursing Home was reviewed. The cash balance as of the end of 2018 was \$28,905,523 with the average Facility occupancy rate being 96.5% for December. If IGT revenues were not considered the Facility would be in the red by \$36,000. Mr. Vinnik said once debt on the Facility is paid-off, it will reduce annual cost of operations. Mr. Baldrige noted the County's fiscal advisors did not follow through on the necessary paperwork to have bonds paid off on the Nursing Home, thus that action did not occur in late 2018 as desired by the County; he questioned if there would be any legal action taken against the group. Mr. House said nothing is planned at this time. There were 23 admissions to the Nursing Home during the month. The 5-Star Medicare Quality Measure Rating was increased from 4 to 5 stars and the Nursing Home Overall Rating has improved to 3 stars. Mr. Vinnik informed Supervisors the State is pushing to continue to reduce the amount paid to nursing homes through the State Medicaid program.

The open position report for the Nursing Home was presented. There were 36 vacancies at the Facility at the end of January; 18 of these are nursing positions. Mr. Vinnik said staff development will be the focus for the upcoming year. He stated that in general there is a high turnover rate in health care. Mr. Vinnik continues to review positions at the Facility for need.

Mr. Vinnik presented a transmittal requesting authorization to amend the contract with iCircle Services of the Finger Lakes for the provision of long term care and outpatient services. The contract will now include mainstream Medicare Managed Care. Approved 5-0.

The monthly activities report for the Mental Health Office was reviewed. A list of meetings and events Mr. Haitz and staff members attended was included in the report. Staff met with Dephi Rise to discuss the work plan and coordinate plans for Youth Mental Health First Aid Training during 2019. Recruitment efforts continue to fill vacant positions. A conference call was held with Elmira Psychiatric Center to discuss Assertive Community Treatment Team services in Wayne County. A narcan opioid overdose prevention training was held for the public; this will continue to be done on a monthly basis. A conference call was held with the Office of Mental Health Albany Central Office and Department of Children Services to review and discuss Elmira Psych Center's Regional Transformation Plan.

Mr. Haitz reviewed the financial status of the Mental Health Office. During 2018 the Department billed for over \$5.6 million; 90% of these bills have been paid. Total revenues received by the

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Department in 2018 were \$8.6 million with expenses of \$7.4 million, ending the year with a \$1.2 million profit. The Department was budgeted for a loss of \$4,778 in 2018. The majority of bills are paid within 90 days of being requested. Medicaid APG rates are proposed to be continue at the same level for the next few years.

Members reviewed a revenue and cost analysis for full-time and part-time Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner positions at the Mental Health Department that was requested following the last Committee meeting. The part-time position earn \$4,600 more than is paid out for all their expenses to the County, while full-time position earn \$22,227 over their cost. Mr. Haitz stated the need for these clinical positions, noting the Department had over 4,400 patient's in-care during 2018 with over 65,000 visits by their professional staff members. The difficulty in recruiting professional staff continues. Mr. Baldrige questioned the timeframe for voucher reimbursement; he was informed electronic filing of billing and payment has shorted this time to as little as one week in some cases. Supervisors agreed the Mental Health Department could back-fill the vacant full-time Psychiatrist Nurse Practitioner position along with filling the temporary part-time position on a permanent basis.

The following transmittals were presented for the Public Health Office:

--Authorization to abolish the position of Quality Assurance Coordinator. Mrs. Devlin noted the employee in this position was promoted to the Deputy Director position at Public Health the first of the year. Mrs. Crane questioned if the Department, or County, needed to have a certain number of Quality Assurance positions. Mr. House will look into this. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with RxCP Services for the provision of pharmacy consultation for a price of \$1,000. What services are provided under this contract were noted by Mrs. Devlin. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to certify and submit, with the Chairman's signature, the 2019 Public Health State Aid application. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to dispose of a small immunization freezer that is no longer working properly. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to certify and submit, with the Chairman's signature, the Pre-K Annual Administrative Cost Incurred Report. Approved 5-0.

At the request of the Committee, Mrs. Devlin brought in information regarding the use of recreational marijuana. This information related to the health effects of the drug. Supervisors were first asked to consider if the smoking of marijuana should be included in items not allowed in County Parks under the State Law. Wayne County's local law on No Smoking on County Property may need amending to add marijuana to the list. Ms. Devlin said she would review this request with the County Attorney and work on language that would be appropriate in the law. The formal request will be brought before this Committee next month.

Mrs. Devlin noted, some counties are sending resolutions of opposition to the State regarding proposed legislation to legalize recreational marijuana. Supervisors said they would like the opportunity to review the language in other municipal resolutions that have been submitted to the

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State before acting on this issue. Mrs. Devlin said she would obtain these resolutions. Wording for such a resolution will be reviewed by the County Attorney and Mrs. Devlin will bring it to this Committee in March for consideration.

If Wayne County would enact local legislation not to allow the sale or manufacturing of legalized marijuana with the County was questioned; as this can be done. Residents could still legally smoke marijuana in the County; but it could not be purchased here. This would also eliminate the 2% tax the County would otherwise receive on each sale.

Mrs. Devlin presented the Early Intervention Administrative Manual for Committee review and approval. The manual was approved by the Committee.

Mrs. Devlin presented PAC Meeting Minutes from the January 24th meeting for Committee review. Minutes were received and will be filed with the Clerk of the Board.

Supervisor LeRoy left meeting at 11:50 a.m.

The need for Dr. Arun Nagpaul to have his physician re-credentialing updated was presented to the Committee. Mrs. Devlin stated his credentialing was necessary as he is the Medical Director for the Department and this is required for the Licensed Home Care Service Agency status. Committee members were presented with the documentation necessary for re-credentialing Dr. Nagpaul and approved him to operate as the Medical Director for Public Health for the next two years.

The State Department of Health inquired if Wayne County will be conducting mosquito trapping again in 2019. The County has been doing this since 2014 following the death of three horses in the County by Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Trappings are tested for EEE and West Nile Disease. It is known that West Nile Disease is found in mosquitos all over the State and this disease is not general fatal to humans or livestock. EEE is fatal to horses and extremely detrimental to the health of humans that receive it. No mosquito testing has ever come back positive for EEE in Wayne County. The only County cost is for a staff member's time in collecting the traps that are sent to the State for testing. Mrs. Devlin said she would be continuing the Fight The Bite campaign whether or not the County continued mosquito trappings. After a brief discussion, it was agreed mosquito trapping would be continued in 2019.

Mrs. Devlin presented her monthly activities report. It included a list of meetings and events she and her staff attended during January. The Foodlink Curbside Market will continue at the Health Services Building location throughout the winter. There were seven participants in the Weight Loss Contest with all seven receiving either \$10 or \$25 gift cards in relation to their weight loss. Mrs. Devlin said staff is looking into offering wellness seminars to employees on stress management; there is a local individual that is available for motivational speaking. The County had 425 responses to the Community Health Assessment Survey; the Office is reviewing the data that was collected. On January 18th Mrs. Devlin attended a Public Health Accreditation Board Action Plan Workgroup to discuss the actions required to submit the Action Plan for the Multijurisdictional application.

Ms. Bilynski gave a power point presentation on Public Health's Preparedness requirements set by the NYS Department of Health. This report coordinates the Department's preparation and

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response to a large-scale public health emergency and smaller-scale communicable disease threat in the County. Times the Department has been called to put their plan into action were noted, along with annual trainings provided to staff and emergency response agencies.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 a.m. The next meeting of the Health and Medical Services Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 4th at 10:00 a.m.