

MINUTES

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, March 4, 2019 10:13 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Baldrige, Groat, Chatfield, Jacobs, Robusto and Emmel, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Ken Blake, Nursing Home Administrator Denis Vinnik, Health Facility Comptroller Barbara Keefe, Public Health Representatives Diane Devlin and Heather Loucks, Mental Health Director Jim Haitz and Deputy Director Ed Hunt. Supervisor Crane was not present for the meeting.

Minutes from the February 4th Committee meeting were approved as written.

The following transmittals were presented for the Nursing Home:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a three-year contract with Russell Phillips and Associates for the provision of fire safety training of staff. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with Group Workcamps Foundation for the provision of volunteer service projects during 2019. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract renewal with Sodexo Operations LLC. Mr. Vinnik said there is no change in price, this is only an extension of the vendor's existing contract. Usually he has contract extensions approved through letter; however, the County attorney recommended this renewal be done through resolution. Mr. Baldrige noted concern with staff turnover with Sodexo and if this was affecting services at the Nursing Home. Mr. Vinnik said they are working together to resolve staffing concerns. Approved 4-0.

The monthly financial report for the Nursing Home showed a cash fund balance of \$29 million at the end of January; this is up slightly from the previous year. The Facility occupancy rate was 96.5% for the month of January and the CMS Nursing Home Compare rating in quality measures was up from the prior year from 4 to 5 stars and 3 stars in overall rating. Mr. Vinnik informed Supervisors the Governor has reduced Medicaid in his proposed budget. The proposed cut could have a significant impact on the Nursing Home, a decrease in revenue of about \$750,000. Mr. Vinnik has written local State Representatives and asked them to voice the County's opposition to the proposed cut. The proposed reduction will most likely affect all Medicaid providers locally and statewide.

The open position report for the Nursing Home was reviewed. As of the end of February there were 38 open positions, the majority being nurses.

The Annual Report for the Nursing Home was received and filed. The Facility stayed above their goal of 97% occupancy all year and exceeded projected revenues. The Nursing Home received \$5.9 million in Intergovernmental Transfer funds in 2018. Cost reduction efforts made during 2018 were noted in the report; efforts will coming in the coming year. 99% of staff completed mandatory County compliance and workplace violence training. A list of Facility improvement projects were included in the report. During the year the Nursing Home had a personnel turnover rate of 22%.

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The Facility had an annual deficit of \$36,000 in expenses over revenue; these numbers do not include IGT transfers that occurred during the year. The cash fund balance at the end of 2018 was \$28.9 million. In 2018, the Facility had 233 admissions compared to 174 in the prior year.

The following transmittals were presented for the Mental Health Office:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract renewal with the Children's Health Home of Upstate New York for the provision of care management services. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract renewal with Delphi Rise for the provision of drug and alcohol counseling services for a price of \$425,003. Approved 4-0.

The monthly activities report for Mental Health was distributed with the agenda. Recruitment efforts continue in the Office to fill vacant positions. The report listed meetings and events attended by staff. Staff met with Delphi Rise to discuss a work plan and coordination for Youth Mental Health First Aid Training in the County during 2019. A conference call was held with the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services regarding coordinating activities for the Open Access Center and Centers of Intervention. A conference call was held with Elmira Psychiatric Center to discuss Assertive Community Treatment Team services in the County. The local Mental Health Office will be renewing their licenses for all clinics this year, Mr. Haitz has had discussions held with the State Office of Mental Health and local counties regarding the pros and cons of applying for an Integrated Operating License versus a Separate Single Authority Licensure. Mr. Baldrige questioned the difference between one license for the entire Facility versus more than one. Mr. Haitz said this would allow for better coordination and consolidation of programs and services under one body of regulations associated with one regulatory authority. There are also disadvantages to this approach and the Department will further assess this and move forward with the best approach which may be to continue with the current arrangement.

The Department ended last year (2018) on a strong positive financial note with a \$1.2 million surplus. The 2019 monthly financial report for Mental Health showed \$834,222 received in revenue in the first month of the year and \$655,895 paid in expenses. Both Buildings and Grounds and utility expenses for the year were paid in January (IT expenses will post in February). The Mental Health Department is off to a good start with a surplus of \$178,000 for January. Budgeted estimated retirement costs of \$639,623 will not get paid out until December. Mr. Haitz highlight that the Mental Health Offices are open with various programs operating 105 hours a week, including clinic evening hours and weekend & evening hours in the Open Access Center. The offices do not close over the lunch hour.

Mr. Groat questioned why the no-smoking local law on County property is not followed in front of the Health Services Building. Both Mrs. Devlin and Mr. Haitz acknowledged it is an ongoing problem that the law is continuously violated. Mr. Groat would like to have someone from the Sheriff's Office regularly be in the front of the building and start enforcing this law. The human traffic volume for the building is very high. Mr. Haitz stated over 1,300 individuals visit the Mental Health Department at the Health Services Building each week, with an additional 500-700 from the other Departments and staff working in the building.

The Annual Report for the Mental Health Department was received and filed. Wayne Behavioral Health is a comprehensive out-patient service organization providing behavioral healthcare. They

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provide mental health and addiction clinical treatment programs and services, children's school based mental health clinic treatment programs and services, clinical intensive treatment and recovery support services, the Open Access Center, forensic services, case management services, single point of access, alcohol and substance abuse services, crisis and emergency services, mental health first aid, along with many others services/programs. During 2018 40% of Mental Health's clients were in the 18-40 age group and 31% in the 5-17 age group. The majority of those served were Caucasian and in a low income group. The Agency brought in revenue of \$8.6 million last year with expenses of \$7.4 million. \$5.6 million in State funding passed through the Department to community based providers. Over 4,400 residents received treatment at Wayne Behavioral Health in 2018.

Mrs. Devlin presented a transmittal requesting authorization to advertise Children with Special Health Care Needs, Fight the Bite Campaign and Public Health Education at Colburn Park during the Newark Pilots 2019 baseball season for a price of \$6,900. The cost is paid for with grant funding. Mrs. Devlin said she believes billboard advertising would be more effective for public awareness of these programs; however, it was decided a few years ago that the promotion of such programs was not depicting Wayne County in a positive light and should not be done. The public ballpark is one place she has to advertise the program. Approved 4-0.

Mrs. Devin reviewed her monthly activities report. A pilot program will begin in the Public Health Department for healthy food purchase and pick-up. If at least 10 employees sign up for this program it can take place at any County building. The food consist of fresh produce and frozen meats. Participants would place their own orders and be responsible for payment and pick-up. Through the Employee Wellness Program another walking contest is underway, with teams in a competition to walk 2,019 miles. The action plan for the accreditation process was sent in today. Staff is in the process of reviewing data for the objective and activities for the 2016-2018 Community Health Improvement Plan. There is software now available that will locate areas with high drug overdoses; Mrs. Devlin believes such a system would allow her Office to establish contact with the overdose survivors. The local Public Health Office, along with all local health departments, will be participating in a Public Health Asset Distribution exercise on April 4th; this event will allow non-public health agencies to practice their ability in emergency situations. The report also included a list of meetings and events attended by Mrs. Devlin and staff members during February.

Committee members were informed the Public Health Office makes contact with all parents of newborns and provides them with educational materials. They also send letters to parents of children who reach age one and age two with requests to have lead testing performed.

Mr. Groat questioned if information could be supplied by the Public Health Office to the Board of Elections, in an effort to keep their enrollment books up to date in relation to individuals who have passed away. Mrs. Devlin said this could be done.

The 2018 Annual Report for the Public Health Department was received and filed. Due to time restraints, it was agreed the report would be reviewed with the Committee at their April meeting.

Discussion continued from last month on the Governor's proposal to legalize recreational marijuana. Mrs. Devlin submitted a sample resolution opposing the State's proposed action to legalize the sale of this drug; this was written with the assistance of the County Attorney. She has been trying to find an objective person to speak before the full board on this issue; it has been

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difficult to find someone. A power point presentation was given. Facts have shown marijuana is a substance that goes into your body and is rapidly becoming more available and is more potent than in the past. Marijuana is considered to be a gateway drug. Thirty-three states now allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes and nine states, plus the District of Columbia, have legalized recreational use of the drug. Marijuana use in the United States continues to increase; with 15% of the public using the drug. Use by pregnant women is causing harm to both them and their babies. Persistent use of cannabis showed lower intelligence along with other medical consequences. In the Governor's proposal to legalize this drug, he states 2% of the revenue from sales will go into treatment plans; however, where the remaining 98% of revenue will go has not been determined. The transmittal presented by Mrs. Devlin listed reasons why the County opposes the legalization of marijuana. Supervisors present said they believe there is a lot of work the State needs to do before legalizing this drug. Mrs. Devlin said her Department would need an additional Public Health Educator if the proposal does become law, due to the work it would take the Office to educate the public on marijuana use. A survey could go out to the community inquiring on their feelings about legalization of this drug. If the proposed transmittal is passed by the Board, it would be the first municipal resolution in the State opposing the proposed action of the Governor. Mrs. Jacobs said she believes all Board members need to see the information that was presented today and educated on this subject. It was agreed the transmittal would not be voted upon today, but revised and submitted for Committee approval in April. Mr. Baldrige said he would talk to the Chairman of the Board about how he would like this issue presented to the Board.

Mr. Emmel left meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Ms. Loucks presented a letter from Arc Wayne stating this agency will discontinue their early intervention services as they can no longer afford to provide the service at the financial loss they have been. Roosevelt Children's Center, the Arc, is a center-based program and the County's main vendor for early intervention services. If they are not utilize, out of County vendors would have to be used. This would result in additional time in busing students to locations in Canandaigua and Geneva and loss of program availability. The State has not increased the rate they are paying early intervention service providers for the past 20 years. Mrs. Devlin noted this is a mandated program and the County has no control over the reimbursement rates the Arc is receiving. The cost for the County to establish their own early intervention program with accommodating space would be extremely costly as will the increase in transportation costs for children forced to receive services outside of the County. Mrs. Devlin said talks have taken place with Arc reps and County Officials. It is believed the Arc would need approximately \$390,000 in funds to keep them from losing money on this program in the coming year.

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m. The next meeting of the Public Health Committee is scheduled for April 1st at 10:00 a.m.