

MINUTES

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, April 1, 2019 10:00 a.m.

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

Minutes from the March 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 contract with MDS Consultants for the provision of training staff for a price of \$220 an hour. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with UnitedHealthcare for the provision of long term care and outpatient services. Ms. Keefe said this action will increase the number of insurance companies that are accepted at the Nursing Home; rates are still being negotiated with this company. Approved 5-0.

The monthly personnel report was reviewed. At the end of March there were 40 open positions at the Facility; 19 of the vacancies were nurses and 9 aides.

The monthly financial report for the Nursing Home was presented. The cash fund balance as of February 28th was nearly \$29 million; the Facility is not utilizing cash reserves at this time. The overall occupancy rate was 97.5% in February with 15 admissions; this is higher than anticipated. The Quality Measure Rating was increased to 5-stars. Refinancing of bonds will be taking place soon; the County Treasurer is working on this project. Mr. Baldrige said he would like to see consequences for the fiscal advisor that caused the initial refinancing date to be missed.

Mr. Blake noted 2018 salary expenses at the Nursing Home were under budget by about \$700,000.

Mr. Haitz reviewed the monthly financial report for Mental Health. Through February the Office received revenue of \$1.75 million and had expenses of \$1.28 million. Buildings and Grounds costs for the year have been paid; however, retirement and Information Technology fees have yet to be paid.

The monthly activities report for Mental Health was distributed. Mr. Haitz said Mental Health Clinical Teams and Sheriff's Office School Resource Officers are coordinating their efforts in area schools. Staff participated in the re-certification process with the Office of Mental Health for the Elmira Psych Center and various programs. Mr. Haitz has been working with the County's Public Health Director to launch a County Opioid Task Force. Efforts continue to recruit staff. The report included a list of meetings and events Mr. Haitz and staff attended.

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Mrs. Crane questioned the status of Mental Health's mobile service van. She was informed the dealer can only supply one van at this time, so the order for the second van was cancelled. The vehicle will be appropriately marked on the exterior to let the public know its function. The vehicle will be paid for with State Aid funds.

The following transmittals were presented for the Mental Health Department:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a renewal contract with ACM Medical Laboratory for the provision of laboratory testing, analysis and specimen pick-up. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to re-appoint members to the Wayne County Community Services Board. Approved 5-0.

The following transmittals were presented for the Public Health Office:

--Authorization to gain access to a high intensity drug trafficking area overdose detection mapping application program. This free program is being made available to the County to assist public health, fire, emergency medical services and law enforcement agencies track known and suspected overdoses incidents, identify areas with spikes in drug usage, and create clusters of suspected overdoses. The 911 Center agreed to be responsible to enter information into the system; only designated individuals will be allowed to provide 911 with information going into the system. If the transmittal should specify who will have access to the system was questioned. Approved 5-0. Mr. Baldrige requested a report on how this system is working once it is in operation for a few months.

--Authorization to oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana proposed by State legislative action. Mrs. Devlin stated the request she made had a different title than the request presented today. It was requested the title be changed to read, "Requesting a moratorium on the legalizing of recreational marijuana proposed by State Legislation". Committee members agreed this request is being made until further non-bias research can be conducted on the potential and known health and social ramifications of using this drug. Mr. Haitz noted the State Department of Mental Health submitted a position paper to the Governor and State Legislature in opposition to the legalization of recreational marijuana. Mr. Groat said he would like to see the State put in writing how they intend to deal with issues relating to the recreational use of this drug. Mr. Baldrige questioned if a similar resolution of opposition would be issued through the County's Public Safety Committee noting the public safety issues legalization of recreational marijuana could have. Approved 5-0.

The proposed survey for County residents in regard to their feelings on the legalization of recreational marijuana was reviewed. This survey was presented to the full Board at their March 19th meeting. Some Supervisors questioned if the survey should be put out at this time, as the income from taxes on recreational marijuana were not included in the Governor's 2019-20 budget. They also questioned if individuals completing the survey were educated on the issue; requesting a statement be added that would ask if they were not at all informed, somewhat informed or very well informed on this issue. It was also agreed the survey would provide a link to a webpage that includes information about use of recreational marijuana. The survey would be distributed to the public through local newspapers, on Facebook and other electronic media. After a lengthy discussion, Committee members voted that the survey would be released in the near future;

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however, only include the following questions: 1) The NYS Legislature in Albany MAY pass legislation to legalize recreational adult use of marijuana. Do you support or oppose the passing of such legislation? 2) Please tell us what township you live in. The survey would also include the name of a link to obtain additional information about recreational marijuana usage. Vote 3-2, Supervisors Crane and Chatfield opposed the survey being distributed at this time.

--Authorization to urge the Governor and State Legislature to significantly increase early intervention reimbursement rates to prevent further loss of existing approved early intervention providers and to persuade new providers to the program. The cost of offering these services continues to increase; however, rates to providers have not been increased in 20 years. Approved 5-0. A copy of this transmittal, once passed by the full Board, will be presented at the April 19th Western New York InterCounty Association meeting.

--Authorization to amend Board Resolution No. 170-18 in relation to the signing of a contract with ISALUS Healthcare for electronic medical billing; it was noted this contract is auto-renewing. Approved 5-0.

Mrs. Devlin reviewed activities in her Office since the last Committee meeting. The Wellness Committee continues to meet monthly and is working to continue the Foodlink Curbside Market and offering weight loss and walking contests. Supervisor Emmel is looking for a spot in downtown Lyons where the Curbside Market can set up; a schedule has yet to be determined. The Good Food Collective Program has begun and is working out well at the Health Services Building. Through this program participants are provided with fresh, healthy, seasonal offerings all from organic certified New York farms. The shortage of Early Intervention providers remains a concern; a presentation was made to the full Board last month regarding this issue. The County's Action Plan was submitted and accepted by the Public Health Accreditation Board; all other participating counties must do the same. The first meeting of the Wayne County Opioid Task Force is scheduled for April 23rd; Mrs. Devlin is co-chair of this group. On April 4th all Public Health Departments will be participating in a Public Health Asset Distribution exercise. Several school districts have contacted the Health Department looking for assistance with teen vaping issues. There have been 921 reported cases of Influenza A in Wayne County this season. There have not been any reported cases of measles. The prevalence of STD cases in Wayne County is on the rise. In an effort to reduce the continued growth of this health issue, the local Public Health Office will be piloting a "Condom Jar" project offering free condoms in some County Building restrooms and bars that tend to have a high number of this population. Mrs. Devlin will let the Committee know how this program is going in a few months. The report included a list of meetings and events Mrs. Devlin and staff members attended.

The 2018 Annual Report for the Public Health Department was received and filed last month. The Department works to protect the health of Wayne County citizen, prevent disease, injury and help residents make informed choices about their health. The Office continues to work on their accreditation process. The Pubic Health Department offered the following programs during the past year: Disease Control, Family Heath, Public Health Education, Public Health Preparedness, Children with Special Needs and Public Heath Finance. In 2018 the Office took part in 197 reportable communicable disease investigations. The number of sexually reported diseases in the County increased during the year. The County had 1,417 cases of influenza in 2018. The Office conducted 14 flu clinics at various locations and vaccinated 779 people. Staff investigated 327 rabid animal bite reports and submitted 44 specimens to the State for testing. The Office had

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35 referrals to the TB Program, finding no active cases. With grant funds the Department distributed 38 child restraint seats in 2017-18 and inspected another 68 seats. The Office distributed over 340 bicycle helmets through their Wheel Sport Safety and Helmet Distribution Program. A total of 1,458 children were tested for lead poisoning in Wayne County, with three children identified with elevated lead levels. The number of Early Intervention referrals continued to increase, with 253 new referrals and 377 children and infants enrolled in the program in 2018. There were 508 children enrolled in the Pre-School Special Education Program last year. A list of activities the Department took on in 2018 to promote public health were noted in the report. The Department operated at a County cost of \$3.7 million, having over \$9.4 million in expenses; State funding offset the local cost of programs.

Mrs. Devlin distributed information on the need for a Quality Assurance Coordinator in the Public Health Department; it was noted this position was eliminated last year when the Department added on one and a half Early Intervention Service Coordinator positions. The job duties of the position are to objectively audit client charts and fiscal documents; this is too large of a job for an existing staff member to take on. State Aide will cover a large portion of the cost of the new position, but not all. Mr. Groat questioned if the Quality Assurance staff member at the Nursing Home could be shared with the Public Health Department; Mrs. Devlin said she would look into this.

Mrs. Devlin informed Supervisors the contract with Rochester Medical Transport will not be renewed past their August 31st end date. She noted several complaints from families about the transportation service they provide youth in the Pre-K and Early Intervention center-based programs and contractual issues that are not being followed. She presented written documentation about contractual issues this transportation company has not followed and complaints that have been received about their service.

Mr. Baldrige noted the County did not score well in a recent State Health Rating Survey. He questioned the validity of some of the rankings, questioning if the County should address some of the issues through a corrective action plan. Mrs. Devlin noted concern with the high number of obese individuals in the County; saying this is probably noted in the survey.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting of the Health and Medical Services Committee is scheduled Monday, May 6th at 10:00 a.m.