

MINUTES

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, August 5, 2019 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Mr. Haitz reviewed the current financial status of the Mental Health Office with the Committee. Through April the Department billed for \$4.8 million and had expenses of \$4 million; the majority of bills are paid within 90 days. The report reflects a strong financial picture for the Agency.

Mr. Haitz presented a transmittal requesting authorization to participate in a New York State Office of Mental Health Pilot Project and to establish a business associate agreement between the Behavioral Health Network Office, the County Sheriff's Office and Zoom Video Communications. This project will have no County cost and provide innovative telehealth technology to police responding to individuals with mental health issues and immediate mental health care response, if needed. This resource would allow Deputies to remain in control of a scene with consultation services on mental health issues available to them. Approved 5-0.

Mr. Haitz informed Supervisors the State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse conducted an unannounced on-site visit last week; this review is needed for the Office to keep their license. The exit summary was very positive; a written report of their findings will be issued soon. The State Office of Mental Health will be in this week to audit the Department.

The need to provide outreach care to County residents has been reviewed with County Administration and the Nursing Home Administrator. The Mental Health Department does not have the proper vehicle to meet their transportation needs for the Psycho-Social Program. The Nursing Home has an oversized van they use for transportation purposes and allow the Department of Social Services to utilize a van as needed and would allow Mental Health to use a van. Mr. Haitz said transportation services are generally only needed one time a week. He priced contracting with WATS for this service; that was very costly. Mr. Vinnik stated Nursing Home vans were purchased with County funds and he sees no reason why other County Departments cannot utilize them when the Nursing Home is not. Supervisors questioned if both Mental Health and Social Services should assist in paying when a vehicle replacement is needed at the Nursing Home.

As of July 25th, the Nursing Home had 44 vacant positions, the majority being in the nursing department. Mr. Vinnik stated how difficult it is to find good staff.

Ms. Keefe reviewed the financial status of the Nursing Home. The Facility's cash fund balance as of June 30th was \$8,465,463, short term T-bill investments are up to \$24.3 million. The overall occupancy rate at the Facility was 97.3% in June, with 15 admissions. The Facility overall Medicare 5-Star rating remains at three stars overall. In the first six months of the year expenses were over revenues by about \$96,000; this number does not include IGT revenue.

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Mr. Vinnik presented a transmittal requesting authorization to accept bids for the purchase of electronic medical records and financial software for a price of \$29,248; only two proposals for this service were received. Both vendors provided on-site demonstrations of their products and Point Click Care was selected. Mr. Vinnik said the 2020 Department budget includes the cost of this contract. The selected vendor is eligible for some reimbursement through the State. Approved 5-0.

Mrs. Devlin presented Professional Advisory Committee meeting minutes from July 25th for the groups approved. A copy of the minutes will be filed with the Clerk of the Board.

Supervisor LeRoy left meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Mrs. Devlin reviewed activities in her Office since the last Committee meeting. The Department will be requesting authorization to create and fill a full-time Public Health Specialist position that would be funded 10% by vending machine proceeds; Mrs. Devlin said it is difficult to maintain a comprehensive Employee Wellness Program without having a person dedication to its coordination. The out of County transportation bids for Early Intervention and Pre-School Physically Handicapped Education was awarded to Transpo. The Department continues its effort to control the use of tobacco products. Smokers continue to congregate in the front of the building; Sheriff's Deputies make occasional visits to the area reminding those individuals smoking it is not allowed on County property. Mrs. Jacobs questioned if the County's local law on smoking should be amended to include a smoking area for this campus. Mr. Robusto said he does not see this issue going away. Mr. Groat said he would not support any change to the existing local law and wants to see the current law enforced. The Overdose Detection Mapping Application program has been implemented and 911 Dispatchers are register and watching tutorials. Public Health staff are participating in COOP training; the Department has a plan in place; however, is reviewing their plan during this training. The report included a list of meetings and events attended in July by Mrs. Devlin.

Committee members were requested to approve Tuberculosis and Rabies manuals. The manuals were accepted by the Committee.

The following transmittals were presented for the Public Health Department:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES for transportation of children in the Early Intervention and Pre-K Programs. The rate is \$44 per child per day. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Oswego CiTi BOCES for the provision of vision therapy services for children with handicapping conditions. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Health Research Inc. for the provision of public health emergency preparedness activities for a five-year cost of \$80,645. Approved 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting of the Health and Medical Services Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd at 12:00 noon.