

MINUTES

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Baldrige, Groat, Jacobs, Crane, Chatfield and Robusto, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Ken Blake, Nursing Home Administrator Denis Vinnik, Nursing Home Comptroller Barbara Keefe, Mental Health Director Jim Haitz, Deputy Mental Health Director Ed Hunt, Public Health Director Diane Devlin and Public Health Coordinator of Lead Poison Prevention Programs Chris Gedney.

Minutes from the August 5th Committee meeting were approved as written.

Both Substance Abuse and Mental Health Clinic licenses were re-certified by the State during August. Mental Health Department staff coordinated and planned for the new electronic medical records vendor and attended meetings regarding under-utilization of State funding and vacant beds in Lakeview Apartment programs. Staff are coordinating efforts for new programs being offered in area schools this year and the Department is working on internship opportunities with St. John Fisher College regarding their new Master's degree in Public Health Administration. Efforts continue with recruitment to fill vacant positions. The report included a list of meetings and events Mr. Haitz attended during August.

Pictures of a proposed graphic vehicle wrap design for the Mental Health mobile clinic were reviewed. This van will not go to individual homes but will be in the community to provide services. Mr. Haitz said the Department's '800' number will be incorporated into this designed. The Committee provided positive feedback on the design and approved it. Mr. Haitz will go forward with the vendor to have the wrap installed on the vehicle.

Mr. Haitz reviewed the financial status of the Mental Health Department. Through July the Department received revenues of \$5.6 million and had expenses of \$4.68 million; both annual Buildings and Grounds and Information Technology chargebacks have been paid in full for the year. The annual retirement cost of \$639,302 will not be taken from the budget until late fall. The number of referrals made to the Department continues to increase.

The following transmittals were presented for the Mental Health Department:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract amendment with the Ten-Eleven Group in regard to the County's purchase of a clinical health care electronic medical records system and the need to purchase an additional software license for a price of \$1,800. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an indemnification agreement with Genesee County. This action would designate Genesee County to serve as the lead agency and trustee for a group of counties and agencies involve in the Integrity Partners of Behavioral Health Care Partnership and the Value Based Readiness Program. Genesee County will be responsible for receiving and distributing all funds associated with this collaborative network and receive no administrative fee for providing the service. Approved 5-0.

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The monthly financial status of the Nursing Home was reviewed. As of the end of July, the Facility was operating at a surplus of \$307,983. Investment income is currently over budget and anticipated to be over budget at the end of the year. The occupancy rate was 98.1% for short term residents and 98.6% for long term residents during July. Mr. Vinnik said the Facility received an announcement that an IGT payment will be released later this year. The overall rating and health inspection rating both increased, while the staff rating and quality measures ratings decreased since last year at the same time. The Nursing Home had 46 open position at the end of July; a large number of those vacancies are within the nursing department.

The following transmittals were presented for the Nursing Home:

--Authorization to set the private pay room rate at \$350 for a semi private room and \$380 for a private room in 2020. A 6.8% State Assessment Tax will be owed in addition to these amounts. Mr. Vinnik said these rates are competitive, or slightly above, area nursing homes. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a rental agreement with Mission Health Concepts for the provision of equipment rental for an amount not to exceed \$63,000. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract amendment with VNA Homecare Options. The change will convert this provider's agreement to a Level 2 Value Based Payment arrangement. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with SNFQAPI for the provision of computer software services. Approved 5-0.

The following transmittals were presented for the Public Health Department:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a service agreement with Common Ground Health for the provision of developing regional collaborations for data and analysis for a price not to exceed \$7,500. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization of the Chairman of the Board to sign a related services contract with Kevin Penner for the provision of occupational services to a child in the County's Pre-K Program. This Wayne County child was approved for services; however, is in the Mid Lakes School District and the County was not aware these services were being provided by an out of county provider. Approved 5-0.

Mrs. Devlin and Mrs. Gedney gave a brief presentation on the County's Lead Poison Prevention Program. There have been changes in the State law lowering the blood lead level to 5mcg/dl that would require a home visit by the Public Health Lead Coordinator and a Sanitarian from the NYS Department of Health (DOH) Geneva District Office. Previously only home visits were made if the blood lead level was 15mcg/dl or greater by Public Health and DOH Sanitarians. With the change in the law, the expected increased case load for PH will be 35 extra cases requiring action. No expected need for extra staff to perform this service will be required at this moment. It was noted that the Geneva Office of the DOH has hired extra staff to provide this service for Wayne, Ontario and Yates Counties. The County has 12 cases, dating back to 2010 that remain open, as the amount of lead in the individuals' blood stream has not been reduced. Mr. Baldrige

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questioned if any lead problems have been found from drinking water. Mrs. Gedney provided education on how to flush lead pipes before using water from the faucet. The lead source for the majority of cases are still from lead based paint.

Mrs. Devlin reviewed her proposed 2020 Department budget. The budget is up 14.6% with unpreventable expenses of two vehicles, salary and fringe benefits, payment of overtime now that a comp time cap has been imposed, an increase in the chargeback from Public Works for cleaning of office space and increases in contract services for the Early Intervention Program. Mrs. Devlin stated the second vehicle (van) will only be purchased if the Department is awarded a Performance Incentive award this fall.

The proposal includes the new position of Public Health Specialist. This individual would perform quality assurance, be in charge of the employee wellness program and assist with accreditation of the Department. The position will be paid for with some Article 6 State Aid funding, funds from the County's Healthy Vending Program and \$18,000 from a direct County appropriation. Mr. Groat questioned if the Health Care Trust could contribute toward this individual's salary, as the Public Health Specialist will be in charge of the County's Employee Wellness Program. Mr. Baldrige noted the financial status of the Health Care Trust is declining. Mr. Groat said he believes funding such a staff member would be a good investment toward the health of County employees; the amount needed that is not covered by other sources would be \$18,332. Mr. Baldrige said if such a request was to be made to the Trust Board the dollar value of the staff member would have to be identified. The Trust Board would then have to decide the value of the position. If the Trust pays a portion of the County's Insurance Specialist salary was questioned. (After the meeting it was determined the Trust does not pay any portion of that employee's salary.) Mr. Groat questioned if there was a conflict of interest with County Supervisors being on the Health Care Trust Board. It was agreed Mr. Groat would work with administration to develop the value of the Public Health Specialist position to the Health Care Trust, with financial figures, and bring this information into the next Public Health Committee meeting.

Mrs. Devlin said the Public Health budget would have less than a 6% increase if Early Intervention supplemental cost could be removed.

The monthly activities report was reviewed; it included a list of meetings and events attended by Mrs. Devlin. The Employee Wellness Committee is working with the Human Resource Office to organize two free Employee Assistance Program information meetings. Staff are reviewing a draft copy of the 2019-2021 Community Health Assessment that was produced by Common Ground Health. Concern remains high with teenage vaping. An evidence based program for teens was conducted on August 27th. Mrs. Devlin has been requested to speak at the upcoming NYSAC Conference at a session on vaping and e-cigarettes. 911 Supervisors have been training on the ODMAP application. Staff continue to participate in Continuity of Operations Program training, and they have reached out to school district's transportation departments to identify addresses of Mennonite or Amish schools to assist with educating the Amish and Mennonite communities on the new non-medical exemptions law. Several members of the Wayne Health Improvement Partnership are working on a survey with schools, food pantries and customers of food pantries to identify the need of existing pantries and need to create new pantry in the community. The Office is currently working on a rabies case that involves 15 children and two adults; all are receiving treatment at this time. Some members of this group reside in Pennsylvania and treatment is being provided there; however, Wayne County is responsible for that cost. Mrs. Devlin will keep the Committee updated on this expenses, as it could be in the thousands.

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Supervisors questioned the responsibility of the individual that owns a rabid domestic animal. Mr. Baldrige said the issue should be discussed with area magistrates to see if there is a law on the books regarding this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Health and Medical Services Committee is scheduled for Friday, September 13th at 1:00 p.m. for budget review.