

MINUTES

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, January 6, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Jacobs, Groat, Leonard, Chatfield, Groat and Miller, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Ken Blake, Public Health Director Diane Devlin, Mental Health Director Jim Haitz and Deputy Director Ed Hunt, Nursing Home Administrator Denis Vinnik and Comptroller Barbara Keefe. Supervisors Eygnor and Bender were not present for the meeting.

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

The following transmittals were presented for the Public Health Department:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an annual contract with RxCP Services for the provision of pharmacy consultation services. Approved 3-0.

--Authorization to create and fill the position of full-time Public Health Specialist. Mrs. Devlin noted the lack of consistency due to staff shortages, making it difficult to perform mandated quality assurance audits, quality improvement projects and program evaluations since the elimination of the Quality Improvement Coordinator position. The new position has been reviewed and approved through the Human Resource Office and has been included in the Department's 2020 budget. Approved 3-0.

--Authorization to purchase an app from OVC, LLC for a price of \$14,000. The app would provide unified messaging across all service sectors in the County. Messages would include health education, chronic disease prevention, wellbeing and mental health promotion and substance use prevention. The Community Schools Program will provide \$7,000 toward the cost of the apps creation. The purchase of this program has been reviewed and approved by the County's Purchasing Clerk. Approved 3-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Rochester Regional Health System's Department of Pulmonary Medicine to provide medical consultant services for the County's Tuberculosis Program at a price of \$11,860. Approved 3-0.

The monthly activities report for the Public Health Department was included with the agenda. To date there have been 177 Influenza B cases in the County and 19 Influenza A cases. Every Wednesday the State provides an update on confirmed influenza cases. The Department has been working in coordination with other service agencies to assist residents of the Sandhill Trailer Park regarding the parks pending closure due to electrical and sewage issues. Mrs. Devlin said she is waiting to hear if the State will be providing the displaced residents with new trailers. Recent reports show the heavy toll poverty is taking on our region and that low income areas

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typically have the highest premature mortality rate. A report on poverty in Wayne County will be made before this Committee in March and followed by a presentation before the full Board later that month by Common Ground Health. The report included a list of meetings and events attended by Mrs. Devlin during December.

The Public Health Department will be conducting a staging site exercise on March 25th at the Fire Training Building. During the event the Department will have to show they are capable of receiving public health assets. They will show they are capable to receive the assets, taking inventory, filling an order and sending assets to a Point of Dispensing (POD) site. A planning meeting will be held on February 13th with the departments involved in the drill.

The Committee was informed an Amish owned horse died of rabies in early December. Three individuals in the family have been treated for rabies exposure; the cost of treatment was incurred by the County as the family does not have health insurance.

The monthly report for the Nursing Home was distributed with the agenda. At the end of November the Facility had an operating cash balance of approximately \$2 million. In 2019, the Facility received \$5.8 million in Intergovernmental Transfers (IGT). Ms. Keefe stated IGT payments are not made on a regular basis. She also noted the Facility is earning more money on its investments than budgeted. The State is talking about making additional cost reductions to nursing homes. 2019 will end with a potential surplus for the Nursing Home. Remaining bonds on the Facility can be called at a later date; the Nursing Home Administrator and Comptroller will follow-up with Treasures Office for an updated schedule.

There were 14 admissions to the Nursing Home in November resulting in an occupancy rate of 96.4%. The Overall Medicare 5-Star rating at the Nursing Home remains at 3 stars. There were 44 staff vacancies at the end of November, 18 nursing positions and 19 certified nursing assistants.

Mr. Vinnik presented a transmittal requesting authorization to amend the contract with UnitedHealthcare due to a change in their shared savings program that will allow the Nursing Home to earn more money each month if they reach certain quality targets. Approved 3-0.

Mental Health went live with implementation of their electronic medical records system. Through November the Department total revenue is over \$8.5 million and had expenses of \$7.4 million. Mr. Haitz said 2019 will end, again this year, with a budget surplus. The budget reflects retirement's costs for the year; however, the actual cost of retirement is not paid until December.

The monthly activities report for Mental Health was reviewed, it included a list of meetings and events attended by staff in December. Recruitment efforts continue to fill vacancies in the Department; there is a shortage of health related professionals which has made it difficult to

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recruit new employees. The Mental Health Department serves about 5,000 patients annually. Mr. Hartz reviewed the type of programs offered and their locations. The University at Buffalo Evidence Based Practice Training Program will be made available to staff at no cost.

The following transmittals were presented for the Mental Health Department:

--Authorization to have the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract amendment with Ten-Eleven Group, LLC due to the need for additional software user licenses at a cost of \$5,760. Approved 3-0.

--Authorization to create and fill the position of full-time Community School Coordinator and amend the budget. The new position will have no County cost. Mr. Hartz informed Supervisors the United States Department of Education awarded \$2.5 million to area schools to bolster their on-site mental health services with an emphasis on prevention. Approved 3-0.

--Authorization to abolish the position of full-time Staff Social Worker and create and fill one full-time Substance Abuse Counselor position and amend the budget. Mr. Hartz said the Staff Social Worker position is currently vacant and the Department would be better served by an additional Counselor position and some cost savings would also be realized. No additional funds are needed in the budget for the change in title. Approved 3-0.

Mr. Hartz said the Mental Health Department is also preparing for Medicaid & Medicare Managed Care rate cuts of 1% from the State in the very near future. County programs are anticipated to be cut by about \$40,000-\$45,000 in the coming year which the Department should be able to manage.

Supervisors were informed the 2020 Mental Health budget includes funding for the renovation of the medical/nursing suite. No work has been done to this area of the building since it was constructed about 25 years ago.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next meeting of the Health and Medical Services Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 3rd at 10:00 a.m.