

## MINUTES

### HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

**Monday, July 6, 2020 10:00 a.m.**

Present: Supervisors Jacobs, Groat, Kolczynski, Bender and Leonard, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Ken Blake, Public Health Director Diane Devlin, Mental Health Director Jim Haitz, Deputy Director Ed Hunt, Nursing Home Administrator Denis Vinnik and Nursing Home Comptroller Barbara Keefe.

Minutes from the June 1<sup>st</sup> Committee meeting were approved as written.

The monthly financial report for the Mental Health Department was reviewed. During the first five months of year the Department had actual revenues of \$3.9 million and expenses of \$3.5 million. During May the Department had an all-time high in billable revenues, conducting over 1,500 billable visits a week. The State, during the COVID situation, is allowing Mental Health Departments to round up to the highest 15 minute segment for their services; that has allowed for a higher amount of billable service hours.

The following transmittals were presented for the Mental Health Department:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Molina Healthcare Inc. for the provision of behavioral health and related support services. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to develop a social media platforms. Mr. Haitz said such a presence would allow for the release of pertinent educational and factual information and make the public aware of the services offered by the Mental Health Department. A business justification for this request was presented. Mr. Kolczynski asked how these platforms would be shut down and re-opened if there was misuse of the site; Mr. House said that issue has yet to be addressed, but he will bring it to the attention of the IT Department. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Monroe Plan, Inc. for the provision of behavioral health and related support services. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for a critical and essential Department employee to work from home utilizing psychiatric tele-practice technology. The employee making this request has been a Child Psychiatric with the Mental Health Department for many years and is unable to work inside the clinic due to circumstances and risks related to the COVID-19 situation. Mr. Haitz said at this time 75% of the Department's services are being provide by tele-health. The need to continue psychiatric services to youth was stated by Mr. Haitz; the system being used is secure. Approved 5-0. Mrs. Jacobs requested a copy of the County's policy on employees working from home. Mr. Haitz noted clinic's no-show rate before the COVID-19 situation averaged 39%; due to tele-conferencing the no-show rate is now down to 6%.

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The monthly activities report for the Nursing Home was reviewed. The cash fund balance at the end of May was \$4 million. Investment income and accounts receivable are doing well. The overall Facility's occupancy rate for May was 95.2%, an increase from the prior month. The Nursing Home had 44 empty positions at the end of April, 18 nursing and 19 Aide positions.

Mr. Vinnik reported the Nursing Home uploaded MDS data for CMI (Case Mix Index) information to the State last week; this is important for reimbursement for our Nursing Home. The Facility is still implementing measures to improve their staffing rating, but it is extremely difficult to fill nursing and aide positions. Mr. Kolczynski questioned if the pay being provided by Wayne County is competitive with other nursing homes and healthcare systems in the area. Mr. Vinnik said many healthcare organizations are offering a signing bonus or offer to pay off loans; the County does neither. The County's Nursing Home is looking into ways to provide their employees with education through partnerships with other community agencies to assist with the CNA to LPN program.

The following transmittals were presented for the Nursing Home:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with the Veterans Service Administration for the provision of nursing home care services for beneficiaries of the Veterans Service Administration. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with Newark-Wayne Community Hospital for the provision of laboratory services. Mr. Vinnik noted the lab is not available at this time due to the COVID-19 situation. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with UltraMobile Imaging, Inc. for the provision of mobile diagnostic services. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with SightRite Eye Care Services for the provision of optometry services to Nursing Home residents. Approved 5-0.

The following transmittals were presented for the Public Health Department:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with the Lyons Central School District for the provision of special education or programs for the Pre-School Children with Handicapping Conditions Program. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with the Lyons Central School District for the provision of providing related services to Pre-School Children with Handicapping Conditions. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to abolish the position of Supervising Public Health Nurse and create and fill the position of a Public Health Nurse. Mrs. Devlin requested this transmittal be pulled.

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The monthly report for the Public Health Office was reviewed. Mrs. Devlin stated staff have dedicated a great deal of time to the COVID-19 situation; she is not certain when this will end. Mrs. Devlin commended staff for the long hours they have worked in order to fulfill the Department's obligation to meet State regulations regarding the virus. The Office is offering educational materials and supplies to new cases and contacts. As the result of the COVID-19 situation, early education in-school programs have been cancelled; services are being offered via tele-conference. Over 50% of the families are continuing service via tele-therapy. Pre-school Supportive Services are still not taking place in person, but being offering by tele-therapy. The Department's Public Health Educator has been creating and getting out to the public new COVID-19 education and messages. This individual releases new statistical data regarding the number of positive cases, tests conducted, resolved cases, hospitalized individuals and deaths. Mrs. Devlin noted many Public Health services were put on hold at the local level as staff were re-assigned to respond to COVID-19. Every Monday at 8:30 a.m. the Office's Emergency Management Team meets to discuss cases that are being followed. The majority of staff reports are being done on the computer. As of today over 3,200 County residents have been tested for COVID-19, resulting in 197 positive cases and four deaths. Cornell Cooperative Extension and Finger Lakes Community Health have held educational meeting regarding COVID-19 with farm workers, as Wayne County has a very high farm worker population. Farmworkers coming from outside of the State or Country are being tested for the COVID-19 virus; all will have to have a 14 day quarantine when coming from out of the Country. Farmers are responsible for their workers.

Mrs. Devlin noted the importance of being vigilant so the virus does not have a second wave in Wayne County. If a business is turned in for not following State guidelines regarding COVID-19, the Sheriff is asked to investigate the complaint. She is concern as Phase 3 and 4 are being put in place it will increase the number of individuals that can be together and increase exposure. Mrs. Devlin said Code Enforcement Officers should be enforcing the regulations set by the State. An educational program could be offered to the Officers via ZOOM.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next meeting of the Health and Medical Services Committee is scheduled on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.