

STEUBEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

9:00 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

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| COMMITTEE: | Carol A. Ferratella, Chair Steven P. Maio | Hilda T. Lando, Vice Chair Randolph J. Weaver | K. Michael Hanna |
| STAFF: | Jack K. Wheeler Bill Caudill Christine Towner | Mitchell Alger Darlene Smith Nancy Smith | Hank Chapman Kathy Muller Alan Reed |
| LEGISLATORS: | Joseph J. Hauryski John V. Malter | Dan C. Farrand Robert V. Nichols | Robin K. Lattimer |

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ferratella called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Mrs. Smith to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2016, MEETING MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Youth Bureau

1. **2016 Contracts** – Mr. Caudill presented his 2016 contracts for approval. Overall, there was a \$2,300 increase. This year we did not fund the Youth Literacy Program, as United Way has made that one of their initiatives and is providing more funding to agencies, such as ProAction, who provide those services. We also did not fund the Bath Police Intervention Program as participation was very low.

MOTION: APPROVING THE FOLLOWING 2016 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING: CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF STEUBEN COUNTY - \$11,035; CENTER FOR DISPUTE SETTLEMENT - \$5,241; CITY OF CORNING - \$2,459; CITY OF HORNELL - \$2,043; FAMILY SERVICE SOCIETY, INC. - \$15,170; HORNELL AREA CONCERN FOR YOUTH - \$17,360; INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES - \$2,196; PROACTION OF STEUBEN & YATES, INC. - \$4,113; THE FRIENDS OF THE ADDISON YOUTH CENTER - \$8,964; AND TOWN OF CAMPBELL - \$1,052 MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

B. Office for the Aging

1. **Corning Office Space** – Ms. Towner informed the committee they contract with the City of Corning for the use of a two-office suite at a cost of \$1,200 per year. They have just offered us another two-office suite for an additional \$1,200 per year, which also includes a one-time administrative fee of \$500. If approved, this would be an annual contract with three one-year renewals. Ms. Towner stated they have seen an increased need for services in Corning.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO AMEND THE OFFICE SPACE LEASE WITH THE CITY OF CORNING TO INCLUDE A SECOND TWO-OFFICE SUITE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$1,200 PER YEAR, PLUS A ONE-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF \$500 MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **Lifespan Contract** – Ms. Towner stated after last month’s meeting, we received notice of a revision of the Lifespan’s Finger Lakes Caregiver Institute grant. This grant funding will be used to expand Alzheimer’s disease support in the Southern Tier through collaboration with the Office for the Aging in the region. We will be receiving \$6,000 per year for each of the five years of the grant instead of \$6,000 over the course of five years. For the remainder of this year, we will be using \$4,925 for office space rental, program materials for community education, salary and fringe benefits. Mr. Wheeler commented the committee approved this last month, however, the original motion indicated the county would receive \$6,000 total over five years.

MOTION: AMENDING THE MOTION FROM THE JULY 6, 2016, MEETING AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO ENTER INTO A NEW CONTRACT WITH LIFESPAN OF GREATER ROCHESTER WHO WILL PROVIDE \$6,000 OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, PER YEAR THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 TO EXPAND DEMENTIA SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE SOUTHERN TIER MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

C. Office of Community Services

1. **Suicide Prevention Funding** – Dr. Chapman stated Ardent Solutions formed a suicide prevention coalition and acted as the conduit for State funding. Ardent is no longer active in the suicide prevention coalition and would like to transfer the funding back to us. He stated this is an extension of our department and will be included within the budget. Dr. Chapman requested authorization to accept a total of \$8,202.50 from Ardent Solutions.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ACCEPT A TOTAL OF \$8,202.50 IN FUNDING, COMPRISING OF \$3,500 IN OMH GRANT FUNDS AND \$4,702.50 IN OTHER FUNDING, FROM ARDENT SOLUTIONS TO BE USED FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

Mrs. Lando asked is suicide prevention a serious problem in the County? Dr. Chapman replied our county historically, and to-date, is in the top few counties in the state per capita in the number of suicides in any given year. Allegany and Chemung are also in the top few. We do a very good job of preventing suicides with the people that are known to us. Many of the folks that do take their lives are not involved in treatment. The coalition does educational awareness, provides survivor support groups, among other activities.

Mr. Weaver asked do you work with the VA on this? Dr. Chapman replied we do. They typically do their own thing, but we do collaborate with them.

2. **Law Enforcement Training Contract** – Dr. Chapman requested authorization to contract with Eric Weaver to provide a oneday training to local Law Enforcement to help prepare them to work with folks who are in mental health crisis. The cost is not to exceed \$800 and we have State funding which will cover this cost. This is a component of our crisis outreach services. The training is open to all law enforcement agencies within the County.

Mr. Maio asked how many participants will this amount cover? Dr. Chapman replied we will be able to have up to 30 participants and the training will be held on October 19th at the Civil Defense Center.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ERIC WEAVER TO PROVIDE A ONEDAY TRAINING TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

3. **Loyola** – Dr. Chapman stated he just wants to follow-up on a discussion from last month regarding Loyola. Approximately 70 percent of their admissions over the past year were specific to opioid use. Of those admissions, 95 percent of the patients were Steuben County residents. Mrs. Lando asked what is the average age? Dr. Chapman stated he could ask for that. Mrs. Lando asked how many beds are there? Dr. Chapman replied there are 20 inpatient beds.

Mr. Maio stated it would be interesting to know how many of those patients started out with, or are currently prescribed, painkillers versus how many got into opioids on their own. Dr. Chapman commented typically individuals start with prescription medications and many opt for heroin, as it is less expensive.

Other information that the committee asked Dr. Chapman to provide included the average length of stay, total number of admissions and total number of successful discharges.

C. **Public Health**

1. **Preschool Contracts** – Mrs. Smith requested authorization to enter into contracts with four speech language therapists to provide related services. The rate is \$65.00 per individual session and \$32.50 per group session.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE FOLLOWING SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPISTS TO PROVIDE PRESCHOOL RELATED SERVICES: KAREN WARNER, KATIE CROSS-GRAY, LINDA HART AND SENSATIONAL KIDS PHYSICAL, OCCUPATIONAL & SPEECH THERAPY SERVICES, PLLC AT THE STATE RATES OF \$65.00 PER INDIVIDUAL SESSION AND \$32.50 PER GROUP SESSION MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **Delegating Authority for Approval of Policies to Professional Advisory Committee** – Mrs. Smith stated a few months ago, for accreditation purposes, she had asked that all policies and procedures be approved by this committee and those policies have been put on your portal for you to review. We have learned that we can have our professional advisory committee (PAC) do this for you, if you would like. They meet quarterly and review the policies and procedures and audit surveys within the department anyway. This would be an additional item for them and they could handle it for you. The PAC consists of our medical director, our QI Coordinator, a physical therapist from Ira Davenport, an independent RN and a representative from Adult Protective Services.

Mr. Maio commented as long as the committee still has the ultimate power to object to something if we do not like it.

MOTION: DELGATING THE AUTHORITY FOR THE APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH POLICIES TO THE PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

3. **Quality Improvement Projects**

a. **HPV Vaccination Rates** – Mrs. Smith stated for accreditation purposes, we need to make the governing entity, this committee, aware of our efforts. HPV vaccination rates regionally are very low. Children 11 – 12 years should get the series of three shots over a six-month period. In an effort to increase vaccination rates, we have created bookmarks that list all of the vaccinations that teens should be receiving. We have printed 8,000 bookmarks and distributed them to all of the libraries within the County. Additionally, we have sent an informational letter to all of the middle schools and high schools

in the County and have asked the schools to include them with their mailing that they send to parents prior to the school year. We have followed-up with phone calls to the schools to check back on the status of whether the letter was included in their mailing.

b. Chlamydia Rates – Mrs. Smith stated Chlamydia is on the rise regionally. We have created a provider pamphlet with educational information. We also included information about EPT (Expedited Partner Therapy). We will be hand-delivering these pamphlets to the 300 – 400 providers within the County.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Nutrition Task Force – Mrs. Lando stated that ProAction has agreed, starting in September, to commence the cook-chill program. The goal is to start delivering the cold meals and no longer provide hot meals. They will also find out if the recipients of the meals have the means to heat food up. If not, ProAction will look at a loan program to provide microwaves to those individuals. After talking with caregivers and recipients, there will now only be a choice of two meals; a diabetic meal and a regular meal. ProAction will begin fundraising efforts for equipment.

Mrs. Lando stated they did meet with ARC of Steuben to discuss partnering with them on a community kitchen. We have not heard anything back. If this exists, the ARC will be applying for grants and will building a facility, even without a partnership with ProAction, but ProAction has indicated they want to partner with them. ProAction will continue to operate out of Lakeview, for the short-term, until the community kitchen is built, probably in 2018.

Mrs. Lando stated Corning Meals on Wheels is not intending to do anything. They only serve residents in the Corning-Painted Post School District and will continue to serve hot meals.

B. Smart Steuben – Mrs. Ferratella announced she attended a Smart Steuben meeting yesterday. They continue to work on the Community Health Improvement Plan and this should be published within the week.

C. Mobile Work Program – Mr. Hauryski stated he has received letters from various entities that have utilized the mobile work program and they are always very positive. We currently have four crews. Is there a need for an additional crew? Ms. Muller replied that may be something that we will look at next year. We have hired a new Employment Services Coordinator and he has many creative ideas on getting individuals working. We have good crew leaders in Public Works and they have incorporated teaching components.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR**
Wednesday, August 3, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

**Please send your agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
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Wednesday, July 27, 2016.**