

STEUBEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

9:00 a.m.

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

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Carol A. Ferratella, Chair Hilda T. Lando, Vice Chair K. Michael Hanna
 Steven P. Maio

STAFF: Jack K. Wheeler Mitchell Alger Hank Chapman
 Patty Baroody Cathy Baker Lise Reynolds
 Darlene Smith Nancy Smith Shawn Corey
 Alan Reed

ABSENT: Randolph J. Weaver

LEGISLATORS: Joseph J. Hauryski Dan C. Farrand Robin K. Lattimer
 John V. Malter

OTHERS: Mary Perham

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2016, MEETING MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Public Health

1. **Biometric Screening** – Ms. Smith informed the committee that the County offers annual biometric screenings to employees and has contracted in the past with Relph Benefits to provide this service. The biometric screen provides the employee with base line numbers for blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol and at the conclusion of their appointment; they enter this information into the Mayo Clinic portal in order to become eligible for a reduction in their medical insurance premium.

Ms. Smith stated this year Public Health will be taking over this process. Everything will remain largely the same; the biggest difference is that previously employees had to schedule an appointment within a one-week period. We will be able to stretch that timeframe to 40 – 60 days. We will continue to offer online scheduling, and employees will now come to our office for their appointment. Appointments will only be offered the first few hours in the morning because these are fasting blood tests. This year we anticipate a \$5,000 savings to the County, but for each year thereafter, the savings will be closer to \$10,000.

Mr. Wheeler commented Ms. Smith has done a good job coordinating all of this and has worked closely with him and the Personnel Office. We had been having challenges with the program under Relph Benefits, and we believe this will make it easier for the employees. Discussion followed.

2. **Health Economics Group Dental Network Card** – Ms. Smith informed the committee that Health Economics Group offers a dental network card that offers a reduction in rates for anyone who does not have current dental insurance. Individual rates are \$36.50 per year and family rates are \$52.00 per year. In Steuben County, there is only one participating dentist; however, there are other participating dentists in surrounding counties. This card can also be used anywhere in the country where there is a participating dentist.

Mr. Wheeler commented this is similar to the ProAct prescription discount card and there is not a conflict with that. We can help promote this dental card and do press releases.

MOTION: ENDORSING THE PROMOTION AND USE OF HEALTH ECONOMICS GROUP DENTAL NETWORK CARD MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

B. Office of Community Services

1. **Lease Agreements** – Dr. Chapman requested renewal of the lease agreements for the Bath, Corning and Hornell offices. The rates remain the same at \$252,432 annually for the Bath office, \$66,000 annually for the Corning office and \$36,000 for the Hornell office. The term has been set for two years with all other terms and conditions remaining the same.

Mrs. Ferratella asked does this include maintenance? Dr. Chaman replied yes, \$30,000 of the base rent is allocated toward building maintenance and improvements. Mr. Wheeler commented you are getting a good rate per square foot. It is a lot of money, but we do get a lot of space. This is a good deal, for now. Dr. Chapman commented the rate per square foot is \$8.97. Mr. Maio asked is there any advantage to purchasing property in Corning or Hornell? Mr. Wheeler replied we have talked about that.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO RENEW THE LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR THE BATH, CORNING AND HORNELL OFFICE LOCATIONS FOR TWO YEARS AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF \$252,432 FOR THE BATH OFFICE, \$66,000 FOR THE CORNING OFFICE AND \$36,000 FOR THE HORNELL OFFICE MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

2. **Loyola Contract** – Dr. Chapman reminded the committee that Loyola took over the operation of the St. James MATCH Program. They have informed us that they will be receiving \$84,548 in funding from the OASAS to help cover their operating deficit for 2015. They owe back rent payments due to the delay in the Medicaid billing. He requested authorization to enter into a contract with Loyola for the purposes of passing through the state aid funding.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LOYOLA TO PASS THROUGH STATE AID FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,548 TO HELP COVER THE 2015 OPERATING DEFICIT MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

3. **Budget Adjustment** – Dr. Chapman requested authorization to accept State funding in the amount of \$84,548 from NYS OASAS and to transfer to the Contracted Expenses line item to pass through to Loyola.

Mr. Wheeler commented in the interest of disclosure, his mother is contracting with Loyola to do a quality review of their operations.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ACCEPT NYS OASAS FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,548 AND APPROPRIATE TO THE CONTRACTED EXPENSES LINE ITEM MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Mrs. Lando commented that she has seen numerous forums by elected officials to talk about the Opioid crisis. She asked if they were contacting our departments for their input. Mr. Wheeler replied yes. He and the Undersheriff recently attended a forum hosted by Congressman Reed who wanted information to take back to Washington. We have also talked about this issue regionally. No action plan has been developed, but it is good to meet with various people.

Ms. Smith stated that she attended a forum in Ontario County. There were certain individuals who were invited to attend, and she was one of them. They had a roundtable discussion and each provider voiced their concerns related to this crisis.

Dr. Chapman stated his staff is involved locally with the Steuben County Prevention Coalition. He is also part of the steering committee and he would like to have them come in at some point and give a brief presentation with regard to the prevention services they provide. Dr. Chapman stated he also plans to contact Loyola to see if they have seen any new trends in their admissions.

C. Office for the Aging

1. **Food Authorization** – Mrs. Baroody informed the committee that they will be holding the Senior Forum on September 16, 2016, at the First Presbyterian Church in Bath. The events of the day include a continental breakfast, numerous workshops, lunch and entertainment. She requested authorization to spend up to \$850 on food for the event.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO SPEND UP TO \$850 ON FOOD FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2016, SENIOR FORUM MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

2. **Lifespan Contract** – Mrs. Baroody informed the committee that the Finger Lakes Caregiver Institute at Lifespan of Greater Rochester has received a grant to expand dementia support services in the Southern Tier. They will provide us with a total of \$6,000 through December 31, 2020. In exchange, we will provide a drop-in space in our Hornell office for their case manager one day a week. Additionally, we will also provide collaboration for caregiver support services including education, care consultations, support groups and evidence-based programming. She requested authorization to enter into a contract.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO ENTER INTO A NEW CONTRACT WITH LIFESPAN OF GREATER ROCHESTER WHO WILL PROVIDE A TOTAL OF \$6,000 OF FUNDING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 TO EXPAND DEMENTIA SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE SOUTHERN TIER MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Nutrition Task Force** – Mrs. Baroody reported we have a meeting scheduled for next week when we expect ProAction will report the actual cost for the equipment needed for the Cook-Chill program. Mrs. Lando stated that she brought back some information from Cooperative Extension about grants and sent that to the Nutrition Task Force.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC OFFICERS' LAW, ARTICLE 7§ 105.1.F. THE MEDICAL, FINANCIAL, CREDIT OR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON OR CORPORATION, OR MATTERS LEADING TO THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION, DISMISSAL OR REMOVAL OF A PARTICULAR PERSON OR CORPORATION MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

MOTION: RESCINDING THE MOTION FROM THE JUNE 2016 MEETING AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PATHWAYS TO PROVIDE FOR SERVICES AT THE CORNING OFFICE, VAN DRIVER SERVICES AND NY CONNECTS BIPP PROGRAM SERVICES FOR A TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF \$83,117, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO CONTRACT WITH PROACTION FOR THOSE SERVICES FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$54,764 MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTIONS CARRIES 4-0.

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
NO LATER THAN NOON
Wednesday, July 27, 2016.**