

STEBEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

9:00 a.m.

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

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Carol A. Ferratella, Chair Stephen P. Maio	Hilda T. Lando, Vice Chair Randolph J. Weaver	K. Michael Hanna
STAFF:	Jack K. Wheeler Karen Monroe Jen Prossick Lise Reynolds	Amy Dlugos Darlene Smith Craig Patrick Kim Cady	Patty Baroody Bill Caudill Kathy Muller Krystal Potter
LEGISLATORS:	Kelly H. Fitzpatrick Aaron I. Mullen	Robin K. Lattimer Frederick G. Potter	John V. Malter Thomas J. Ryan
OTHERS:	Mary Perham		

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2019, MEETING MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. MAIO ABSENT FOR VOTE)

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Public Health

1. **Approval to Bid Preschool Transportation** – Mrs. Smith requested authorization to solicit bids for Preschool Transportation.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR, TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR PRESCHOOL TRANSPORTATION MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. MAIO ABSENT FOR VOTE)

2. **Cornell University Intern** – Mrs. Smith informed the committee that they will be having an intern this summer from Cornell University. They will be working with messaging and surveillance related to emergency preparedness.

3. **Recognition** – Mrs. Smith stated she would like to recognize her Communicable Disease staff members; Kim Cady, Krystal Potter, Joanne Taylor and Gail Wechsler. Two of the staff, Ms. Cady and Ms. Potter, are here today. She would like to recognize the great work that this team did with a tuberculosis case involving a resident and his family. The husband was hospitalized and the wife and newborn were able to remain at home. The newborn tested positive for TB and mom was latent. The nurses continued to do case management services for the family, along with daily observational treatment. The father is still infectious. The NYS

Department of Health told us that because of the work our nurses did, they saved the newborn's life. Mrs. Smith stated, at the same time, they were dealing with a Pertussis outbreak in a private school.

Mrs. Ferratella asked relative to the tuberculosis, was there any exposure to others? Mrs. Smith replied yes, one employee in the Hornell office tested positive. A nephew of the client also tested positive.

B. Department of Social Services

1. **Foster Parent Banquet** – Ms. Muller informed the committee the Annual Foster Parent Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at the Bath VFW. She requested authorization to spend up to \$3,500 on the event.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO SPEND UP TO \$3,500 ON THE ANNUAL FOSTER PARENT BANQUET WHICH WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019, AT THE BATH VFW MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. MAIO ABSENT FOR VOTE)

C. Office of Community Services

1. **Budget Adjustment** – Ms. Monroe requested authorization to transfer \$85,000 from contract services into the line item for Mental Hygiene. We currently have a patient who had been remanded to the Rochester Psychiatric Center for one year and will be there through May. She informed the committee that they do have two vacancies in their contracted services and she doesn't expect to come up short, but if the stay is longer, then we will have to come back to request funding from the Contingent Fund.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO TRANSFER \$85,000 FROM CONTRACTED SERVICES LINE ITEMS TO THE MENTAL HYGIENE LINE ITEM MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. MAIO ABSENT FOR VOTE)

2. **Pathways Contract** – Ms. Monroe informed the committee that Pathways received a grant from the NYS Office of Mental Health to hire a peer to help with people coming out of Jail or a hospital to reintegrate into the community. Clients will be working with a case manager. She requested authorization to enter into a contract with Pathways to provide them with office space and a supervisor to work with our Bridger Case Manager. The amount of the contract will be \$10,000.

Mrs. Lando asked when will this contract be effective? Ms. Monroe replied the contract will go into effect as soon as Pathways hires an individual.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PATHWAYS FOR \$10,000 TO PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE AND SUPERVISION TO THEIR PEER THAT WILL BE WORKING WITH THE COUNTY'S BRIDGER CASE MANAGER MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. MAIO ABSENT FOR VOTE)

D. Office for the Aging

1. **Lifespan Grant** – Mrs. Baroody informed the committee that this week she received notification that they will be awarded a Lifespan Grant in the amount of \$7,500 to bolster activities to prevent elder abuse. She stated the funding comes through Monroe County. She requested authorization to accept the funding and enter into a contract with Lifespan. The grant started March 1st and goes through September. We have mapped out a work plan and there will be community events and promotion materials.

Mrs. Lando asked do we have a lot of reported cases? Mrs. Baroody replied yes; they go through Adult Protective. Financial abuse is a big one.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO ACCPET A LIFESPAN GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LIFESPAN TO RECEIVE THOSE FUNDS MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. MAIO ABSENT FOR VOTE)

2. **Monthly Report** – Mrs. Ferratella commented she noticed on the monthly report that NYS Office for the Aging is updating the Compass assessment. Mrs. Baroody explained the State gets direction from the Federal Government on the assessment. The assessment has been expanded and is more detailed.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Goals* – Mrs. Ferratella stated she had sent an email to the committee asking for ideas for looking at ways to be more efficient and effective. She received one response and put together a list of things to look at, which she distributed to the committee. Originally, we had talked about meeting with each department, however, she thinks it would be more effective to send out this list in a different format and see if the departments would be able to answer these questions. She asked if the committee was agreeable to sending this out to the department heads? The committee was in agreement.

Mr. Hanna asked how does this list correlate to their current goals? Mrs. Ferratella stated we could ask the departments how they come up with the goals. Mr. Wheeler suggested for added information you could ask how or what support is needed to better achieve their goals. Mr. Hanna asked how do we determine the goals? Mr. Wheeler replied we let the department heads take the lead. Other than statutory challenges, we ask them what other things they are working on. This gives us a way to know what is going on. Mrs. Ferratella commented she does not want this to be a big project for the department heads.

B. *Youth Summit* – Mrs. Lando stated she attended the Youth Summit which was held a week ago Saturday. This is a Prevention Coalition sponsored event. The speakers were amazing and it was very interesting.

C. *National Speaker at Corning-Painted Post School* – Mrs. Lando stated on March 25, 2019, Lynn Reimer, a national speaker from Colorado, came to Corning-Painted Post Schools to talk about vaping, what kids do and how they are doing it. Mrs. Lando stated Corning-Painted Post Schools are putting up sensors in the bathrooms and are starting to crack down on this. Additionally, Ms. Reimer spoke about CBD and noted that even though they may advertise no THC, almost all of the CBD products have some form of THC in them. She also spoke to the group about the evils of Marijuana. Mrs. Lando asked Ms. Reimer if she would be willing to send a letter to our State representatives opposing this, and she indicated she would.

D. *Youth Drug Court* – Mrs. Lando informed the committee that the Youth Drug Court is up and running in the City of Hornell. They have had two cases already.

E. *Corning City Health Department* – Mrs. Lando stated the City of Corning is interested in exploring a merge of their health department with the County. She volunteered Mrs. Smith to assist, although this is just early discussions.

F. *Pinwheels Kickoff* – Mr. Caudill informed the committee that this morning at 11am they will be kicking off the Pinwheels for Promises campaign. The kickoff will be held in the conference area of the Annex Building.

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, May 1, 2019
Legislative Committee Room
9:00 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
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Wednesday, April 24, 2019**