

STEUBEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

9:00 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, NY*

****MINUTES****

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| COMMITTEE: | Carol A. Ferratella, Chair Steven P. Maio | Hilda T. Lando, Vice Chair | K. Michael Hanna |
| STAFF: | Jack K. Wheeler Lise Reynolds Hank Chapman Bill Caudill | Mitchell Alger Kathy Muller Patty Baroody | Darlene Smith Jennifer Prossick Cathy Baker |
| LEGISLATORS: | Joseph J. Hauryski John V. Malter Robert V. Nichols | Kelly H. Fitzpatrick Frederick G. Potter | Robin K. Lattimer Thomas J. Ryan |
| ABSENT: | Randolph J. Weaver | | |

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 NOVEMBER 7, 2018, MEETING MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Office of Community Services

1. **2019 Contracts** – Dr. Chapman presented his 2019 contracts for approval. Mrs. Lando asked why does the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner get paid almost as much as the Psychiatrist? Dr. Chapman replied the hourly rate is less for the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, but she works full-time and the Psychiatrist is part-time.

Mr. Wheeler commented Dr. Chapman has done a great job, especially with the Psychiatrist and Nurse Practitioner services. Between here and Binghamton, there is a severe shortage and he fears what will happen in a couple of years. Dr. Chapman has done a good job of managing this. Mrs. Lando asked what is the shortage caused by? Mr. Wheeler replied there is a shortage of the number of people as well as the number who are willing to work in a rural area.

MOTION: APPROVING THE FOLLOWING 2019 CONTRACTS FOR THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES: ARBOR DEVELOPMENT – OMH - \$499,141; ARA – OMH - \$250,500; CATHOLIC CHARITIES (TURNING POINT) – OMH - \$23,579; STEUBEN ARC – OMH - \$134,848; ASPIREHOPENY, INC. – OMH - \$528,773; HORNELL CONCERN FOR YOUTH – OASAS - \$116,454; FAMILY SERVICE SOCIETY – OASAS - \$79,954; CATHOLIC CHARITIES (KINSHIP) – OASAS - \$343,459; CATHOLIC CHARITIES (OASAS PREVENTION) - \$244,961; STEUBEN ARC (SHELTERED WORKSHOP) - \$127,722; DR. LOWRY/MHL PSYCH SERVICES (JAIL COORDINATOR) - \$62,500 ANNUALLY; DR. KHAN (PT PSYCHIATRIST) - \$30,000 FOR SIX MONTHS; DR. TOUCHSTONE (PT PSYCHIATRIST) - \$177,000 ANNUALLY; DR. VERKLEEREN (PT OASAS CORNING MEDICAL DIRECTOR) - \$31,000 ANNUALLY; WESTERN NY MED-

PSYCH – DR. NEERUKONDA (PT PSYCHIATRIST) - \$93,000 ANNUALLY; NANCY HOUY (PSCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER) - \$160,000; CAPABILITIES (PROS – ORS PROGRAM – 1 FT) - \$60,040 ANNUALLY; CATHOLIC CHARITIES (5 FT/4 PT CONTRACTED LABOR) - \$447,000 ANNUALLY; CATHOLIC CHARITIES (PREVENTION COALITION) - \$37,724 ANNUALLY; FAMILY SERVICE SOCIETY (1 FT SOCIAL WORKER) - \$88,000 ANNUALLY; INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES (1 FT BILT CASE MANAGER) - \$66,000 ANNUALLY; PATHWAYS (17 FT CONTRACTED LABOR) - \$1,155,000 ANNUALLY; PATHWAYS – MOBILE CRISIS UNIT (4 FT SOCIAL WORKERS) - \$326,000 ANNUALLY; PRATTSBURGH SCHOOL (PROVIDE SOCIAL WORKER) - \$40,000 ANNUALLY; PROACTION (5 FT/3 PT ADMIN CONTRACTED LABOR) - \$235,000 ANNUALLY; BATH POLICE DEPARTMENT (MH TRANSPORTS) - \$73.00 PER HOUR; CORNING HOSPITAL (ANSWERING SERVICES) - \$50.00 PER MONTH; LANGUAGE LINE SOLUTIONS, INC. (TELEPHONE INTERPRETERS) - \$0.75 PER MINUTE; MEDLAB, INC. (DRUG SCREENS) - \$15.00 PER 6-PANEL SCREEN; SIGN LANGUAGE SOLUTIONS (SIGN LANGUAGE SUPPORT) - \$50.00 PER SERVICE HOUR; TRANSCRIPTION 360 (TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES) - \$6,000 ANNUALLY; FIRE ALARM SERVICE TECHNOLOGY, INC. (FIRE ALARM MAINTENANCE) - \$1,927 ANNUALLY; CARR’S TRUCKING/SNOW REMOVAL (SNOW REMOVAL – CORNING OFFICE) - \$55.00 PER PLOW; SCHINDLER ELEVATOR - \$195.96 PER MONTH; TP’S CONCRETE/CONTRACTING (SNOW REMOVAL – HORNELL OFFICE) - \$75.00 PER PLOW; CANISTEO VALLEY FAMILY PRACTICE (LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE) - \$19,000 ANNUALLY; AND YOUTH BUREAU (RENTAL CONTRACT) - \$6,700 ANNUALLY MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

B. Public Health

1. **Early Intervention Contract** – Mrs. Smith requested authorization to contract with Hillside Children’s Center for Early Intervention Coordination Services at a rate of \$14.00 per 15-minute session.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HILLSIDE CHILDREN’S CENTER FOR EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION SERVICES AT A RATE OF \$14.00 PER 15-MINUTE SESSION MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

2. **Accreditation Update** – Mrs. Smith informed the committee that they received their notification from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) and all six counties need to write a plan of correction. The plans of correction are only for 4 measures out of the 100. This just delays everything. We have 90 days to submit of multi-jurisdictional plan of correction. After that, we will be given a certain period of time to demonstrate that we have implemented the correction. This could delay our final approval for up to one year. Mrs. Smith stated there were some measures that each of the counties have to write a plan on and then others that were cited in one county, but none of the others. Steuben County has to write four plans of correction. One county out of the six had one measure that did not at all meet the minimum standards.

Mr. Maio asked what were the four measures that you need to write a plan of correction for? Mrs. Smith replied off the top of her head, she knows that one dealt with emergency coordination and our relationship with the Emergency Management Office. She will get that list to the committee.

C. Office for the Aging

1. **2019 Contracts** – Mrs. Baroody presented her 2019 contracts for approval. She noted that they received additional Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) funding and as a result the contracts with Institute for Human Services, Corning Meals on Wheels and Faith in Action were increased to reflect that additional funding. We also shifted \$5,000 from the AIM Consumer Directed contract to the Home and Health Care EISEP contract. This is a reflection of the growing waiting list for EISEP home care and the difficulty we are having finding suitable candidates for the Consumer Directed home care program. Mrs. Baroody stated that John McCarthy who has been providing legal services for the elderly will be retiring at the end of this year, so on the contract list the provider for legal services has a notation to be determined as the quotes are not due back until December 12, 2018.

Mrs. Lando asked what is the status of the Full Circle America program? Mrs. Baroody replied we are currently exploring licensure for Dr. Teel. If he becomes licensed in New York, we could then bill the insurance companies and that would help to reduce the costs for participants. This is a non-medical program and we currently have 12 clients enrolled.

MOTION: APPROVING THE FOLLOWING 2019 CONTRACTS FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING: CORNING MEALS ON WHEELS (HOME-DELIVERED MEALS) - \$10,000; FAITH IN ACTION (TRANSPORTATION) - 35,000; HOME AND HEALTH CARE (TITLE III-E RESPITE) - \$10,000; HORNELL OFFICE SPACE - \$0; CORNING OFFICE SPACE - \$2,400; INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES (MEDICARE/EPIC PROGRAM) - \$68,179; INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES (PROJECT CARE) - \$21,795; INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES (TITLE V TRANSITION) - \$83,761; INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES (TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT) - \$63,617; INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES (BALANCED INCENTIVE PAYMENT PLAN) - \$28,026; AVOCA METHODIST CHURCH (RAMPS) - \$3,226; LEGAL SERVICES - \$14,191; PROACTION (SUPPORT SERVICES) - \$148,397; PROACTION (HEAP) - \$4,685; PROACTION (SNAP) - \$155,555; PROACTION (TITLE III-C 1 & 2) - \$379,601; PROACTION (WELLNESS) - \$12,400; PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES (\$13,500; SSSF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - \$55,600; ELLIOTT (CONSULTING DIETICIAN) - \$21,518; HOME * HEALTH CARE (EISEP) - \$221,048; PROACTION (EISEP ASSISTANT) - \$51,839; AND AIM (CONSUMER-DIRECTED) - \$20,000 MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

2. **Benefits Enrollment Center Grant** – Mrs. Baroody informed the committee that yesterday they received notification that they were awarded a \$115,000 grant. This grant does require matching funds of 15 percent and this is already contained within the 2019 budget. This is a 20-month project that will begin January 1, 2019 and end September 29, 2020. She explained the purpose of this program is to maximize enrollment of eligible Medicare beneficiaries in the five core benefits of Medicare Savings Program, Low Income Subsidy, Low Income HEAP, Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The purpose is to create a virtual Benefits Enrollment Center to get applications moved through quickly and without mistakes to help seniors get the services that they need. She stated their office will be the lead agency and she hopes to hire an additional person to assist with this. Mr. Wheeler commented they currently have one vacant position available that we can fill.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO ACCEPT A BENEFITS ENROLLMENT CENTER GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,000 WITH A 15 PERCENT MATCH REQUIRED MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

D. Department of Social Services

1. **2019 Contracts** – Ms. Muller presented her 2019 contracts for approval. Mr. Maio asked for an explanation of Kchecks. Ms. Muller replied Medicaid rules require that checks be done on all providers who are billing Medicaid. Mr. Wheeler explained if the County employs employees or vendors, who in the course of their duties, bill for Medicaid services, we have to check a list to ensure that they are not on the non-compliance list, otherwise we could lose any federal funding we currently receive. He commented this is something that the schools and hospitals also do.

MOTION: APPROVING THE FOLLOWING 2019 CONTRACTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES: FIRE ALARM SERVICE TECHNOLOGIES (DETENTION CENTER ALARM SERVICES) - \$1,305 ANNUALLY; VIRDEE MEDICAL GROUP (DETENTION CENTER PHYSICALS) - \$65.00 PER EXAM; BONADIO GROUP (ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS) - \$168.00 PER HOUR; LABCORP. (PATERNITY TESTING) - \$43.00 PER PERSON; SHI INTERNATIONAL (KCHECKS) - \$3,500 ANNUALLY AND DR. MICHAEL MORRONGIELLO (FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS) - \$125.00 PER BILLABLE HOUR MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

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: APPOINTING KATHRYN MULLER, COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 11-COUNTY CONSORTIUM FOR RAISE THE AGE DETENTION MADE BY MRS. LANDO. 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. MAIO. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR**
Wednesday, January 2, 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, December 26, 2018**