

STEBEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Monday, February 12, 2018

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 Christine Towner
 Darlene Smith Lise Reynolds Jennifer Prossick
 Bill Caudill

LEGISLATORS: Joseph J. Hauryski Frederick G. Potter Gary B. Roush

ABSENT: Randolph J. Weaver

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2018, MEETING MADE BY MR. HANNA, SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Public Health

1. **Contracts** – Mrs. Smith requested authorization to contract with various providers for preschool related services and preschool evaluations. The rates for related services are \$65.00 per individual session and \$32.50 for group sessions. Evaluations are done at the State approved rate.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE FOLLOWING PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE PRESCHOOL RELATED SERVICES: TANYA KONOPSKI, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST; MEGAN SCHEWE, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST; BEYOND BOUNDARIES: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, PHYSICAL THERAPY, LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORK AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES FOR KIDS, PLLC; JAMIE ROCHE, SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST; MELISSA WHITE, SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST; TURNING POINT BEHAVIORAL SERVICES, BEHAVIOR SERVICES AND DANSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PRESCHOOL EVALUATIONS MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

2. **Approval of 100th Anniversary Celebration** – Mrs. Smith announced they will be holding their 100th Anniversary celebration event on Friday, June 8, 2018, from 6pm – 9pm at the Finger Lakes Boating Museum in Hammondsport. They are expecting 150 – 200 people. The purpose of this event is to increase awareness of Public Health and our programs. She requested authorization to spend up to \$3,000 on this event. This event is open to the public and there will be a \$15.00 charge to attend. Admission will be free to current and past Public Health employees and to other honorees. Mr. Maio asked how will you advertise? Mrs. Smith replied

they will use Public Service Announcements and Facebook. They will also announce the event at various committee meetings and word of mouth by committee attendees and Legislators. She commented they have also created a 100-year logo that will be used in their communications.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO SPEND UP TO \$3,000 ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 8, 2018 AT THE FINGER LAKES BOATING MUSEUM IN HAMMONDSPORT MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

3. **Budget Adjustment** – Mrs. Smith requested authorization to accept and appropriate an additional \$48,000 they received from Article 6 State Aid. She explained we participated in the NYS Department of Health’s ongoing Local Health Department (LHD) Performance Incentive Initiative. Our department chose to focus on improving our performance in chronic disease prevention. The maximum amount that could be awarded was \$48,000, which is what we received.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$48,000 IN REVENUE FROM ARTICLE 6 STATE AID MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

4. **Flu** – Mrs. Smith informed the committee that late last week the Governor proclaimed the flu a public health imminent risk. As a result of that declaration, this week we will be setting up a table in the main lobby area with facemasks, hand sanitizer and educational materials. We will also be doing another Public Service Announcement.

5. **Executive Budget Impact on Rural Health Programs** – Mrs. Ferratella stated the SAY2 Rural Health network has drafted a letter in response to the Governor’s proposal to cut funding to Rural Health Programs by 20 percent. Mrs. Smith stated SAY2 Rural Health Network sent out an advocacy letter on behalf of all of the counties in their network. They recommended that each county do the same.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO DRAFT A LETTER FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO SEND IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED 20 PERCENT FUNDING CUT TO THE RURAL HEALTH PROGRAMS MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

B. Office of Community Services

1. **Contracts**

a. *Integrity Partners of Behavioral Health, Inc.* - Dr. Chapman informed the committee the State accepted our fifteen-county proposal to create a behavioral health care collaborative. We now need to create an Independent Practice Association (IPA), which would contract with managed care companies on behalf of the counties and will collect data that will be used so providers can get paid. The State is shifting from a fee for service program to a program where providers now have to show proof of their effectiveness. Genesee County is the lead county and he requested authorization to contract with Genesee County to create an IPA called Integrity Partners of Behavioral Health, Inc. Each of the fifteen counties will contribute \$17,000. This money will be used to cover legal fees to establish this corporation and also will be used toward the hiring of staff that will run the IPA. Dr. Chapman explained, once the IPA is created, each of the counties Director of Mental Health will serve as a board member that will oversee the work of the IPA.

Mrs. Ferratella asked do you have money in the budget to cover this? Dr. Chapman replied yes. The IPA will be located in Batavia in the Genesee County Mental Health Building. Mr. Wheeler commented this solution gives the counties the most control and is also more cost effective.

Mr. Maio asked will this be a yearly expense? Dr. Chapman replied yes, each county will contribute \$17,000 year. Once things are up and running, that may be subject to change.

Mrs. Ferratella asked how will you know this is working? Dr. Chapman replied the State is not giving us a choice in this. They are forcing providers to form behavioral health collaborations. The State wants to reduce the number of contracts they have with providers across the State. In terms of knowing whether this is working, the primary indicator will be what our reimbursement rates look like. The second would actually be receiving payment for services. The IPA will be responsible for collecting data relating to services provided and putting that into reports that will be shared with the managed care companies that will allow us to get paid. With the value based payment system, you are not only providing the service, but you have to show that the service you provided was effective. That will dictate how much you get paid.

Mrs. Lando asked will the IPA do the evaluation to see if the counties are successful? Dr. Chapman replied yes. They will look at the counties individually, as well as the group.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ENTER INTO AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH GENESEE COUNTY FOR THE CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT PRACTICE ASSOCIATION (IPA) CALLED INTEGRITY PARTNERS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO CONTRIBUTE \$17,000 TOWARD THIS VENTURE MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Resolution Required.

b. *Pathways* – Dr. Chapman requested authorization to amend the current contract with Pathways to add an additional \$80,000 for the provision of Masters Level Social Work or Mental Health Counseling services to the Pros and Clinic programs. He stated he does have the money available in his budget.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH PATHWAYS TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$80,000 FOR MASTERS LEVEL SOCIAL WORK OR MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING SERVICES FOR THE PROS AND CLINIC PROGRAMS MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

c. *Catholic Charities* – Dr. Chapman informed the committee that over the past year or so we have seen an increase in the number of individuals going to Jail who are at risk of hurting themselves or others. We have a contract with Catholic Charities to provide a Mental Health Counselor two days per week at the Jail. He is proposing increasing that contract to three days per week. The Sheriff is in support of this and has money in his budget to accommodate this. He requested authorization to amend the contract with Catholic Charities to add an additional day at the Jail for an additional cost of \$18,000.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES TO INCREASE THE DAYS PER WEEK THE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR WORKS AT THE JAIL FROM TWO DAYS TO THREE DAYS, AND INCREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$18,000 TO REFLECT THE ADDITIONAL HOURS MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Mr. Maio asked have there been any recommendations that individuals go to mental health facilities? Dr. Chapman replied when a jail inmate has to go to a mental health facility, that costs the County \$20,000 per day and with this contract we are working to avoid that. Last year we did not have any inmates that were referred to inpatient mental health facilities. The staff at the Jail is doing a fantastic job of preventing that from happening.

2. **Budget Adjustment** – Dr. Chapman requested authorization to accept \$18,000 in funding from the Sheriff’s Office and appropriating it to the Contract Jail Staff line item to provide a Mental Health Counselor for one additional day at the Jail.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,000 AND APPROPRIATE IT TO THE CONTRACT JAIL STAFF LINE ITEM TO PROVIDE A MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL DAY AT THE JAIL MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

C. Office for the Aging

1. **Accepting Donations for Ramps** – Mrs. Baroody requested authorization to accept ramp donation amounts of up to \$5,000 with the approval of the County Manager and Commissioner of Finance pursuant to Part IV, A (2)(b) vii of the *Administrative Code*. She commented they have two donations right now; one from an individual in the amount of \$1,000, and one from the Canisteo Legion in the amount of \$1,500.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO ACCEPT RAMP DONATION AMOUNTS OF UP TO \$5,000 WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY MANAGER AND COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE PURSUANT TO PART IV, A (2)(b) vii OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

2. **Accept Funds for RSVP’s Tai Chi for Arthritis** – Mrs. Baroody informed the committee that the RSVP Advisory Council has agreed to pay up to \$3,000 for the instructor training for Tai Chi for Arthritis which will be held April 22nd and April 23rd. She requested authorization to accept \$3,000 from the RSVP Advisory Council.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO ACCEPT \$3,000 FROM THE RSVP ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE INSTRUCTOR TRAINING FOR TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS IN APRIL 2018 MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

D. Youth Bureau

1. **Youth Board By-Laws** – Mr. Caudill presented proposed amendments to the by-laws for the committee’s approval. The biggest change is changing the quorum requirements from one-half of the members to one-third of the members. He commented this is an advisory board and any proposed action items would be forwarded to this committee for approval.

MOTION: APPROVING THE CHANGES TO THE YOUTH BOARD BY-LAWS AS PRESENTED MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

2. **Annual Dinner** – Mr. Caudill announced the Youth Board Annual Dinner will be held on March 7, 2018 at the Bath Country Club.

E. Department of Social Services

1. **Establishing Capital Project** – Mrs. Reynolds requested authorization to establish a capital project to encumber \$707,388.86 in 2017 budgeted funds for the Mobility Management Software project.

MOTION: ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE MOBILITY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$707,388.86 MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Resolution Required.

2. **HEAP** – Mrs. Reynolds announced the second benefit for HEAP is now open.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America* – Mrs. Lando informed the committee that she recently joined the Steuben County Prevention Coalition and was invited to attend the CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) conference which was held last week at the National Harbor in Maryland. Three thousand people attended and of those, 400 were kids. As part of the conference, they went to Capitol Hill and talked with local representatives. We talked about treatment, services and the importance of prevention. This was an amazing conference.

Mr. Hauryski stated a couple of weeks ago he met with Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Alger, Mrs. Ferratella, Mr. Baker and Sheriff Allard. In response to my request for goal setting, the District Attorney had approached me and he has tried a number of different things to come up with new ideas. Mr. Hauryski stated he had suggested looking at drug enforcement; particularly opioids. Subsequent to that, the District Attorney has prepared a program and will be presenting it to the Legislature at the February 26th meeting. This will be on the agenda and he would encourage everyone to attend. The Sheriff will also be involved in this program. Mr. Hauryski stated he is excited about this program as it will put Steuben County in the forefront of the area with respect to dealing with this opioid epidemic. A lot of the ideas for this have come about as a result of the drug forums that were held throughout the County.

Dr. Chapman announced that Wednesday, February 28th from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. the Steuben Prevention Coalition will be sponsoring a Marijuana Town Hall meeting at the Hornell High School. Jennifer Faringer, Director of DePaul's National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence will be the keynote speaker. Additionally, Dr. Mary Nobilski and Keith Hoffman from his office will also be presenting.

B. *Nutrition Task Force* – Mrs. Ferratella stated she attended the Nutrition Task Force meeting. Corning Meals on Wheels is doing fairly well with no issues, but are still dependent on the County for data entry. She stated there was a request to establish a congregate meal site at a Cohocton church. Mrs. Baroody explained they received a request from the informal Cohocton seniors group who asked to make them an official congregate meal site. We did put something in our newsletter and are currently conducting a survey. As part of that, there are two sites in Hornell. One of the sites has been temporarily closed down to complete some reconstruction. We are re-evaluating whether Hornell needs to have two sites.

Mrs. Ferratella commented ProAction has a \$30,000 cost for equipment that continues to break down. Mrs. Baroody stated she has a meeting with them later today. She has long felt that the program needs to do more fundraising through ProAction. This is a missed opportunity if they do not do that. We distribute all the money we get for the nutrition program to the two vendors; Corning Meals on Wheels and ProAction. ProAction has a real need for funds for their aging equipment. Mrs. Lando commented she thought there had been discussion about Corning Meals on Wheels not needing as much from the County and that perhaps that portion could be given to ProAction. Mrs. Baroody stated she would check into that.

C. *Smart Steuben* – Mrs. Ferratella stated she recently attended that meeting and there was discussion regarding the 100th year anniversary. Additionally there was talk about doing a mass vaccination exercise. Mrs. Smith stated that a simulated mass vaccination exercise has been scheduled for April 10th at the Bath Haverling High School. They are asking the State if they can switch it to a mass flu vaccination clinic. Either way, we will need volunteers.

Mrs. Ferratella stated there will also be an STD Program at the Corning Community College Health Center on March 7, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Additionally, there continues to be discussion about the T-21 Raise the Age. This is a proposal to raise the age for the purchase of tobacco products to 21. A lot of counties are going in this direction. Mr. Wheeler commented the State was taking that up last year, and has again this year. If they do not do anything with it, then it is your local option to do that.

Mrs. Ferratella stated the Rural Health Network is preparing for their upcoming site visits for Public Health accreditation. She stated they also have \$5,700 in cancer service funds available for individuals with cancer that need financial help. Mrs. Ferratella stated that the Rural Health Network is setting up a drug task forum for opioids. Mrs. Smith explained they applied for a grant that will assist with opioid prevention efforts.

Mrs. Lando stated she attended the Eat Well, Recovery Well forum that was held at the Corning Community College Health Center. This was very interesting as they were talking about how eating well can really help people with their recovery.

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

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County

****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR**
Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Legislative Committee Room
9:00 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
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Wednesday, February 28, 2018**