

STEUBEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

9:00 a.m.

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

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Carol A. Ferratella, Chair Steven P. Maio	Hilda T. Lando, Vice Chair Paul E. Van Caeselele	K. Michael Hanna
STAFF:	Jack K. Wheeler Hank Chapman Bill Caudill Kathy Muller	Christopher Brewer Craig Patrick Darlene Smith	Patty Baroody Jennifer Prossick Lise Reynolds
LEGISLATORS:	Scott J. Van Etten Jeffrey P. Horton	Robin K. Lattimer John V. Malter	Kelly H. Fitzpatrick Aaron I. Mullen
OTHERS:	Linda Tetor, Executive Director, Steuben Senior Services Fund Colleen Banik, Prevention Coordinator, Steuben Prevention Coalition James Bassage, Prevention Director, Steuben Prevention Coalition 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 DECEMBER 4, 2019, MEETING MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Office for the Aging

1. **Award Home Care Quote** – Mrs. Baroody stated we currently have one vendor who provides EISEP Level I care. A second request for quotes for EISEP Home Care Services was issued as the first one did not result in an award. We revised it so that providers could submit quotes for Level I (housekeeper/chore) and/or Level II (personal care). After the revision we received one quote from Comfort Keepers for Level I care. Mrs. Baroody explained most of the people on our waiting list are Level I and this award will help us provide services. She requested authorization to contract with Comfort Keepers for \$10,000 for the year.

MOTION: AWARDING THE QUOTE FOR EISEP HOME CARE SERVICES TO COMFORT KEEPERS FOR LEVEL I CARE FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$10,000 MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA FOR DISCUSSION.

Mrs. Lando asked do you get a report back on how the vendors are doing? Mrs. Baroody replied our office provides monitoring and we know in real time if there are any issues. She commented that the hourly rate for Comfort Keepers is \$30.00 per hour; however, they did agree to allow us to deduct \$0.36 per hour from the rate for our administrative work.

Mr. Maio asked is there a waiting list for Level II care? Mrs. Baroody replied we currently do have a waiting list for Level II care and Home Health Care has been able to answer that need. We know that Level II is a growing need. There is a workforce issue to attract people to that type of work and one of the biggest issues is pay. This is hard work and it is isolated work in the home. There are statewide initiatives being put into place to figure out a solution, but we do not have any answers.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **Full Circle America** – Mrs. Baroody introduced Linda Tetor who is here to answer any questions about the Full Circle America Program. Mrs. Ferratella asked are there scholarships or are individuals responsible for paying the full amount? Mrs. Tetor replied individuals received a six-month free services trial and then we look at their income and payment is based on a sliding fee scale. Some individuals do pay the entire \$250 per month. We also have a couple of individuals whose monthly income is \$600 - \$700 and they do not pay a fee.

Mrs. Tetor explained the Steuben Senior Services Fund is a not-for-profit agency that works in partnership with the Office for the Aging. The Full Circle America program allows individuals to stay at home with the use of a computer, the internet and cameras. We also have a case manager who reviews referrals of individuals interested in the program. We have a contract with Dr. Alan Teel, who is located in Maine. He monitors each case and will call 911 if there is an issue. Dr. Teel talks with clients fairly regularly about wellness issues. We have local nurses that go into the homes as needed. Currently there are 13 individuals on the program and we have serviced 30 to-date. People are hesitant to do the program because of the internet, but we are gaining traction. Our board has raised \$137,000 to invest into this program. The average age of participants is 90.

B. Public Health

1. **2020 Contracts** – Mrs. Smith presented the 2020 contracts for review and approval. There have been no changes since last year.

MOTION: APPROVING THE FOLLOWING 2020 CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH: COMMON GROUND HEALTH (REGIONAL HEALTH PLANNING SERVICES) - \$1,000; ARNOT MEDICAL SERVICES (TB SERVICES) – MEDICAID RATE; NOYES HOSPITAL – QUANTIFERON TB TEST (TB SERVICES) - \$50.00; FINGER LAKES MIGRANT HEALTH CARE PROJECT (STD TESTING) – MEDICAID RATE; PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF GREATER NEW YORK, INC. (STD TESTING) – MEDICAID RATE; JAMES MCGUINNESS & ASSOCIATES (SOFTWARE SUPPORT) - \$625.00/MONTH FOR PRESCHOOL BILLING PROGRAM, \$167.00/MONTH FOR MEDICAID SERVICE BUREAU AND \$125.00/HOUR FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT; S2AY RURAL HEALTH NETWORK (CONSULTANT) - \$18,500; S2AY RURAL HEALTH NETWORK (CONSULTANT – REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COOPERATIVE) - \$2,000; BIOSERVE, INC. (MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL) - \$75.00/BOX; JAN & BEV'S HOME CARE (CONTRACT STAFF – NURSES) – PAYROLL + 15%; PATHWAYS (CONTRACT STAFF – NURSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT) – PAYROLL + 15%; WELLNESS PROGRAMS WITH VALUE (BIOMETRIC COLLECTION & REPORTING) - \$3.00/FORM AND \$200.00 FOR REPORTS; NEW YORK BLOOD PRESSURE, INC. (BLOOD PRESSURE MACHINE) - \$99.00/MONTH; LEAD SCREENING GRANT - \$41,994; IMMUNIZATION GRANT - \$48,470; RABIES GRANT - \$20,210; EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT - \$82,371; CHILDREN SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS GRANT - \$21,888; EARLY INTERVENTION GRANT - \$39,884; STUDENT FIELD EXPERIENCE CONTRACTS AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY WITH SUNY ALFRED, ELMIRA COLLEGE, SUNY BROCKPORT, KEUKA COLLEGE, PLATTSBURG, SUNY EMPIRE, CORNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SUNY BINGHAMTON, ROBERTS WESLYEAN COLLEGE, ST. JOHN FISHER AND CORNELL UNIVERSITY MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **Preschool Provider Contracts** – Mrs. Smith requested authorization to enter into a contract for preschool related services with Whitesville Central School District for \$70.00 per session and with Campbell-Savona Central School District for a preschool 1 to 1 aide for \$18.00 per hour.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS FOR PRESCHOOL SERVICES: WHITESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (RELATED SERVICES) AT A RATE OF \$70.00 PER SESSION AND CAMPBELL-SAVONA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (1:1 AIDE) AT A RATE OF \$18.00 PER HOUR MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

3. **Lead Grant** – Mrs. Smith requested authorization to accept a Lead Grant from the United Way of the Southern Tier in the amount of \$3,000. This is unrestricted funding and our intent is to use some of these funds to purchase supplies to assist families in the remediation of lead in their homes.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT A LEAD GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 FROM THE UNITED WAY OF THE SOUTHERN TIER MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

C. Office of Community Services

1. **CASA-Trinity Contract** – Dr. Chapman stated several months ago Ann Domingos of CASA-Trinity came before the committee to request \$80,000 in County funds to help cover the cost of the former Loyola inpatient detox unit. During the course of the budget process, \$40,000 was budgeted for this purpose. He requested authorization to enter into a contract with CASA-Trinity for \$40,000 to cover some of the overhead and start-up costs for the detox unit in Hornell.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CASA-TRINITY FOR \$40,000 TO COVER SOME OF THE OVERHEAD AND START-UP COSTS FOR THE DETOX UNIT IN HORNELL MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO FOR DISCUSSION.

Mrs. Lando asked so what is the status of this? Dr. Chapman replied he is not aware that a decision about the future location has been made. They are currently housed in the old St. James Hospital and Ms. Domingos was working to secure space in the new hospital. As a backup plan she was also looking at an alternative location.

Mr. Van Etten commented Ms. Domingos had stated that she was going to seek additional funding from surrounding counties; was she able to do that? Dr. Chapman replied she did contact Chemung, Livingston and Allegany counties. Chemung and Livingston already have programs in their counties and declined. Allegany also did not contribute.

Mrs. Lando asked will Ms. Domingos be able to operate with \$40,000? Dr. Chapman replied this amount was based on Ms. Domingos' best estimates. His suggestion would be to, at the very least, get information from Ms. Domingos on a quarterly basis to see where things are at. Mrs. Lando commented it would be nice to have her come back to one of our meetings to give an update.

Mr. Van Etten asked is this going to be a 27-bed unit? Dr. Chapman replied yes and she recently was approved for 30 beds. Mr. Van Etten stated this is a good thing for our area and Ms. Domingos is a very good operator. Mr. Wheeler stated there were additional beds at the Bath VA and those were closed, so if Ms. Domingos did not take over the Loyola unit in Hornell, we would have no beds available in Steuben County.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **Prevention Coalition Presentation** – Dr. Chapman stated he would like to welcome Colleen Banik and Jim Bassage from the Steuben Prevention Coalition. They are here to provide the committee a presentation on what they can offer with regard to opioid prevention.

Ms. Banik stated back in September we had come to the committee to request funding in case we did not receive our Federal drug free initiative grant (DFC). This is a five-year grant of \$125,000 per year. We did not receive

the grant in 2018. This year, for 2020, we did receive the grant. In the meantime, we did start our Opioid Prevention Program which is not covered under DFC funds. She explained in 2019 we established the Opioid Committee and our goals were to raise awareness, data collection and overall support for the reduction of opioid abuse. This committee is made up of 19 members. During 2019 we participated in the Regional Opioid Task Force and the Regional Vaping Task Force. We continued our data collection which included the 2019 adult perception survey, the formulated community perception survey and the 2019 prevention needs assessment survey. Additionally we have installed six drug free zone signs and now have 13 medication drop box locations.

Ms. Banik stated for 2020 the Opioid Committee will continue to meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. We will continue with our annual school and community events which include the PSA contest and media events projects, youth and community led café conversation and school policy recommendations and assistance. She stated they will continue to increase the community partnerships and collaborations. They will also be doing the Opioid & Vaping Crisis Educational Awareness training, DITEP (Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals) and community trainings on Opioid abuse and Vaping.

Ms. Banik stated the 2020 Opioid Community budget proposal is \$62,724. She stated Catholic Charities has already committed \$25,000 for a dedicated staff person. We are requesting a County appropriation of \$37,724 for our portion. Additionally, we will be doing fundraising and outreach for an additional \$9,300. Ms. Banik stated our request for \$37,724 will be used for the operation of the Opioid Committee. Mr. Van Etten asked with your five-year grant, are there performance reporting requirements? Ms. Banik replied yes, we do quarterly reporting and we also have to reapply for the funding each year.

Mr. Malter asked did we put this request in the budget? Mr. Wheeler replied we did with the specification that Ms. Banik and Mr. Bassage would come and do a presentation to the committee on what these funds would be used for.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE STEUBEN PREVENTION COALITION FOR FUNDING OF THE OPIOID PREVENTION COMMITTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,724 MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC OFFICERS' LAW, ARTICLE 7§ 105.1.H. THE PROPOSED, ACQUISITION, SALE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MR. VAN CAESELE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR****

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020
Legislative Committee Room
9:00 a.m.**

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Wednesday, January 29, 2020**