

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative conference room, Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 8:30 AM.

Present:	Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
	Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator
	Ms. Loretta Sullivan	Legislator
	Ms. Lori Morgan	Director of Community Services
	Mr. Chris Korba	Director of Administrative Services - MH
	Mr. Shawn Yetter	Commissioner of Social Services
	Mr. Gary Grant	Deputy Commissioner of Social Services
	Ms. Lisa McCafferty	Director of Public Health
	Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services - PH
Guests:	Ms. Sue Medina	Deputy Director of Public Health
	Ms. Rita Hollenbeck	Chief Accountant/Budget Officer

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Budget Status
 - Mr. Chris Korba shared that the fee-for-service revenues through five months are 2% above target. Expenditures for six months are on target. Everything is "tracking well".
2. Personnel
 - Laura Ellis is retiring effective 7/31/17.
3. Critical Issues/Topics
 - OASAS STR Grant – Ms. Morgan explained that the grant has been approved for one full-time employee at the Jail to assist with discharge planning and some therapy in jail. This person will also help coordinate service with DSS for parents in jail. There will be a team in the community to direct people where they need to go for services.
4. Resolutions
 - Recognize Laura Ellis' 25 Years of service to TCMH.
 - Appropriation of Funds. These are pass-through funds awarded to Rehabilitative Support Services to provide Ongoing Integrated Supported Employment to Tioga County residents.
5. Proclamations
 - None.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the June 6, 2017 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Sullivan and Seconded by Legislator Monell. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted as written.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Ms. Lisa McCafferty presented personnel, highlights and resolutions (Agency report was previously submitted to committee members electronically).

1. Budget Status
 - Mr. Denis McCann noted that the Public Health budget is "tracking well." The revenues are more current than they have ever been due to streamlined processes. The Pre-School transportation is trending a little higher than budgeted and they will continue to monitor.
2. Personnel
 - No change.
3. Program Comments
 - Agency Report for June 2017 was provided to the Committee. Ms. McCafferty encouraged Committee members to review Adam Ace's Healthy Neighborhoods Program Annual Report for FY 2016-2017. There are also articles on Lyme disease, pictures of the proclamation wall and lobby display.
4. Resolutions
 - Appoint an Early Intervention Official for Tioga County.
 - Authorize Salary Reallocation. Personnel determined the salary increase and grade change.
 - Authorize Application for New York State Community Development Block Grant. This is for replacing the dental van. The grant is due at the end of July. Ms. Medina has been working on it with Elaine Jardine. Ms. Hollenbeck asked if there was a local match of funds; which Ms. Medina responded that there was not. Ms. Medina explained that the CDBG grant is for \$300,000, there is an Appalachian Regional Commission Grant for \$150,000 and a grant from the Hooker Foundation for \$25,000.
5. Proclamations
 - None.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Commissioner Yetter discussed caseloads, programmatic highlights, and personnel changes. (Reports were all sent to Committee members via email yesterday).

1. Budget
 - Mr. Gary Grant reported that the 2017 budget is tracking well except for Foster Care which continues to run above budget. There are two school placements that cost \$320,000 a year. These are rare; usually there are no children in this type of care. One child will still be in the facility for another year so the cost can be added to the 2018 budget. The foster care program staff have reviewed all the cases to make sure we are getting the maximum reimbursement.
2. Caseloads
 - During June, Cash Assistance caseloads increased 13 cases, with Family Assistance increasing 11 cases and Safety Net increasing 2 cases. Commissioner Yetter has an investigator reviewing why the caseload has increased.
 - MA-Only decreased 89 cases.
 - MA-SSI increased 9 cases.
 - Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 161 to 3,817. There is a new graph that shows how many Medicaid cases DSS has enrolled and how many the State has enrolled. Tioga County is among the average counties with 20% of their population on Medicaid.
 - SNAP decreased 1 case.
 - Day Care increased 4 cases.
 - Services increased 7 cases.
 - See Caseload Summary.

3. Programmatic Highlights

- Youth Bureau Report – In packet. Ms. Hawley is recruiting for new Board members.
- TEC Report – In packet. Ms. McCall included job seeker statistics and the work history of those registered.
- Child Welfare software program. Commissioner Yetter explained that this is a tablet based software program that would have all the forms and documents downloaded onto for caseworkers to be able to complete in the field. The paperless feature would help with file storage. Also, the tablets will be able to take better quality pictures than the three cameras that we currently have. With the hotline reports being up significantly, he is looking at this program as a way to avoid staffing increases. The program will also improve child safety and outcomes as the caseworkers will be able to spend more time with families. Doug Camin is on board.

4. Personnel Changes

- Jessica Corneby, Office Specialist, resigned on 6/9/17.

5. Resolutions

- Abolish and Create Positions. There are two vacant Office Specialists in the FSMA Unit. Commissioner Yetter would like to abolish those two positions and create one full-time Community Services Worker in the Foster Care Unit. This is a re-allocation of resources and would reduce the headcount by one.
- Authorize Chair of Legislature to Sign Application for 5311 Grant Funds.

6. Proclamations

- None.

Mr. Grant shared that the security cameras are being installed inside the HHS building, only in the public areas. Access to view the cameras would be limited to the sheriff's department, buildings & grounds, security desk and a 2nd floor location (where the badge access computer is). Approval is required by the Legislature to review past footage. It was suggested Mr. Grant reach out to Peter DeWind to review the current policy to see if it needs to be amended.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

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