

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Health & Human Services**

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 8:30 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Dennis Mullen	Legislator
Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator
Mr. Jake Brown	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	Public Health Director
Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services - PH

Guests: Mr. Peter DeWind	County Attorney {arrived @ 8:45 AM}
Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk

**MENTAL HYGIENE**

1. Financial
  - Mr. Chris Korba noted that the 2022 budget is tracking well. He is expecting to have a return at the end of year. Fee-For-Service Revenue is for seven months, and Expense tracking is for eight months. Only 12.3% of the budget has been used, however there are some expenses that have not posted yet. There are no new reports of any criminal psych placement court orders.
2. Old Business
  - Criminal Psych – No new orders to report.
3. New Business
  - Spencer and Tioga Central School Districts – Ms. Morgan shared that these two school districts have received a grant for Mental Health therapists. The position at Tioga Central will be part-time and the position at Spencer will be full-time telehealth.
  - MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) Jail Plan. Any methadone cases will be transported to UHS.
4. Personnel
  - Erica Kylor – Sr. Clinical Social Worker starts 9/26/22.
5. Resolutions – Resolutions were approved to continue.
  - Appropriation of Funds and Budget Modification (contracts pass through state aid funding).
  - Amend Budget and Appropriate Funds (joint with TCPH) – Health Care Worker Bonus Program.

## 6. Proclamations

- National Recovery Month in Tioga County (repeat).

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

## 1. Financial

- Mr. Denis McCann shared that the 2022 budget is “tracking well.” Under 60% of expenses have been used. He expects to have a return in local share at the end of the year.

## 2. Old Business

- None.

## 3. New Business

- Agency Report for August 2022 forwarded to committee. Highlights were working with the food vendors at the Tioga County Fair. Environmental Health is working with potable water supplies.

## 4. Personnel

- Tamie Jacobs, Accounting Associate III, hired effective August 1, 2022.

## 5. Resolutions – Resolutions were approved to continue.

- Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (CHSC Grant)
- Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (HWB Program – joint with TCMH)

## 6. Proclamations

- Healthy Aging Month (New – Laura Bennett to receive).

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

## 1. Financial

- Mr. Gary Grant shared that there was a rate increase in the Foster Care lines but the JD line, OCFS, and payroll are under budget. A letter was received informing DSS the MA weekly shares will be reduced for the next 30 weeks which also results in savings. With some shifting around of revenue to cover the Foster Care lines, Mr. Grant expects to be under budget at the end of the year.

## 2. Old Business

- None.

## 3. New Business

- Caseloads  
During August, Cash Assistance increased 3 cases, with Family Assistance increasing 1 case and Safety Net increasing 2 cases. Safety Net is down 15% for the year.

MA-Only increased 1 case.

MA-SSI decreased 9 cases.

Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 21 cases to 3,805.

SNAP cases increased 16 cases.

Day Care increased 18 cases. Day Care has gone up 38% for the year. There is a push on advertising as eligibility has expanded.

- Services cases increased 14 cases.  
See Caseload Summary and Charts.

Legislator Mullen expressed concern regarding kids leaving the Sayre School District and going to Waverly. They may be considering combining the 2 districts. He suggested Commissioner Yetter may want to discuss with the schools.

- Tioga Career Center report is attached. The unemployment rate in Tioga County went up slightly but remains below the State & Federal rates. There were 36 new UI claims filed in August.

#### 4. Personnel Changes

- Ashley Wright, OS1, hired effective 8/15/22.
- Christopher Titus, Case Supervisor Grade B – Services, last day effective 8/18/22.

#### 5. Resolutions – Resolutions were approved to continue.

- Appropriation of Funds & Amend 2022 Budget (DV)
- Appropriation of Funds & Amend 2022 Budget (VOCA Grant)
- Create & Fill Seasonal Social Welfare Examiner Positions and Seasonal Office Specialist 1 Positions for the HEAP Program.
- Authorization to Sign Contract (Detention). Any RTA Youth are covered 100%.

#### 6. Proclamations

- Child Welfare Appreciation Week – (New – Liz Myers to receive).

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the August 2, 2022 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Mullen. Seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion Carried.

#### **ADJOURNED:**

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gail V. Perdue*

Executive Secretary, Social Services