

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Tuesday February 26, 2019
Large Conference Room

Committee Members Present

Alex Stepanski, Chairman, Town of Stockbridge
James Goldstein, Vice-Chairman, Town of Lebanon
Loren Corbin, Town of Brookfield
Eve Ann Shwartz, Town of Hamilton
Daniel Degear, Vice-Chairman BOS - part of meeting

Others Present

Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health Services
Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Social Services
Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health Services
Mark Scimone, County Administrator
Tina Wayland Smith, County Attorney
Samantha Field, Public Information Officer
Melissa Maine, Deputy Commissioner for Family Services
Tina Louis, Director, Madison County Youth Bureau
Deanna Matt, Confidential Secretary, Public Health Services
Beth Piersall, Confidential Secretary, Mental Health Services

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Alex Stepanski called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., indicating that there was a quorum for the Health and Human Services Committee.

Approve Minutes

The Health and Human Services Committee reviewed the meeting minutes for January 22, 2019 and February 12, 2019. A motion to approve the January 22, 2019 minutes as written was made by Vice Chairman Goldstein seconded by Supervisor Corbin and carried unanimously. A motion to approve the February 12, 2019 special meeting minutes as written was made by Chairman Stepanski and seconded by Supervisor Corbin and carried unanimously.

Social Services

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented the Expenditure and Refund Summary. At this point Social Services is within limits at 8%. Commissioner Fitzgerald reports that food stamps will be issued early for the month of March. This recommendation came from the USDA.

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2019 Adopted Budget

A motion was made by Supervisor Shwartz to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice Chairman Goldstein and carried unanimously.

Appointing Member to the Madison County Youth Board

A motion was made by Supervisor Shwartz to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Corbin and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an Agreement with Catholic Charities of Oneida/Madison Counties

A motion was made by Supervisor Corbin to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Shwartz and carried unanimously.

Authorizing Attendance at an Out-of-State Conference (Sheriff)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Shwartz and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to renew an Agreement with Community Action Program, Inc.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Chairman Stepanski and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an Agreement and terminate an Agreement with Family Counseling Services of Cortland County, Inc.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Shwartz and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to renew an Agreement with Dr. Scott Petosa of K.A.G. Consulting

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Shwartz and carried unanimously.

Mental Health

Director Teisha Cook presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2019 Adopted County Budget

A motion was made by Supervisor Shwartz to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Corbin and carried unanimously.

Director Cook reported that the recent site review from the Office of Mental Health went very well and the Mental Health Department received a three-year certification.

Veterans Agency

County Administrator Mark Scimone presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Appointing Ron Raymer as Director and Creating a Veterans Counselor Position

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Shwartz and carried unanimously.

Public Health

Director Eric Faisst asked for the Committee's input regarding filling a recently vacated Environmental Health Specialist position. This position was funded by a 5-year grant; they are currently in the 4th year of the grant. Director Faisst provided detailed statistics on the field visits that were conducted at residences requesting water testing since the grant started in September 2015. One third of residents in the County are on private water supplies. The consensus of the Health and Human Services Committee is that this is an important program and we should continue providing this service. Director Faisst will reach out to the one individual that expressed interest from the current civil service list. We will discuss this at our March meeting and can modify the current resolution if the Board would like to continue this service.

Preferred Agenda

The Committee unanimously agreed to include all resolutions in their Preferred Agenda, upon motion by Vice Chairman Goldstein and seconded by Chairman Stepanski.

Melissa Maine, Deputy Commissioner for Family Services and Tina Louis, Director of Madison County Youth Bureau outlined numerous services they provide and discussed how staffing structure has changed. Staff and program expansion include: School and Youth Development Supervisor and three School and Youth Coordinators, Leadership Program, that has expanded to 3 more schools, Summer Program, Program Quality Assessment, attendance at community youth meetings, Safe Harbour, School Services Referrals, Fatherhood Connection, Plans for Motherhood Group, Independent Living Skills Group, One Circle, Interactive Journaling. The Youth Bureau is one of the few agencies that currently completes Teen Assessment Project Survey (TAP) electronically. The Youth Bureau receives \$55,000 in funding from Office of Children and Family Services for services for youth population. This funding is based on our census number. Supervisor Shwartz asked if County funding could be allocated so the identified programs could receive funds in January instead of waiting until April. Director Louis offered to provide additional information regarding current RFP policy for agencies selected for community programming funds. This will be discussed further at the March meeting.

VMSG Performance Management Software Demonstration - The software is designed specifically for needs of Public Health. It allows staff to manage and track documents, assists with grant management, real time planning, reports, information can be shared with board members and senior management staff, accreditation plan and has built in training videos. The benefits include being cost effective, providing dashboard with 3D planning, accreditation and the software is cloud based. Director Faisst noted that Public Health is working toward accreditation and this software would greatly assist them in this process.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Supervisor Shwartz to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of an individual, Vice Chairman Goldstein seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Goldstein to exit executive session; Supervisor Shwartz seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Chairman Goldstein at 1:08 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Shwartz and carried unanimously.

Next meeting: March 26, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Piersall for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski