

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Meeting via Zoom & In-Person

Committee Members Present

Loren Corbin, Town of Brookfield (Via Zoom)

Joe Magliocca, City of Oneida (Via Zoom)

Eve Ann Shwartz, Town of Hamilton (Via Zoom)

James Goldstein, Vice-Chairman, Town of Lebanon (Via Zoom)

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Alex Stepanski, Chairman, Town of Stockbridge (In-Person)

Others Present

Mark Scimone, County Administrator

Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Social Services

Jesica Prievo, Deputy Commissioner for Family Services

Tina Louis, Director, Madison County Youth Bureau

Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health Services

Ron Raymer, Director, Veterans Agency

Lukas Duimstra, Veterans Agency

Tina Wayland Smith, County Attorney

Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health Services

Kathryn Scheirer, Mental Health Clinic Treatment Program Coordinator

Deanna Matt, Confidential Secretary, Public Health Services

Call Meeting to Order

Vice-Chairman Jim Goldstein called the meeting to order at 10:35 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 June 23, 2020. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Supervisor Loren Corbin seconded by Supervisor Eve Ann Shwartz and carried unanimously.

Veterans Agency

Director Ron Raymer provided an update on the Veteran's Service Agency, and introduced new Veterans Counselor Lukas Duimstra. Veterans Service Agency is continuing contact with veterans while maintaining social distancing guidelines, with capability to conduct via video if requested. Full report reviewed

Social Services

Commissioner Fitzgerald provided updates from the Department of Social Services including the introduction of Jesica Prieto, Deputy Commissioner for Family Services, who took over upon Melissa Maine's retirement after 33 years at the County. Commissioner's Report reviewed, and Commissioner Fitzgerald pointed out that the phone system has been busy due to increased referrals to the phone services. Good times to call are 10am and 2pm. Two rental assistance programs are available for those impacted by COVID-19.

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2020 Adopted County Budget

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

Deputy Director Prieto presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Amend an Agreement with Liberty Resources Family Services, INC.

Deputy Director Prieto states that this resolution is to reduce down to what Liberty Resources has actually been doing. This is billing for services provided.

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

Director Tina Louis presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Madison County Children's Camp and to modify the 2020 Adopted County Budget

Director Louis outlines the Counselor in Training program which OCFS approved, also notes that this is 100% reimbursable through State Aid

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

Mental Health

Director Teisha Cook reported that Madison County Mental Health is permanently approved to provide telehealth services.

Director Cook presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2020 Adopted County Budget

Need for correction was noted, and Director Cook will provide the updated resolution to the recording secretary.

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

Public Health

Director Eric Faisst presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing 2020 Budget Modification for the Federal CDC Grant Public Health Drinking Water Programs to Reduce Drinking Water Exposures

Director Faisst noted this is to accept funding

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Renew Enter into an Agreement and Modify the 2020 Adopted County Budget for Public Health Preparedness Grant

Director Faisst noted this is a yearly acceptance of funding

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

Director Faisst gave an update on COVID-19 in Madison County. To date there are 4 active cases, 194 individuals in quarantine of which 60% (116) are travelers. Weekly meetings have been conducted with colleges/universities and public schools the last few weeks, and concerns raised with being able to control situations. Discussions pending regarding closures and the triggers to do so; Director Faisst has raised the question to the state. Public Schools main concern is logistics of transportation. MCDOH has been using the State CommCare System to assist with contact tracing of travelers, and a text app for monitoring of students. Complaints are followed up on daily, and the 3-strike rule for enforcement is in effect. Onondaga has a process in place for cases who refuse to comply, which we will mirror in our efforts.

Wastewater treatment plant testing has started at SUNY Morrisville and in the Village of Cazenovia, which will establish a baseline before students arrive. We are in the process for contracting to provide testing in areas where/if spikes virus occur in sampling. Colgate will be testing wastewater on their own system using the same Lab and project team as MCDOH.

Greenhouse housing: the two farm houses are completed, 1 bunkhouse completed and workers moving in, 1 slated for completion next week, and a third bunkhouse is being built, GEF is getting trailers in the event that isolation of workers is needed.

Preferred Agenda

The Committee unanimously agreed to include all resolutions in their Preferred Agenda, upon motion by Supervisor Magliocca and seconded by Supervisor Shwartz.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Supervisor Corbin to adjourn the meeting at 11:30am, seconded by Supervisor Magliocca and carried unanimously.

Next meeting: August 25, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski