

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Meeting via Zoom & In-Person

Committee Members Present

Alex Stepanski, Chairman (In Person)

Joe Magliocca, City of Oneida (In Person)

Loren Corbin, Town of Brookfield (Via Zoom)

Eve Ann Shwartz, Town of Hamilton (Via Zoom)

Excused

James Goldstein, Vice-Chairman, Town of Lebanon

Others Present

Mark Scimone, County Administrator

Steve Chaires, Deputy Commissioner for Administrative Services, Social Services

Tina Louis, Director, Madison County Youth Bureau

Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health Services

Ron Raymer, Director, Veterans Agency

Tina Wayland Smith, County Attorney

Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health Services (Via Zoom)

Samantha Field, Public Information Officer

Deanna Matt, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Public Health

Guests from BOCES New Visions Program (Students and teacher Cindy Cerelli)

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Alex Stepanski called the meeting to order at 10:30 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 September 22, 2020. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Supervisor Magliocca seconded by Supervisor Corbin and carried unanimously.

Veterans Agency

Director Ron Raymer provided an update on the Veteran's Service Agency. WAVEM Corporation Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony scheduled for November 11, 2020 at 11:00am at the Madison County War Veterans Memorial.

Social Services

Deputy Commissioner of Administrative Services Steve Chaires presented the Commissioner's Report, noting that CPS referrals were up due as expected to kids back in school settings.

Mental Health

Director Teisha Cook gave a brief update of the Mental Health Department hiring 3 social workers from a great pool of qualified candidates to choose from. Supervisor Shwartz requested outreach to the Sherburne-Earlville school district struggling with low attendance among their student population likely due to Mental Health challenges. Director Cook will have her staff reach out to the district representative.

Director Cook 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.

Public Health

Director Faisst gave an update on COVID-19. Madison County currently has 30 active cases, which is the highest since September 3. Positivity rate has double since September and is averaging 4.23 cases per day. Most of the cases are community spread through travel, gatherings and events. There have been no deaths since June, and hospitalization rate is at 0%. Testing sites have been successful throughout the county, and have worked in coordination with the wastewater testing results. October 16th MCDOH applied for an Abbott ID Now rapid testing unit, and on the 20th received the unit as well as 504 rapid kits and 1200 Binex kits. Strategizing and trainings will be following shortly. Filling new positions opened up for contact tracing, allowing for regular staff to be freed up for testing needs. MCDOH issues 4 citations/fines in the county for mask violations in business employees and patrons. Wastewater testing funding will end in 3 weeks, but Cazenovia is working on possibly expanding with private funding.

Director Eric Faisst presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing Agreement Extension for Dog Shelter Services

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter an Agreement with Health Research Inc.

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

Abolishing a Public Health Nurse and Creating a Public Health Nurse II

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

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 Magliocca to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Corbin and carried unanimously.

Next meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski