

AGENDA

SOCIAL & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, January 28, 2013, 4:30 p.m.

Supervisors Large Conference Room

I. Veterans Agency, 4:30 – 4:45

- A) Approve Minutes
- B) Monthly Statistics

II. Youth Bureau, 4:45 – 5:00

- A) Approve Minutes
- B) 2013/2014 Governor's Proposed Budget Impact

III. Social Services, 5:00 – 5:30

- A) Approve Minutes
- B) Expenditures Report
- C) Out-of-State Travel Requests
- D) County Not-for-Profit Letter
- E) Medicaid Enrollment Center Update
- F) CPS/FAR Consumer Satisfaction Letters
- G) HEAP Update
- H) Motion for Executive Session – Pending Litigation

IV. Mental Health, 5:30 – 6:00

- A) Approve Minutes
- B) Madison-Cortland ARC County Share
- C) Impact Related to the Reduction in Public Transportation

Minutes of Meeting

SOCIAL & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING Department of Social Services

December 17, 2012

Present: John Salka, Town of Brookfield
Roger Bradstreet, Town of Nelson
Alexander Stepanski, Town of Stockbridge
Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner
Mark Scimone, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Karolyn Sayles, Mental Health Department
Teisha Cook, Mental Health Department
Dr. James Yonai, Director, Mental Health Department (arrived 4:30)

The Social and Mental Health Services Committee met in the large Board of Supervisors conference room. As the Youth Bureau agenda was coming to a close, Chairman John Salka spoke about the tragic incident that occurred the previous Friday in Newtown, Connecticut. Twenty children and six adults had been killed at an elementary school by a lone gunman. John wanted to make sure that, as national and state dialogue about the incident would surely lead to changes, he wanted to make sure, locally, that we also addressed the needs. Throughout the committee meeting, discussion was held about what was needed (an idea like the community response to the bath salts epidemic was mentioned), the timing (there are regularly scheduled meetings with the school superintendents with the next meeting scheduled for March 13 at 1:00 p.m. at DSS), the structure of services (it was noted that kids most at risk are often "singled out" and every effort should be made to avoid this, especially for children who may have mental health or other developmental and/or cognitive disabilities), and involvement (it was agreed that the county and schools were largely responsible, but that other community partners need to be at the table). It is hoped that the discussion will continue over the coming weeks, months, and years.

John asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 26, 2012, committee meeting. On a motion by Roger and seconded by Alex, the meeting minutes were approved.

Mike reviewed the caseload and expenditures report next. He noted that there was a budget modification for the 2012 budget in the resolution packet to take money from under-spent accounts to cover those accounts over budget. All in all, the year will wrap up with DSS coming in under budget by nearly \$3 million or so. Mike did note that in previous years, the fund balance would see about \$4 million from DSS unspent funds, so the budget is getting tighter. Roger asked about the use of relatives in place of foster care. Mike answered that is an area DSS struggles with. Going back a few years, DSS placed few children with family resources in a "foster care" setting. There were a variety of factors that kept placements low. However, what we have learned through research and practice over the years is that relatives can be wonderful resources for children and families. We currently have about 10 children (out of 60) in foster care. Roger thought that seemed low and Mike agreed that 20 percent is likely still not maximizing the availability (as an example, New York City places about half of the children coming into care with relatives or kinship). There are a number of factors that keep us from attaining higher kin placement including: the child's needs; the history of the relatives (either

criminal histories or previous abuse/neglect); and, often, the desire of the relatives to take care of their minor relatives without the intrusion of DSS. Being in a small community, we often know the players (or they know us) and that keeps some families from being considered. We are required, by law, to reach out to any identified family and certain members of the mother and father's family in all cases of foster care. There being no further questions about the report, the resolutions were introduced.

The first resolution was to modify the 2012 adopted budget. As Mike had previously stated, the budget modification was covering accounts that were overspent with those under spent. There were some large transfers (\$140,000 and \$62,500) that Mike attributed to eligibility criteria and not due to loss of funding or increases in costs. On a motion by Roger and seconded by Alex, the resolution passed unanimously.

The next two resolutions were to renew agreements with Liberty Resources for domestic violence services. Mike explained that the program receives a variety of funds from different sources and they all are combined into a "consolidated domestic violence" budget. The two funding streams Mike had prepared resolutions for supported, in the case of the \$10,083 appropriation, ancillary counseling services for victims and their children while at the domestic violence shelters. The larger \$174,523 resolution supported the domestic violence hotline that has seen an increase in call volumes and services in the past year. Dr. Yonai spoke highly of the services provided and referenced a recent example. On a motion by Alex and seconded by Roger, both resolutions, under one motion, were approved unanimously.

Lastly, Mike had the indigent burial resolution prepared for committee action. Mike reviewed the long history and request for increases that had been made. In the end, increases were included for the allowance for caskets and vaults (increase of \$100 each) and the transportation rate now mirrors that approved through the coroner's contract (\$2 per mile up to \$200). Mike stated that the one area that would certainly cause unrest among the funeral directors was the "hard cap" of no more than \$1,000 contribution by family. He said that had always been the intent, but the previous wording was interpreted to mean \$1,000 contribution for services (calling hours) and any additional amounts for merchandise (cards, flowers, etc.). Mike cautioned that it would be likely that the funeral home directors would advocate directly to the town supervisors and some may use Park Strategies, health insurance, and retirement as examples of the county's "largess." The committee felt that the resolution was the best compromise available with the county under extreme fiscal constraints. Ultimately, it is the funeral home directors' choice if they want to accept the rate offered. Mike will continue to monitor what other counties do and make any recommendations, as appropriate.

There being no further discussion, the Mental Health Department began its presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Fitzgerald
Commissioner

Approved by Committee Chairman: _____ Date: _____

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT
CASELOAD AND EXPENDITURES STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER 2012

CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	2012 APPROPRIATION	MONTHLY COST	YTD COST	PERCENTAGE OF APPROPRIATION
1 ADMINISTRATION																
Salaries													\$ 4,785,130	\$ 362,504	\$ 4,602,511	98.18%
Equipment													\$ 38,025	\$ 7,909	\$ 47,575	125.11%
Contractual													\$ 1,996,769	\$ 322,296	\$ 1,620,489	81.16%
Fringe													\$ 2,258,133	\$ 171,356	\$ 2,103,036	93.13%
MLR													\$ 201,600	\$ 15,800	\$ 189,600	94.05%
A-87													\$ 445,200	\$ 38,700	\$ 464,400	104.31%
PUB FAC FOR FC													\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
2 PURCHASE OF SERVICES													\$ 744,262	\$ 65,299	\$ 821,850	110.42%
3 BLOCK GRANT DAY CARE	168	161	171	173	189	156	151	215	195	199	209	226	\$ 658,590	\$ 60,292	\$ 688,395	104.53%
4 EAF-PCS													\$ 166,626	\$ 6,799	\$ 70,896	42.55%
5 HEAP													\$ 25,000	\$ (249)	\$ (64,255)	-257.02%
6 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE																
FA	206	205	207	205	209	199	194	195	193	197	192	193	\$ 1,552,500	\$ 92,388	\$ 1,249,781	80.50%
EAF	5	7	12	10	28	22	17	23	23	21	23	16	\$ 240,000	\$ 10,989	\$ 121,695	50.71%
DUE TO SOCIAL SERV													\$ -	\$ 153	\$ 351	
TANF PREV NON-SEC DET													\$ 5,000	\$ 195	\$ 1,086	21.72%
SN	128	137	142	144	142	138	137	131	133	136	145	143	\$ 1,053,000	\$ 77,030	\$ 778,042	73.89%
EAA	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$ 16,000	\$ 1,060	\$ 15,406	96.29%
TOTAL PA CASES	341	351	363	361	381	360	349	350	350	355	361	353				
PREV DET PLACEMENT GRANT													\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
WRAP AROUND - NS													\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
STSJP - PROGRAM COSTS													\$ 4,900	\$ -	\$ 2,360	48.16%
STSJP - CONTRACTS													\$ 46,100	\$ -	\$ 24,702	53.58%
7 MA (ONLY)	4242	4235	4270	4271	4307	4334	4354	4381	4362	4427	4401	4408	\$ 130,000	\$ (4,240)	\$ (311,753)	-239.81%
FHP	689	693	698	716	719	728	737	735	751	770	772	778				
SSI	1391	1394	1406	1408	1405	1408	1416	1425	1433	1448	1467	1480				
TOTAL MA CASES	6322	6322	6374	6395	6431	6470	6507	6541	6546	6645	6640	6666				
8 MMIS													\$ 11,247,328	\$ 862,168	\$ 11,139,557	99.04%
9 BURIALS	3	4	4	7	2	2	3	3	4	5	3	7	\$ 120,000	\$ 13,767	\$ 124,245	103.54%
ENERGY FUND													\$ 5,500	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
10 CHILD WELFARE													\$ 2,179,643	\$ 154,392	\$ 1,451,219	66.58%
# In Foster Homes	11	11	15	15	13	13	15	15	16	15	20	19				
# In Higher Level	10	8	8	8	7	9	9	6	8	9	12	9				
# JDP/PINS	2	2	2	3	3	2	0	1	1	1	1	1				
# Adoptions	78	76	77	77	77	76	77	80	80	82	81	82				
Independent Living	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
11 EAF-FOSTER CARE													\$ 797,000	\$ 61,251	\$ 648,246	81.34%
# In Foster Homes	11	11	11	11	17	17	21	15	17	15	15	15				
# In Higher Level	4	4	5	5	5	8	8	11	11	11	12	12				
12 EAF JDP/PINS													\$ 424,850	\$ 46,934	\$ 205,943	48.47%
# In Foster Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2				
# In Institutions	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	4				
13 JDP/PINS													\$ 434,253	\$ 51,234	\$ 565,486	130.22%
# In Foster Homes	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
# In Higher Level	1	2	2	3	4	5	7	8	6	3	3	3				
Independent Living	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
DFY	0	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	2	2	2	0				
Children Not In Foster Care	334	330	326	331	347	340	345	336	335	344	350	356				
Total Children Served	453	446	448	455	475	474	486	475	478	486	502	503				
CPS Referrals	126	98	104	109	121	117	87	86	73	92	83	87				
FAR Referrals	30	21	27	38	27	29	32	34	34	35	41	22				
TOTAL													\$ 29,575,409	\$ 2,418,026	\$ 26,560,862	89.81%
14 FOOD STAMPS																
PA	184	191	196	198	197	192	178	171	174	168	178	177		\$ 58,137	\$ 760,930	
NPA	3794	3877	3906	3890	3912	3877	3859	3850	3888	3808	3880	3892		\$ 988,938	\$ 11,868,351	
15 CHILD SUPPORT																
CURRENT ASSISTANCE	414	436	431	436	444	432	441	437	416	413	426	425		\$ 14,491	\$ 211,718	
FORMER ASSISTANCE	924	901	916	911	906	910	888	909	930	904	904	904		\$ 59,304	\$ 843,550	
NEVER ASSISTANCE	1611	1605	1608	1618	1619	1622	1626	1651	1658	1679	1697	1687		\$ 409,378	\$ 4,668,029	

Commissioner's Report is determined on a Cash Basis and does not include 2011 Accounts Payable totaling \$631,901.92
Fringe Benefit amount is based on 47.27 % of salary costs. This percentage is used to estimate health insurance, social security & retirement expenditures.
Block Grant Day Care Statistics are number of children.
Monies related to Child Support are included in each individual category. The Child Support category is there only to reflect on total monies received by SCU.

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29th National Symposium on Child Abuse



Make plans now to join us for the 29th National Symposium on Child Abuse in Huntsville, AL!

The Symposium will offer 10 workshop sessions for multidisciplinary professionals working in the child maltreatment arena. The workshops are designed for both seasoned professionals and those new to the field. Workshop tracks are designed specifically for Administration, Child Protective Services, Interviewing, Law Enforcement, Legal, Medical, Mental Health/Treatment, Prevention, Victim Advocacy, and Wellness.

Symposium registration opens Monday evening. Attendees who are not in town Monday evening, can register Tuesday morning.

Registration Fees:

\$469 Now through January 18, 2013

\$519 After January 18, 2013

Registration includes access to all Symposium Workshops; Daily Continental Breakfast and Lunch; Joe's Hospitality Room Monday and Tuesday evenings, Wednesday evening Band Party; and transportation between official hotels and Symposium venues.

Opportunity to apply for scholarship has expired

Pre-Conference Sessions will be offered on Monday, March 18, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.
There is a separate registration fee of \$99 for the Pre-Conference Sessions, which includes lunch.

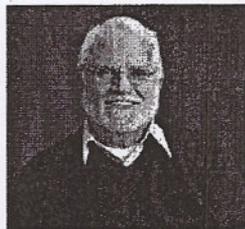
Registration for NCAC sponsored Pre-Conference Sessions may be done during the registration process for Symposium by selecting the Pre-Conference option. It is possible to register for a Pre-Conference Session without registering for Symposium.

Opening Plenary Session

Tuesday, March 19, 8:30 am

Featuring: Jon Conte, PhD

"Looking Back to Look Forward: A Quick History of Child Sexual Abuse"



Dr. Jon Conte is a Professor at The School of Social Work at The University of Washington where he teaches courses on various aspects of clinical social work. He is the Editor of the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence and Trauma, Violence, and Abuse: A Review Journal*. The Founding President of the *American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)*, he was recently honored by APSAC with the designation of President Emeritus for Life. Dr. Conte is a teacher and scholar interested in professional education, research on the effects of child abuse on human development, and psychotherapy with traumatized individuals. He received the 2001 Ron C. Laney Award for Distinguished Service from APSAC. Dr. Conte maintains a private practice in Mercer Island, WA specializing in forensic mental health issues related to child abuse and trauma. He has a particular interest in the impact of trauma work on professionals.

The 29th National Symposium on Child Abuse will be a paperless Symposium. Attendees can access all handouts submitted by workshop presenters on the website two weeks before, during, and for 90 days after Symposium.

Flash drives with all handouts provided will be given out at registration.