

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Monday, June 23, 2014  
Atrium Conference Room

### **Committee Members Present**

Alexander Stepanski, Chairman, Town of Stockbridge  
Lewis Carinci, Vice Chairman, City of Oneida  
James Goldstein, Town of Lebanon  
Joseph John Pinard, Town of Lenox  
Paul Walrod, Town of Georgetown

### **Others Present**

Joanne Eddy, Director, Youth Bureau  
Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Social Services  
Donald Smith, Director, Veterans Service Agency  
Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health  
Karolyn Sayles, Deputy Director of Administrative Services, Mental Health  
Dennis Rahn, Chairperson, Community Services Board  
Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health  
Christine Coe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator

### **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 May meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Carinci, seconded by Walrod and carried unanimously.

### **Youth Bureau**

Joanne Eddy presented one resolution to the Committee:

#### **Appointing a member to the Madison County Youth Board**

A motion was made by Pinard, seconded by Walrod and carried unanimously.

The Youth Tent Flyer was distributed to the Committee to highlight the activities coordinated by the Youth Bureau for the Madison County Fair. The Committee will be provided with an electronic PDF of the flyer to help promote the June 12<sup>th</sup> County Fair and Youth Tent activities.

### **Social Services**

Commissioner Fitzgerald provided the expenditures and caseload report for May 2014. The department is on budget with the exception of JD/PINS which is a little over but leveling out. SNAP (Food Stamps) caseloads are up slightly due in part to increased promotion, access and the economy. The Child Care Block Grant was cut in half reducing the number of child care providers. Fitzgerald said they hope to restore the providers before the coming school year if additional funds can be identified.

Child protective referrals have reached an all-time record with the majority due to school attendance, inadequate guardian, and heroin abuse issues.

Today is the first day of task-based operations which should provide quicker and better service.

### **Veterans Agency**

Donald Smith provided a report of the Veterans Service Agency's activities and statistics for May/June 2014. The Memorial and Flag Day ceremonies went well. Upcoming events in July and August include Boys State (June 27 – July 3) at Morrisville State College at which Don will be a counselor, Madison County Fair (July 12 – 15) display/ information table, New York State American Legion Convention in Albany (July 18 – 20), and the DeRuyter Fair (August 8 – 10).

Director Smith reviewed the Veterans Service Agency's 2013 Annual Report with the Committee.

### **Mental Health**

Karolyn Sayles provided an overview of Mental Health's Fiscal and Accounts Receivable Reports for May 2014 stating they have a \$15,955 surplus due in part to vacancies.

As of June 1, 2014, Mental Health began an Open Access system that allows immediate treatment and mental health care during business hours without an appointment. Teisha Cook shared a report that showed productivity has increased from 81% to 90% from the same time last year.

Teisha Cook presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

**Authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to renew an agreement with Chittenango Central School District**

A motion was made by Goldstein, seconded by Walrod and carried unanimously.

**Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement for psychiatric services**

A motion was made by Goldstein, seconded by Walrod and carried unanimously.

**Authorizing the Chairman to execute a contract modification**

A motion was made by Goldstein, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

Dennis Rahn, Chairman of the Community Services Board, reported that the board membership is sufficient at this time. There will be no monthly Committee meetings over the summer months. The CSB Banquet was held last week and Dennis thanked Chairman Stepanski for attending.

### **Public Health**

Eric Faisst presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

**Authorizing the modification of the 2014 adopted County budget**

A motion was made by Walrod, seconded by Carinci and carried unanimously.

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**Authorizing 2014 budget modification for the Federal & State Grant Immunization Action Plan**

A motion was made by Goldstein, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

**Authorizing the Chairman to enter an agreement with LeMoyne College Nursing Program**

A motion was made by Carinci, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

**Modifying contract with Birnie Bus for pre-school children transportation**

A motion was made by Goldstein, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

**Extending contracts for pre-school children transportation**

A motion was made by Pinard, seconded by Carinci and carried unanimously.

**Authorizing the drinking water enhancement grant renewal and modifying the 2014 budget**

A motion was made by Goldstein, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

**Authorizing the Chairman to enter an agreement with Thimble Creek Research**

A motion was made by Pinard, seconded by Carinci and carried unanimously.

The resolution to review the concerns of the townships of DeRuyter and Georgetown regarding Dominion Transmission's proposed gas compression station was approved. Thimble Creek Research will conduct a thorough assessment of the potential public health impacts associated with the construction and operation of the proposed natural gas compression station located in Sheds, prepare a summary report and consult with Madison County Health Department in the design and implementation of a baseline Community Health Assessment for the impacted population. Eric Faisst provided information on Thimble Creek Research including a draft scope of work that was developed for the project and will be part of the consultant's contract.

Eric will be working with the consultant to develop the formal document for FERC. This would include ensuring that local concerns are integrated into their report, establishing a repository of information and documents, and helping to design and implement baseline and long term health and environmental conditions. The \$3,000 contract costs will get the process started. The Town of Georgetown has made \$5,000 available. Eric would put in a request with the Pew Charitable Trust for additional funding should a full environmental impact assessment be deemed necessary by FERC. Eric will seek other potential funds such as through grants EPA (Air Quality Monitoring) as well as asking Dominion to contribute toward any continued monitoring activities. The Board of Health and Committee of the Whole will be involved in the continued discussion and evaluation going forward.

**Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Walrod at 11:43 p.m., seconded by Carinci and carried.

**Next meeting:** July 28, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. in the Supervisor's large conference room.

*Respectfully submitted by Christine J. Coe for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski and approved on July 24, 2014.*