

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Monday, July 28, 2014

Supervisors Large Conference Room

### **Committee Members Present**

Lewis Carinci, Vice Chairman, City of Oneida

Joseph John Pinard, Town of Lenox

Paul Walrod, Town of Georgetown

### **Others Present**

Joanne Eddy, Director, Youth Bureau

Donald Smith, Director, Veterans Service Agency

Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Social Services

Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health

Karolyn Sayles, Deputy Director of Administrative Services, Mental Health

Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health

Christine Coe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator

### **Call Meeting to Order**

Vice Chairman Lewis Carinci 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 June meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Pinard, seconded by Walrod and carried unanimously.

### **Youth Bureau**

Joanne Eddy shared highlights and a collage of photos from the Youth Bureau's Youth Tent at the Madison County Fair. Attendance was great with approximately 100 families visiting the tent. A \$1,000 donation provided prizes such as puzzles, kites and books. Joanne believes it was their best year to date. Supervisor Goldstein attended the fair with his grandson and sent kudos to Joanne and the Youth Bureau for the Youth Tent. He thought it was great and his grandson had a wonderful time and came home with a big sack of prizes including some free books for reading.

Joanne provided the Committee with her tentative 2015 budget for their review. Vice Chairman Carinci commended Joanne on a job well done with the cuts her program has experienced over the years.

### **Veterans Agency**

Donald Smith provided a report of the Veterans Service Agency's activities and statistics for June 2014 and upcoming August events.

Don provided several resolutions that were voted on at the Department of New York American Legion Conventions held July 17 - 20 in Albany. One of interest was our training and accreditations policy which was defected and another which passed as Ownership of Local Veterans files. This will generate a MOU to be signed by all accredited representatives on behalf of the counties acknowledging its creation pursuant to American Legion POA. This will be a legal issue between county attorneys and the American Legion Department of New York. The State Legislature passed the following two bills that await the Governor's signature; 1)

prohibiting any fee for adding “Veteran” designation on NYS Driver’s License, and 2) allowing all honorably discharged Veterans to buy back up to three years credit for military time in the State Retirement System.

**Social Services**

Commissioner Fitzgerald provided the expenditures and caseload report for June 2014. At 6 months, they have expended 46.95% of their budget. JD/PINS program is over budget at 80.32% but it is leveling out and funds have been moved to address. The program will continue to be monitored.

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

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

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

**Authorizing the Chairman to renew an agreement with Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth**

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

Clients of the Family Health Plus program will be moved to the Affordable Care Act’s Medicaid program by the end of the year. The State will be converting benefit cards from JP Morgan Chase to Xerox. No changes are anticipated; however, the computer conversion will make benefits unavailable during the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of September. Additionally, food stamp vendors will now have to pay for EBT equipment based on transactions; small vendors with fewer transactions will incur a higher cost.

The Foster Care Picnic will be held on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 3 – 7 p.m. at Love Memorial Park in Munnsville. Supervisors are invited and welcome to attend.

The Social Services 2015 budget will be presented at the August meeting for the Committee to review.

**Mental Health**

Karolyn Sayles provided an overview of Mental Health’s Fiscal and Accounts Receivable Reports for June 2014 stating they have a \$32,887 deficit. Department vacancies continue to impact their budget.

Teisha Cook stated that they have seen approximately 100 new walk-in clients since Open Access was made available in June. It has been very well received by clients and staff.

Teisha Cook presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

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

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

**Authorizing the Chairman to execute a contract modification and modifying the 2014 adopted County budget**

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

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

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

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

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

**Authorizing the Chairman to execute a contract modification and modifying the 2014 adopted County budget**

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

**Public Health**

Eric Faisst presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

**Authorizing the modification of the 2014 adopted budget (CSHCN)**

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

**Authorizing the modification of the 2014 adopted budget (Immunizations)**

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

**Modifying contract with Dr. Seelan Newton**

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

**Authorizing the Chairman to enter an agreement with Morrisville State Nursing Program**

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

**Authorizing the modification of the 2014 adopted County budget for Public Health Preparedness Grant**

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

Eric informed the Committee that the County has received a compliance review report from the Department of Justice regarding an ADA Compliance Review of the county campus. An ADA workgroup will be meeting on Friday to review the report and work plan and discuss the next steps.

Mosquito season is here. Although EEE and West Nile Virus have not been detected in mosquito pools collected in Madison County to date, two of our neighboring counties, Onondaga and Oswego County, have both recently announced two EEE positive mosquito pools. In response, we have increased our surveillance and a press release went out on Friday to inform residents of the increased mosquito activity and precautions they can take.

**Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Walrod at 11:37 p.m., seconded by Pinard and carried.

**Next meeting:** August 25, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. in the Atrium conference room.

*Respectfully submitted by Christine J. Coe for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski.*