

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Monday, January 25, 2016  
Supervisors Large Conference Room

**Committee Members Present**

Alex Stepanski, Chairman, Town of Stockbridge  
James Goldstein, Vice Chairman, Town of Lebanon  
Lewis Carinci, City of Oneida  
Joseph John Pinard, Town of Lenox  
Eve Ann Shwartz, Town of Hamilton

**Others Present**

Mark Scimone, County Administrator  
Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Social Services  
Donald Smith, Director, Veterans Agency  
Joanne Eddy, Director, Youth Bureau  
Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health Services  
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 10:51 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 regular meeting minutes of December 22, 2015. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Pinard, seconded by Goldstein and carried unanimously.

**Social Services**

Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald provided the December 2015 expenditures and caseload summary and stated that his department came in on budget at year end. Caseloads were in good shape at the end of the year, and Fitzgerald expects caseload reductions in the SNAP program with new 2016 work activity requirements for clients with no children.

Fitzgerald stated that this is his last month as President of The New York Public Welfare Association.

Fitzgerald presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

**Authorizing attendance at an out-of-state Conference (Soule – Manchester, NH)**

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

**Authorizing attendance at an out-of-state Conference (Bright – Hunstville, AL)**

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

**Authorizing attendance at an out-of-state Conference (Benedict – Huntsville, AL)**

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

### Veterans Agency

Director Donald Smith presented the following resolution to the Committee:

**Authorizing the modification of the 2015 adopted County budget (indigent burials)**

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

Donald Smith provided a report of the Veterans' Service Agency's activities and statistics for January 2016. Smith provided the Committee with a framed Purple Heart County resolution that will be posted in a public location, and the Purple Heart County signs are due to arrive next week.

### Youth Bureau

Director Joanne Eddy presented the following resolution to the Committee:

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

A motion was made by Carinci to approve the resolution, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

### Mental Health

Director Teisha Cook presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

**Authorizing the Chairman to execute a contract modification (IMA Systems LLC)**

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

**Authorizing the Chairman to enter an agreement for consultation services**

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

Supervisor Goldstein questioned evening access to an alcohol and substance abuse counselor in Madison County. Evening hours are necessary for the working community. Cook stated that Family Counseling Services of Cortland County, Inc. has been providing services to Madison County at their Oneida clinic since the closure of the ADAPT Program; however, evening hours are only scheduled for their Cortland location. Cook has talked to the Consumer Services Board about the need for evening hours in Madison County. With the growing opiate problem, it is important that a treatment system is accessible. Teisha will follow up with the CSB regarding the Committee's concern.

### Public Health

Director Eric Faisst presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

**Authorizing the Chairman to enter an agreement with Madison County Rural Health Council, Inc.**

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

**Authorizing the Chairman to enter an agreement with Utica College**

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

### Corporate Compliance Program Assessment Report & Work Plan

Faisst reviewed the Corporate Compliance Program Assessment Report & Work Plan that were provided to the Committee and full Board. The Madison County Corporate Compliance Committee

annually reviews and assesses the County's programs to ensure compliance with the Corporate Compliance Program. The review looks at changes in programs and services that influence our overall corporate compliance risk and identifies risk reduction strategies. The areas of improvement identified in the assessment report are reviewed, discussed, and approved by the Corporate Compliance Committee and integrated into the Annual Work Plan, which is reviewed at each Corporate Compliance meeting to monitor progress and modify the plan as needed. Progress on the work plan is reported to the Madison County Board of Supervisors. Boards are expected to actively review, using measurable evidence, that the compliance program is detecting and correcting noncompliance in a timely and effective manner.

Corporate compliance originally focused on Medicaid billing and fraud, but every year we are looking at different risks, expanding the definition to enterprise risk management. With the changes the health care industry is experiencing, several will impact the County's compliance risk portfolio, including alterations in payment systems, new care delivery models, cyber security, and regulatory changes. The increasing requirements involved with overall corporate compliance may lead to the need for a full time corporate compliance officer down the road.

With our home care privatization and self-disclosed findings to OMIG, we have positioned ourselves well on corporate compliance and have a low risk profile. Hospitals and health care providers are bigger targets.

### **CNYSPCA Contract**

County Administrator Scimone stated that the Central New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (CNYSPCA) provided a draft agreement for Madison County's consideration in which the CNYSPCA would respond to, investigate, and enforce provisions of Article 26 of the Agriculture and Markets Law which are reported to the CNYSPCA within the boundaries of Madison County. Services would include the seizure, removal and shelter of any animal found to be the subject of an animal cruelty violation for a cost of \$75,000 annually. A procedure for dealing with large scale animals needs to be determined and the deficiencies need to be addressed.

Supervisor Carinci is looking at other structure options that would be less costly and make humane education the focus, which Wanderers' Rest Humane Association can provide. Scimone and Carinci will look at options and bring them back to this Committee for consideration.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Supervisors Eve Ann Shwartz to enter into executive session at 11:10 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the employment of a particular person, Supervisor Pinard seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Pinard to exit executive session at 12:06 p.m.; Supervisor Shwartz seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

### **Preferred Agenda**

The Committee unanimously agreed to include all but the three out-of-state conference resolutions in their February 9<sup>th</sup> Preferred Agenda on a motion of Shwartz and second of Pinard.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pinard at 12:07 p.m., seconded by Shwartz and carried.

**Next meeting:** Monday, February 22, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

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