

AGENDA

SOCIAL & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, February 25, 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) Resolution – Appointing a Member to the Youth Board

III. Social Services, 5:00 – 5:30

- A) Approve Minutes
- B) Expenditures Report
- C) Resolutions
 - 1) Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth – Intensive Preventive Services
 - 2) Dr. Scott Petosa – Detention Prevention Services
- D) Management/Confidential Performance Evaluations

IV. Mental Health, 5:30 – 6:00

- A) Approve Minutes
- B) Program and Fiscal Reports
- C) Resolutions
 - 1) NY SAFE Act
 - 2) Renew Agreement with Zixcorp Systems, Inc.
 - 2) Authorizing County to Accept Rural Health Initiative Grant
 - 3) Madison-Cortland ARC, Inc.

Minutes of Meeting

SOCIAL & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING Department of Social Services

January 28, 2013

Present: John Salka, Town of Brookfield
Alexander Stepanski, Town of Stockbridge
Lewis Carinci, City of Oneida
Eve Ann Shwartz, Town of Hamilton
James Goldstein, Town of Lebanon (arrived at 5:10)
Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner
Mark Scimone, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman

Mike began by welcoming the committee to a new year, in particular, new committee member Eve Ann Shwartz. Mike distributed a "management level" contact chart for DSS that had program responsibilities and the phone numbers for those areas. As always, the easiest way for committee members to contact the department is to call Linda Jackson at 366-2248 and she can direct the supervisor's call to the right person.

The meeting minutes from December 17, 2012, had previously been distributed. There were no revisions or corrections and on a motion by Alex and seconded by John, the meeting minutes were approved.

Mike reviewed the expenditures and caseload report. The report contained the yearend 2012 data, but Mike cautioned that some accounts had not had the new revenue appropriations attached to them, so might appear over budget. The end of the year resolutions that transferred money across budget lines eliminated any overspent categories. Mike noted that DSS would be at or near \$3 million under budget, again attributing much of that savings to foster care expenses. A concern he shared was the number of children in foster care at the end of 2012. For the past several years, the actual number of foster care bed days has been dropping (which naturally led to a decrease in expenses.) Mike noted that in 2012, we had an overall increase in foster care bed days. The decrease in expenses is attributable to keeping those increased bed days at lower levels of foster care placements (in foster homes rather than institutional levels). The bath salts epidemic certainly created challenges for DSS this past year and as we enter 2013, we are carefully monitoring placements.

Mike was making the committee aware that two DSS Caseworkers were proposed to attend training in Huntsville, Alabama, at the National Symposium on Child Abuse from March 17 to 21 (including travel time). The MDT grant through the Sheriff's Office was covering all associated travel and training costs. Lewis, as a member of the Criminal Justice Committee, commented that they had approved the travel by unanimous vote. The Social and Mental Health Services Committee gave consent for the out-of-state travel.

Mike asked about his role in the upcoming not-for-profit reviews. Many of the organizations that will come before the committees also receive contracted funding from DSS. John replied that while DSS and Mike would have no direct role, if there were anything needed from the department, John would reach out to Mike.

Mike updated the committee that Madison County was selected to be in the next round of Medicaid Enrollment Center expansion. Letters will go to "community Medicaid" recipients in

March that will require them to call or make other contact with the Enrollment Center before mid-May or risk losing Medicaid effective for June 1. Mike stated that Madison County had requested to be placed in the Enrollment Center in early 2013 so that residents, staff, and providers could work out any bugs in the system prior to the Health Insurance Exchange going live in October of 2013. Mike explained that the cases that the Enrollment Center will be taking responsibility for are about 70 percent of the nearly 7,000 cases open in Madison County. Each month, about 600 renewals are processed and somewhere between 60-70 percent will become the responsibility of the new state/private center. While this will be a workload relief, the 30-40 percent of the cases that remain with DSS is estimated to be at least 50 percent of the workload. Those that remain at DSS are the "high touch" cases that cannot be done remotely. Eventually, the state will assume these cases as well, but the initial implementation is "easy" community Medicaid cases. However, Mike stated that through attrition, the workforce at DSS will become smaller, especially when looking out three-to-four years from now. Mike stated that it was his intent to "walk out of Medicaid." His fear is that we will either "run" (getting too small too fast) or "crawl" (remaining too large too long). Layoffs are not something DSS should request, but certainly would become part of the plan should it become necessary. Mike reiterated that this "transition" was contained in the Statement of Interest reply that DSS, with board approval, submitted this past August. Mike will certainly keep the committee updated with likely monthly updates as the Enrollment Center project kicks off and the Health Insurance Exchanges are brought online.

Mike had two updates for the committee. First, letters are being mailed to families who received services through the Family Assessment Response (FAR) model to inquire about any feedback they have for the department. Since FAR is voluntary and meant to be "customer driven," the feedback will be useful as we continue to evolve in this practice. The other update was that the HEAP program will likely close early this year, with most predictions of a closing date in early March. In past years, the program generally remained open until May. Thus far, over 4,000 families have been served through the program since mid-November. If families wait, based on historical utilization, the program will likely not be available. If supervisors are having contact with residents of their towns regarding heating or utilities, they are reminded to get applications in "soon."

Jim Goldstein made a motion to go into executive session under Section 105 of the Open Meeting Law "to discuss potential litigation strategy in regards to a personal injury" and to discuss "continued employment of a person who has been absent for one year or more." Alex seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Lewis made a motion to come out of executive session and Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor.

There being no further business for DSS, the Mental Health Department was invited to begin its presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Fitzgerald
Commissioner

Approved by Committee Chairman: _____ Date: _____

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT
CASELOAD AND EXPENDITURES STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 2013

CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	2013 APPROPRIATION	MONTHLY COST	YTD COST	PERCENTAGE OF APPROPRIATION
1 ADMINISTRATION													\$ 4,927,309	\$ 384,302	\$ 384,302	7.80%
Salaries													\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Equipment													\$ 1,956,427	\$ 7,992	\$ 7,992	0.41%
Contractual													\$ 2,686,845	\$ 210,213	\$ 210,213	7.82%
Fringe													\$ 174,000	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500	8.33%
MLR													\$ 519,600	\$ 43,300	\$ 43,300	8.33%
A-87													\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
PUB FAC FOR FC													\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
2 PURCHASE OF SERVICES													\$ 785,300	\$ 62,589	\$ 62,589	7.97%
3 BLOCK GRANT DAY CARE	198												\$ 574,531	\$ 13,094	\$ 13,094	2.28%
4 EAF-POS													\$ 151,909	\$ 4,745	\$ 4,745	3.12%
5 HEAP													\$ 25,000	\$ (34,853)	\$ (34,853)	-139.41%
6 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE													\$ 1,548,000	\$ 106,760	\$ 106,760	6.90%
FA	186												\$ 168,000	\$ 9,769	\$ 9,769	5.81%
EAF	11												\$ -	\$ 117	\$ 117	0.00%
DUE TO SOCIAL SERV													\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
TANF PREV NON-SEC DET													\$ 1,053,000	\$ 84,674	\$ 84,674	8.04%
SN	145												\$ 25,250	\$ 228	\$ 228	0.90%
EAA	1												\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
TOTAL PA CASES	343	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
PREV DET PLACEMENT GRANT													\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
WRAP AROUND - NS													\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
STSJP - PROGRAM COSTS													\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
STSJP - CONTRACTS													\$ 27,329	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
DCJS GRANT EXPENSE													\$ 245,957	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
7 MA (ONLY)	4482												\$ 135,000	\$ (8,148)	\$ (8,148)	-6.04%
FHP	785															
SSI	1480															
TOTAL MA CASES	6747	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
8 MMIS													\$ 11,577,881	\$ 1,077,710	\$ 1,077,710	9.31%
9 BURIALS	3												\$ 130,000	\$ 6,439	\$ 6,439	4.95%
ENERGY FUND													\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
10 CHILD WELFARE													\$ 1,985,182	\$ 154,450	\$ 154,450	7.78%
# In Foster Homes	18															
# In Higher Level	8															
# JD/PINS	1															
# Adoptions	84															
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													\$ 734,216	\$ 63,904	\$ 63,904	8.70%
# In Foster Homes	13															
# In Higher Level	14															
12 EAF JD/PINS													\$ 398,326	\$ 41,981	\$ 41,981	10.54%
# in Foster Homes	2															
# in Institutions	4															
13 JD/PINS													\$ 410,094	\$ 38,099	\$ 38,099	9.29%
# In Foster Homes	0															
# In Higher Level	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															
Children Not In Foster Care	354															
Total Children Served	501	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
CPS Referrals	94															
FAR Referrals	38															
TOTAL													\$ 30,253,656	\$ 2,281,866	\$ 2,281,866	7.54%
14 FOOD STAMPS														\$ 60,423	\$ 60,423	
PA	184													\$ 1,007,688	\$ 1,007,688	
NPA	3966															
15 CHILD SUPPORT														\$ 12,879	\$ 12,879	
CURRENT ASSISTANCE	417													\$ 51,705	\$ 51,705	
FORMER ASSISTANCE	912													\$ 377,292	\$ 377,292	
NEVER ASSISTANCE	1687															

Commissioner's Report is determined on a Cash Basis and does not include 2012 Accounts Payable totaling \$671,688.34
Fringe Benefit amount is based on 54.70 % 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.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BERKSHIRE FARM CENTER AND SERVICES FOR YOUTH

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is mandated to provide preventive services to at-risk children and families designed to prevent foster care placements and to reduce the lengths of costly foster care and residential placements; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has had success in the past several years in providing intensive preventive services for Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) and their families so would now like to expand to other high-needs individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Department of Social Services has experienced costly Juvenile Delinquent (JD) placements for several years; and

WHEREAS, this intensive preventive service program is based on sound evidence-based practices and is effective in other counties around New York State; and

WHEREAS, Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth, has the recognized capacity to provide these services and has offered to do so for an amount not to exceed \$273,286 for the period March 1, 2013, to August 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, upon Board of Supervisors' approved Resolution Number 249-12, Madison County applied for and was awarded a grant through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to work with youth charged with Juvenile Delinquency; and

WHEREAS, ninety percent (90%) of the funds necessary for this program will be provided through a grant with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, which will total \$245,957; and

WHEREAS, of the remaining ten percent (10%) of the funds necessary for this program (\$27,329), sixty-two percent (62%) of those funds – a total of \$16,944 – will be provided through the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program from New York State such that only \$10,385 will need to be provided through local county funds; and

WHEREAS, this agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Social and Mental Health Services Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Dated: March 12, 2013

John Salka, Chairman
Social and Mental Health Services Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH DR. SCOTT
PETOSA OF K.A.G. CONSULTING**

WHEREAS, in recent years, federal and state funding for foster care placements has been significantly reduced; and

WHEREAS, the laws and regulations regarding Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) and Juvenile Delinquency (JD) have a strong emphasis on diversion; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that it is better for children to stay with their own families if at all possible; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott Petosa, of K.A.G. Consulting, has experience and expertise in working with young people to help them make better choices in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott Petosa also has training and experience in working with parents to help them improve their skills; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott Petosa is currently providing this service; and

WHEREAS, due to a sharp decrease in the number of children placed in foster care due to PINS/JD behaviors, which is believed to be a direct result of good prevention services such as Life Skills Coaching, there is additional funding available through the Flexible Fund for Family Services; and

WHEREAS, funding through the Flexible Fund for Family Services is reimbursed at the rate of 100 percent; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott Petosa has agreed to provide this service for the period of April 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014, at a total cost not to exceed \$47,150, which is the same amount as the previous contract; and

WHEREAS, this agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Social and Mental Health Services Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to renew an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with Dr. Scott Petosa of K.A.G Consulting in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board; and

DATED: March 12, 2013

John Salka, Chairman
Social and Mental Health Services Committee