

AGENDA

SOCIAL & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, March 25, 2013, 3:30 p.m.
Supervisors Large Conference Room

I. Veterans Agency, 3:30 – 3:45

- A) Approve Minutes
- B) Monthly Statistics

II. Youth Bureau, 3:45 – 4:00

- A) Approve Minutes
- B) Budget Update

III. Social Services, 4:00 – 4:30

- A) Approve Minutes
- B) Expenditures Report
- C) Resolutions
 - 1) Budget Modification – Drug/Alcohol Assessment
 - 2) Division of Criminal Justice Services – Juvenile Justice Services
- D) DSS Annual Report

IV. Mental Health, 4:30 – 5:00

- A) Approve Minutes
- B) Program and Fiscal Reports
- C) Resolutions
 - 1) Proclaiming April as Alcohol Awareness Month
 - 2) Budget Modification – Madison County Council on Alcoholism & Substance Abuse, Inc.
 - 3) Budget Modification – Liberty Resources

Minutes of Meeting

SOCIAL & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING Department of Social Services

February 25, 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
Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner
Mark Scimone, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Eric Faisst, Director of Public Health

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman Salka. The meeting minutes of January 28, 2013, had previously been distributed and on a motion by Alex and seconded by Lewis, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The caseload and expenditures report only covered the first month of 2013, but some warnings were already becoming necessary. Year 2012 had ended with more children in foster care than in the previous years and 2013 is starting in that same fashion. Costs related to foster care placements will need to be carefully monitored throughout the year. Additionally, foster care (and adoption) boarding rates have not increased in many years and Mike stated that he had hoped to budget for some modest increases for 2014. With placements so high, that cost will be higher than previously considered, although still a good idea.

Mike had two resolutions before the committee. The first was to enter into an agreement with Berkshire Farm Center. Mike related that this proposed contract was to put into place the juvenile delinquent (JD) diversion program that DSS applied for and received grant money. Mike reminded the committee that JDs are those children under 16 years of age who have committed crimes and if they were adults, they would be arrested. The JD youths appear at Probation and together with the County Attorney's Office, a decision is made to present the case to the Family Court or not. There are about 80 appearances annually and the vast majority will be eligible for the Berkshire diversion program. The program will run until August 31, 2014, and the county investment will be \$10,385 out of a \$273,286 program. On a motion by Jim and seconded by Alex, the resolution passed unanimously.

The second proposed resolution was to renew an agreement with Dr. Scott Petosa of KAG Consulting. Mike reviewed that this service has been in place for several years working with the Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) children. PINS are those children who are incorrigible, truant, or smoking marijuana. These children can, without interventions, become the next generation of JDs and then adult criminals. Dr. Petosa works one-on-one with the children, focusing on physical fitness as a gateway to better controlling bad behavior and impulses. He has an extensive background in coaching and has, with parental consent, been successful with neurofeedback (teaching the brain to control impulses). On a motion by Jim and seconded by Eve Ann, the resolution passed unanimously.

Mike updated the committee that the Medicaid enrollment center (Maximus) would be in tomorrow (February 26) to do a presentation to staff about the processes going forward. Mike invited any committee members to attend, if interested. He felt it might be too detailed for people outside of DSS, but it would likely be the only opportunity to meet with the Maximus

staff before the redeterminations in March go through them. Mike also felt that his staff might start to recognize more fully the impacts of this change. Mike stated that it was his intent to be down "around three positions" by the end of 2013 through attrition and/or retirements. However, already this year, DSS has lost two Examiners. Going forward, the balance to continue to get the work done while not unnecessarily filling positions will be difficult. There might come a time when DSS will request to backfill a position, recognizing that the "last in, first out" will place any new employees in precarious positions.

Mike also updated the committee that the county agencies and school superintendents meeting is scheduled for March 13 at 1:00 p.m. at DSS. Shortly after the tragic shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, there was a thought about collaborating with the schools on an "antiviolence" campaign. John Salka will follow up with Mike.

Jim asked about implications of the recently passed NYSAFE Act on DSS. After conferring with Sheriff Riley after the meeting, it was the Sheriff's opinion that the act did not change responsibilities for DSS. Guns can be removed via a court order under the same circumstances as previous to the law. If guns are present in the home and required to be registered as a handgun (current law) or the new category of assault weapons, then we can refer the case to his office. Otherwise, unless the weapon is used during the incident that caused a CPS report to be made, there is no change. Sheriff Riley stated that he believed changes would be offered and adopted to the NYSAFE Act and that once it is in a "final" state, he would be offering opportunities to learn more. However, at this time, with so many unknowns, it was better to assume nothing has changed.

There being no further items for DSS, 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 FEBRUARY 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	\$ 366,231	\$ 750,533	15.23%
Salaries													\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Equipment													\$ 1,956,427	\$ 127,364	\$ 157,399	8.05%
Contractual													\$ 2,686,845	\$ 200,328	\$ 410,542	15.28%
Fringe													\$ 174,000	\$ 14,500	\$ 29,000	16.67%
MLR													\$ 519,600	\$ 43,300	\$ 86,600	16.67%
A-87													\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
PUB FAC FOR FC													\$ 785,300	\$ 28,888	\$ 91,477	11.65%
2 PURCHASE OF SERVICES													\$ 574,531	\$ 58,663	\$ 71,757	12.49%
3 BLOCK GRANT DAY CARE	198	199											\$ 151,909	\$ 1,895	\$ 6,640	4.37%
4 EAF-POS													\$ 25,000	\$ (6,465)	\$ (41,318)	-165.27%
5 HEAP																
6 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE													\$ 1,548,000	\$ 99,857	\$ 206,617	13.35%
FA	186	190											\$ 168,000	\$ 3,159	\$ 12,928	7.69%
EAF	11	8											\$ -	\$ (1,256)	\$ (1,139)	
DUE TO SOCIAL SERV													\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
TANF PREV NON-SEC DET													\$ 1,053,000	\$ 71,703	\$ 156,377	14.85%
SN	145	153											\$ 25,250	\$ 35	\$ 263	1.04%
EAA	1	1											\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
TOTAL PA CASES	343	352	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	4515											\$ 135,000	\$ (71,615)	\$ (79,763)	-59.08%
FHP	785	783														
SSI	1480	1491														
TOTAL MA CASES	6747	6789	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 11,577,881	\$ 862,168	\$ 1,939,878	16.76%
8 MMIS													\$ 130,000	\$ 17,701	\$ 24,140	18.57%
9 BURIALS	3	8											\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
ENERGY FUND													\$ 1,985,182	\$ 159,022	\$ 313,472	15.79%
10 CHILD WELFARE																
# In Foster Homes	18	18														
# In Higher Level	8	9														
# JD/PINS	1	1														
# Adoptions	84	83														
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	\$ 62,308	\$ 126,211	17.19%
# In Foster Homes	13	14														
# In Higher Level	14	12														
12 EAF JD/PINS													\$ 398,326	\$ 32,315	\$ 74,296	18.65%
# in Foster Homes	2	2														
# in Institutions	4	3														
13 JD/PINS													\$ 410,094	\$ 32,790	\$ 70,889	17.29%
# In Foster Homes	0	0														
# In Higher Level	3	2														
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	0														
Children Not In Foster Care	354	378														
Total Children Served	501	522	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
CPS Referrals	94	95														
FAR Referrals	38	28														
TOTAL													\$ 30,253,656	\$ 2,102,890	\$ 4,406,798	14.57%
14 SNAP																
PA	184	174												\$ 57,450	\$ 117,873	
NPA	3966	4002												\$ 1,029,599	\$ 2,037,287	
15 CHILD SUPPORT																
CURRENT ASSISTANCE	417	416												\$ 12,924	\$ 25,802	
FORMER ASSISTANCE	912	913												\$ 60,060	\$ 111,765	
NEVER ASSISTANCE	1687	1675												\$ 407,843	\$ 785,135	

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 MODIFICATION OF THE 2013 ADOPTED BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2013 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

6010 Social Services Administration

Expense

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A6010.402 Miscellaneous Expense	\$24,850	\$20,085
A6010.406 Drug & Alcohol Assessment Expense	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 4,765</u>
Control Total	<u>\$24,850</u>	<u>\$24,850</u>

April 9, 2013

John Salka, Chairman
Social and Mental Health Services Committee

John A. Reinhardt, Chairman
Finance, Ways and Means Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES
FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has applied for and been awarded a grant through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to increase services to youths involved with the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the grant is for the delivery of intensive, home-based services to youths and their families; and

WHEREAS, the grant would provide \$245,957, which is ninety percent (90%) of the total cost of the program; 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, application for this grant was approved by Resolution Number 249-12; and

WHEREAS, funds for these services are appropriated in the 2013 departmental budget; 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 the DCJS to receive these funds.

DATED: April 9, 2013

John Salka, Chairman
Social and Mental Health Services Committee