LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 8:29 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger Chair of the Committee

 Mr. Tracy Monell Legislator

 Mr. Dennis Mullen Legislator

 Mr. Ray Bunce Legislator

 Ms. Lori Morgan Director of Community Services

 Mr. Chris Korba Director of Administrative Services (MH)

 Mr. Shawn Yetter Commissioner of Social Services

 Ms. Mickelle Andrews Director of Administrative Services (DSS)

 Ms. Heather Vroman Public Health Director

 Mr. Denis McCann Director of Administrative Services (PH)

 Guests: Mr. Jackson Bailey County Administrator

Ms. Elizabeth Myers Deputy Commissioner (DSS)

 Ms. Cathy Haskell Legislative Clerk

 Ms. Marte Sauerbrey Chair of the Legislature

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the March 4, 2025 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Mullen. Seconded by Legislator Monell. Motion Carried.

**MENTAL HYGIENE**

1. Financial
* Mr. Chris Korba noted that the 2024 budget has been closed. He has a return to the local share of $338,000. The 2025 budget is tracking as expected. Mr. Korba shared that two vehicles paid for with State Aid funds should be arriving any day.
1. Old Business
* Criminal Psych – No invoices have been received.
1. New Business
* None

4. Personnel

* Christina Hust, Mobile Crisis CSW, was not retained
* Jacklyn Egan, CSW, resigned effective 3/28/25
* Clive Ward, CASAC, starting 4/21/25
* Cassandra Horton, Records Management Technician, starting 4/21/25
1. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to move forward
* Amend Budget & Appropriate (ABATE) Funds – Mental Hygiene
* Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds – Mental Hygiene (Mobile Crisis)
1. Proclamations
* None

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

1. Financial
* Mr. Denis McCann reported that after the closing of the 2024 budget, PH has a return to local share of $575,000. Some anticipated expenses came in much lower. Environmental Health had the highest fee for service revenue since 2012 and income from the Mobile Dental Van was the highest since the new unit came on in 2019. The 2025 budget is tracking well. Mr. McCann noted that Federal impacts to TCPH are very limited. PH had a new car delivered yesterday. Gary Hammond asked Mr. McCann to inform the HHS Committee of the plan to convert one space into two offices at PH. The legislators approved this plan.
1. Old Business
* None
1. New Business
* Agency Report for March 2025 forwarded to committee. Ms. Vroman shared the 2024 Annual Report was distributed to affiliates; including Legislative Team.
* There has been a decrease in respiratory illness. PH continues to monitor the avian flu; risk remains low to humans. There have been three cases of measles in NYS. PH has been providing outreach to providers, schools, home school parents, day care facilities and our Amish populations to assure they know the symptoms and the importance of the MMR vaccine. Measles is the most contagious disease as it is transmitted through droplets that can remain on surfaces for hours.
* ATUPA violations were found at the Richford Cash & Carry including sale of flavored nicotine vape, and the facility did not have a permit to operate from the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance. A stipulation was presented to the store, and they removed all nicotine & vape products from their shelves. Ms. Vroman does not anticipate any further problems.
* A school-based dental audit is being done today virtually & in person. Ms. Vroman expects it will go well.
* Public Health has partnered with Guthrie in hosting their new Maternity Oasis Mobile (MOM) unit for maternity & post-partum care as well as other services.
1. Personnel
* Megan Gilbert, Public Health Sanitarian, resigned effective 3/7/25
1. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolution to move forward
* Authorize Appointment of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (Squair)
1. Proclamations
* None

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

1. Financial
* Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that after 2024 was closed, DSS has a return to local share of $400,000. Most of the savings coming from administrative services (payroll). Foster Care for 2024 was over budget by $140,000. The 2025 budget is tracking well except for Foster Care which remains high. The other programs are on target.
1. Old Business
* None
1. New Business
* Caseloads – See Caseload Summary
During March, Cash Assistance decreased 4 cases, with Family Assistance
increasing 1 case and Safety Net decreasing 5 cases.
MA-Only increased 6 cases.
MA-SSI increased 14 cases.
Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 26 to 3,477
SNAP decreased 19 cases.
Day Care increased 5 cases.
* Tioga Career Center report is attached. The TC unemployment number continues to go up, now at 4.7% which is higher than the State & Federal levels.
* Ms. Myers shared that Legislators are all invited to the CAC Open House on Friday, 4/25 at 2:00 PM. The renovations have been completed. This will be open to the public with a ribbon cutting.

4. Personnel Changes

* Christine Robinson, SWE, resigned effective 3/7/25
* Angela Rodriguez, SWE, terminated effective 3/7/25
* Stephen Williams, SWE (went from temp to FT Perm. HEAP), effective 3/10/25
* Megan Gilbert, SWE, reinstated effective 3/10/25
* Diane Cole, SWE, HEAP Temp. ended, effective 3/13/25
* Ashton Lewis, Caseworker, reinstated effective 3/24/25

5. Resolutions

* None
1. Proclamations
* Child Abuse Prevention Month (repeat)

**ADJOURNED:**

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:51 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue
Executive Secretary, Social Services