LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative conference room, Tuesday March 5, 2019 at 8:35 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger Chair of the Committee

Mr. Tracy Monell Legislator

Ms. Loretta Sullivan Legislator

Ms. Lori Morgan Director of Community Services

Mr. Chris Korba Director of Administrative Services - MH

Mr. Shawn Yetter Commissioner of Social Services

Mr. Gary Grant Deputy Commissioner of Social Services

Mr. Denis McCann Director of Administrative Services – PH

Guests: Ms. Marte Sauerbrey Chair of the Legislature

Ms. Rita Hollenbeck Chief Accountant & Budget Officer

**MENTAL HYGIENE**

1. Budget Status

* Mr. Chris Korba shared that the attached 2018 budget reports show they are behind local share by $15,495. Since last Thursday when the reports were printed, adjustments were made, revenue was added, now the local share return is $11,619 but is expected to go higher. They still have 2018 fee-for-service revenue to collect through February 28th. 2019 is “tracking well”.

1. Personnel

* Kathleen Jones, part-time clerical, starting 2/5/19.

1. Critical Issues/Topics

* Jail Funding – The RFP will be going out today.
* Residential Treatment Program – Trinity is applying for a residential treatment grant. Ms. Morgan will be signing the letter of support to the state today. This grant would provide 16 beds.

4. Resolutions

* Establish a Trust Account for Tioga County Suicide Prevention Community Coalition. The necessary guidelines have been established and the account will be processed through the Treasurer’s Office.
* Appoint New Member Frances Bialy to Community Services Board.
* Appoint New Member Robert Williams to Community Services Board.
* Re-Appoint Member Legislator William Standinger, III to Community Services Board.
* Abolish/Create Position. Ms. Morgan has reevaluated the organizational needs of the Department and has determined that a Deputy Director position is needed instead of filling a vacant Supervising Clinical Social Worker position.

5. Proclamations

* None.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Ms. Lisa McCafferty presented personnel, highlights and resolutions.

1. Budget Status

* Mr. Denis McCann reported that 2018 final numbers are nearly complete; and remains as has

been reported that PH will have a small return “under budget”. He noted that the current 2018   
 YTD reports show an “over budget”, yet several additional large revenue accruals will be

posted. For 2019, tracking well without any surprises. Of note, the Early Intervention Escrow  
 account has remained under 2019 target amounts through the first two invoices.

1. Personnel

* Amy Fancher, Public Health Educator, resigned effective 1/18/19.
* Emily Warfle, Public Health Educator, effective 2/1/19.
* Melanie Miller, Supervising Public Health Nurse, resigned effective 2/9/19.

1. Program Comments

* Agency Report for January 2019 was forwarded to the Committee which includes charts of year to year comparisons. Work on the new Mobile Dental unit is progressing. Ms. McCafferty passed around photos of the new dental unit during its build-out.
* State Budget – May include the legalization of recreational marijuana; which appears the local health departments will be the lead agency for inspections and enforcement. Lead paint in older houses has increased focus in the Governor’s projected budget, which calls for local Code Enforcement’s responsibility. However, this may fall back on PH.

1. Resolutions

* Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds.

1. Proclamations

* Cancer Prevention Month in Tioga County.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the January 8, 2019 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell and Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. Motion Carried.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Commissioner Yetter discussed caseloads, programmatic highlights, and personnel changes.

1. Budget

* Mr. Gary Grant noted that DSS now has two more kids in school placements that for the last two months have totaled $42,000. DSS is now paying for four school placements with an annual cost of $526,000. It is unknown how long these placements will last. The year end process is moving along. He is still waiting for some 4th quarter revenues.

1. Caseloads

* During January, Cash Assistance caseloads decreased 4 cases, with Family Assistance   
  increasing 1 case and Safety Net decreasing 5 cases.
* MA-Only decreased 4 cases.
* MA-SSI increased 4 cases.
* Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 17 to 3,566.
* SNAP increased 75 cases. (Some due to the Government shutdown).
* Day Care decreased 6 cases.
* Services decreased 1 case.
* See Caseload Summary.

1. Programmatic Highlights

* Tioga Career Center Report – Ms. Sheri McCall has 54 employers registered as of 2/1/19 for the TC Job Fair on March 6, 2019.
* Ms. McCall was named Tioga County’s Employee of the Year. Mr. Charles Root, DSS IT person, was named Tioga County’s Employee of the 4th Quarter.

4. Personnel Changes

* Maryanne Malec, Caseworker, resigned effective 1/18/19.
* Brooke Jobin, Caseworker, was hired effective 1/22/19.
* Commissioner Yetter shared that another Caseworker is leaving in February (State Job) which leaves two vacancies in Children’s Services with no list. The department has been using web-based “Indeed” for recruiting.

5. Resolutions

* Appoint New Youth Bureau Board Members.
* Abolish Vacant Full Time Social Welfare Examiner and Create Full Time Community Services Worker. ($4,000 in savings).

6. Proclamations

* None.

**ADJOURNED:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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