

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 8:30 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Dennis Mullen	Legislator {arrived 8:45 AM}
Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator
Mr. Jake Brown	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
Ms. Lisa McCafferty	Public Health Director
Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services - PH

Guests: Ms. Marte Sauerbrey Legislative Chair
Mr. Peter DeWind County Attorney {arrived 8:45 AM}
Ms. Cathy Haskell Legislative Clerk

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial
 - Mr. Chris Korba noted that the 2022 budget is tracking well. He is expecting to have a return at the end of year. Fee-For-Service Revenue is for eight months, and Expense tracking is for nine months. Only 21% of the local share has been used, however there are some expenses that have not posted yet.
2. Old Business
 - Criminal Psych – No new orders to report.
3. New Business
 - OASAS Grant – 100% paid for 2 vehicles, therapeutic tools, and cosmetic upgrades to the clinic area. Ms. Morgan has discussed the vehicles with Gary Hammond.
 - Eating Disorder Treatment Center – On Glenmary Drive (old Glenmary Inn). MH will have an MOU with them. There is a growing need for this treatment. They will see mostly teen girls.
 - Spencer and Tioga Central School Districts – Ms. Morgan shared that these two school districts have received a grant for Mental Health therapists. The position at Tioga Central will be part-time and the position at Spencer will be full-time telehealth. May need to hire more therapists as there has been an uptick in the need for services.

4. Personnel
 - None.
5. Resolutions
 - None.
6. Proclamations
 - None.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the September 6, 2022 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell. Seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial
 - Mr. Denis McCann shared that the 2022 budget is “tracking well.” Revenues are coming in as expected. Expenses are below target. There continues to be savings in Early Intervention and the pre-school programs.
2. Old Business
 - None.
3. New Business
 - Agency Report for September 2022 forwarded to committee. A highlight was a mini back-to-school immunization clinic for students. A couple of program audits/onsite surveys and grant desk reviews are in process.
4. Personnel
 - Sarah Centerwall, Early Intervention Service Coordinator, NEW HIRE effective 9/12/22.
5. Resolutions
 - None.
6. Proclamations
 - Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (Repeat).

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial

- Mr. Gary Grant shared that he did some projections on payroll, and he is under budget by \$330,000. The overtime line is close to budget. Under program lines, day care has increased due to expanded eligibility; there is still a shortage of providers. Safety Net, Family Assistance and Foster Care are good with no big changes.

2. Old Business

- None.

3. New Business

- Caseloads

During September, Cash Assistance decreased 2 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 4 cases and Safety Net increasing 2 cases. Safety Net is down 13% for the year.

MA-Only increased 1 case.

MA-SSI decreased 6 cases.

Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 17 cases to 3,788.

SNAP cases decreased 5 cases.

Day Care increased 16 cases. Day Care has gone up 54% for the year.

Services cases increased 7 cases.

See Caseload Summary and Charts.

- Tioga Career Center report is attached. The unemployment rate in Tioga County remains below the State & Federal rates. The center continues to work closely with outside agencies, businesses, and schools.

4. Personnel Changes

- Tricia Soper, Case Supervisor Grade B – Services, last day effective 9/7/22.
- Dyann Seldon, Social Welfare Examiner, last day effective 9/8/22.
- Susan Wharton, Community Services Worker (p/t), last day effective 9/16/22.
- Erin Evans, Caseworker, hired effective 9/26/22.
- Lisa Williams, OS III, hired effective 9/26/22.
- Christine Gloss, Sr. Caseworker, last day effective 9/28/22.
- Savanna Tuttle, AA II, last day effective 9/30/22.
- There are currently 9 vacancies in the Child Welfare division. There was discussion regarding offering more flexible schedules including remote work.

5. Resolutions – Resolutions were approved to continue.

- Amend 2022 Budget (computers).
- Appropriation of Funds & Amend 2022 Budget(APS II)

6. Proclamations

- None.

ADJOURNED:

Motion by Legislator Standinger, seconded by Legislator Mullen to move into Executive Session at 8:53 AM to discuss employment status of an individual.

Legislator Monell motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 9:24 AM, seconded by Legislator Brown. No action taken.

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 9:24 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services