LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative conference room, Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 8:30 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger Chair of the Committee

Mr. Tracy Monell Legislator

Mr. Dennis Mullen 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

Ms. Lisa McCafferty Public Health Director

Mr. Denis McCann Director of Administrative Services - PH

Guests: Ms. Marte Sauerbrey Chair of the Legislature

Ms. Liz Myers Director of Social Services

**MENTAL HYGIENE**

1. Budget Status

* Mr. Chris Korba shared that the 2019 budget is showing 102% local share used, however 2019 fee-for-service revenue received in January and February will be applied back to the 2019 budget. Mr. Korba expects to have a slight return despite the unbudgeted criminal psychiatric care of $170.000. The Tioga County resident has not been discharged and this will start effecting the 2020 budget.

1. Personnel

* Violeta Teslev-Klett, LCSW, resigned 1/31/2020.
* Billie Jo Bennett, Family Partner (Children’s SPOA), resigning 2/28/2020.
* Brian Corbin, LMSW, becomes a County employee 2/3/2020. Moving from School Based Project to Spencer Middle.
* Miranda Davenport, LCSW, - Owego Clinic starting 3/31/2020.
* Two additional CSW’s Pending.

1. Critical Issues/Topics

* Care Compass Updates: Tele-Psych/Tele-Med – Ms. Morgan shared that they are waiting for Peter DeWind to finish up the contracts. Most of the equipment has been delivered.
* OMH Proposed Budget – Ms. Morgan noted that they want to make the counties responsible for 100% of criminal psychiatric care. They also want to make a 10% cut to Admin. funding.

4. Resolutions

* None.

5. Proclamations

* None.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Ms. Lisa McCafferty presented highlights and resolutions.

1. Budget Status

* Mr. Denis McCann reported that the 2019 Public Health Budget has no final numbers yet as there are still year-end revenue accruals, but he expects to return some funds including from the Pre-School and Early Intervention programs. There is nothing unexpected in the 2020 budget so far.
* Mr. McCann noted we are partnering with Broome County Health Department as a sub-grantee on “Creating Healthy Schools & Communities.” We may be receiving grant funding, with no local share required, working with the schools to address overall health, focusing on exercise and nutrition – students, staff & community.

1. Personnel

* Kylie Holochak, Senior Public Health Educator, effective January 4, 2020.
* Nicole Whitmore, Dental Health Coordinator, effective January 21, 2020.
* Janice Heyman, Dental Assistant, effective January 24, 2020.

1. Program Comments

* Agency Report for January 2020 was forwarded to the Committee. The complete report of the Community Health Improvement Updated Plan was distributed.
* Coronavirus – The relative risk for Tioga County is low. Protocols are in place statewide for addressing. We currently have 480 cases of the flu.

1. Resolutions

* Authorize Salary of Public Health Nurse (Public Health).
* Schedule Second Public Hearing for New York State Community Development Block Grant.

1. Proclamations

* Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month (New).

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

1. Budget

* Mr. Gary Grant explained he has been finishing up the last revenue claims from 2019. He will be $100,000 under on the payroll line. The combined Foster Care expense is $530,000 over but with some revenue from schools for the CSE kids, he feels the number is closer to $330,000 over. Safety Net is over but there is no local share impact. The bill received for OCFS kids in custody for 2018 was up 25%. He budgeted for $200,000 and bill was for $236,000. There will still be more expense and revenue adjustments for 2019.

1. Caseloads

* During January, Cash Assistance caseloads increased 7 cases, with Family Assistance   
  remaining flat and Safety Net increasing 7 cases.
* MA-Only decreased 15 cases.
* MA-SSI increased 9 cases.
* Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 10 to 3,500.
* SNAP increased 30 cases.
* Day Care decreased 8 cases.
* Services decreased 7 cases.
* See Caseload Summary.

1. Programmatic Highlights

* Tioga Career Center Report – The Job Fair is scheduled for March 11, 2020. Sheri has 45 employers signed up so far. She expects around 100.
* Medicaid Growth Cap – Commissioner Yetter and Mr. Grant explained the potential impact of Cap on County Medicaid Savings Growth in SFY 2020-2021 State Budget. The State wants to make counties responsible for more than 3% growth in Medicaid at the local level. Last year’s growth was 6.9% for example so the County would be responsible for 3.9% or $202,000. The weekly share went down slightly. State is talking about keeping the MA savings that would normally come back from prior years. The State is also proposing to eliminate the state reimbursement for Foster Care Residential Care. They are proposing to take away some flexibility of the Flexible Fund ($2 million) by requiring that the County put $600,000 towards the Child Welfare Threshold.

4. Personnel Changes

* New Hire: Marley Norton, Caseworker, 1/6/2020.
* Promotion: Tricia Soper, Sr. Caseworker, 1/6/2020.
* Kandi Saxton’s (Caseworker) last day 1/24/2020.
* Two new Caseworkers are starting in February.

5. Resolutions

* Authorize Chair of Legislature to Sign Application for Grant Funds.
* Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2020 Budget.

1. Proclamations

* None.

**ADJOURNED:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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