

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Health & Human Services**

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 8:30 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator
Mr. Dennis Mullen	Legislator {arrived 8:37 AM}
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	Chair of the Legislature {arrived 8:40 AM}
Mr. Peter DeWind	County Attorney {arrived 8:38 AM}
Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk

**MENTAL HYGIENE**

1. Financial
  - Mr. Chris Korba noted the 2021 budget final numbers show a return of \$265,996. Highlights include: \$408,000 court ordered criminal psych charges - \$65,000 came from contingency and \$342,000 was paid with savings within the MH budget. The 2022 budget is tracking as expected.
2. Old Business
  - Criminal Psych – There is one client in court ordered psych services. The January invoice was received and is \$44,000. This facility charges \$1,400/day.
3. New Business
  - OMH Workforce Grant Funding – A retention incentive was given to TCMH's psychiatrist, and the remaining funding will be distributed to union employees. County Attorney DeWind is reviewing the agreement and Ms. Morgan hopes to be able to disperse the funding next month to employees.
4. Personnel
  - Betty Chilson, retiring effective 6/30/2022.
5. Resolutions – Resolution was voted to continue.
  - Appropriation of Funds and Budget Modification – Dwyer Program for Veterans.
6. Proclamations
  - None.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the March 8, 2022 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell. Seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion Carried.

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

### 1. Financial

- Mr. Gary Grant shared that the 2021 budget final numbers show same as reported last month which was a return to local share of just over \$2 million dollars. After the 20% reduction is taken out, the return will be around \$975,000. Foster Care is running a little high for 2022. Mr. Grant has been working with Mr. Hammond on putting in bids for new 2023 vehicles. The 2022 cars that are already on order may be delivered in August.

### 2. Old Business

- None.

### 3. New Business

- Caseloads  
During March, Cash Assistance decreased 6 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 3 cases and Safety Net decreasing 3 cases.  
MA-Only increased 13 cases.  
MA-SSI decreased 4 cases.  
Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 2 cases to 3,779.  
SNAP cases increased 55 cases.  
Day Care increased 2 cases.  
Services increased 11 cases.  
See Caseload Summary and Charts.
- Tioga Career Center report attached. With Sheri McCall's' retirement, Jackie Burdick was promoted to Employment Center Supervisor. She has worked in the Center for the past 18 years. Unemployment numbers continue to be lower than the state and national levels.

### 4. Personnel Changes

- Candis Seeley, Caseworker, last day effective 3/11/22.
- Lorraine Wagner, Accounting Associate II, last day effective 3/18/22.
- Penny Walker, Seasonal OS1, last day effective 3/25/22.
- Sherri McCall, Employment Center Supervisor, retired effective 3/26/22.
- Jacqueline Burdick, Employment Center Supervisor, promoted effective 3/28/22.
- Commissioner Yetter noted that there are currently 5 Caseworker vacancies, and it has been difficult trying to fill these positions.

### 5. Resolutions – All resolutions were approved to continue.

- Authorize Salary Increase – Director of Social Services.
- Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2022 Budget – Adult Protective.
- Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2022 Budget – Juvenile Justice.

## 6. Proclamations

- None.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

## 1. Financial

- Mr. Denis McCann shared that with the 2021 budget final, the local share return is over \$1 million dollars. 2022 reimbursements from NYS will start coming in April and May. There are no surprises in the 2022 budget year. Public Health has ordered a Ford Escape per the Budget and Public Works five-year plan. The reimbursement rate is 36%.

## 2. Old Business

- None.

## 3. New Business

- Agency Report for March 2022 forwarded to committee.
- Annual Report 2021 distributed to committee. Also distributed were pens with Lead testing reminder on them, and stress squeeze “rocks” promoting childhood vaccinations; both paid for by non-local funds.

## 4. Personnel

- Jessica Lovell, Supervising Public Health Nurse, effective 3/28/22.
- Ms. McCafferty noted that it has been difficult filling nursing positions.

## 5. Resolutions – All resolutions were approved to continue.

- Authorize Salary Reallocation within CSEA Salary Schedule (Thomas).
- Extension of ELC COVID enhanced Detection Grant.
- Appoint Member to the Tioga County Board of Health (Leary).

## 6. Proclamations

- None.

**ADJOURNED:**

Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services