

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 8:31 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Tracy Monell	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
	Mr. Andrew Aronstam	Tioga County Resident
	Ms. Marte Sauerbrey	Legislative Chair {Arrived 8:38 AM}

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the April 8, 2025 and May 6, 2025 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell. Seconded by Legislator Bunce. Motion Carried.

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial
 - Mr. Chris Korba reported that the financials are showing four months of Revenue and five months of Expenses. More Fee-for-Service revenue was received after the report was printed. The Fee-For-Service revenue is trending very well despite the vacancies. The budget is tracking well.
2. Old Business
 - Criminal Psych – No invoices have been received.
3. New Business
 - Federal Budget Impact – There has been no impacts so far.
4. Personnel
 - CSW background check in progress. Recruitment has been difficult.
5. Resolutions
 - None
6. Proclamations
 - None

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial
 - Mr. Denis McCann reported that the 2025 budget is tracking well. The Fee Revenue is ahead of last year. Expenses are under budget. Mr. McCann stated that May is typically a large revenue month, and last month there was over \$500,000 in revenue received which is not reflected in the report.
2. Old Business
 - None
3. New Business
 - Federal Budget Impacts – The AmeriCorps positions were cut; however, the position was vacant at TCPH. The Well Head Pilot program to assist people with replacing or repairing their wellheads was put on a stop work order.
 - Agency Report for May 2025 forwarded to committee.
 - Ms. Vroman noted that TCPH needs assistance promoting the Community Health Assessment surveys. To date, 351 surveys have been completed but at least 1,800 are needed. Outreach & advertising continue.
 - Vaccine for Children (VFC) clinic visit was conducted by the NYS DOH & Syracuse Regional Office. Positive feedback was received, and no compliance issues were found.
 - As a result of an unfortunate overdose in school with a vape product, TCPH reached out to schools to offer assistance. Narcan training was conducted in the Candor School District.
 - Early Intervention continues to have an ongoing shortage of providers. Currently, 11 children are waiting for services. There are only five providers in Tioga County.
4. Personnel
 - None. However, a seasonal PH Educator and Preparedness Coordinator started yesterday, 6/2.
5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolution to move forward
 - Amend Resolution No. 49-24; Authorize Purchases Outside County Policies
6. Proclamations
 - Safe Graduation Celebration Month (new)

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial
 - Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that the administrative side of the budget is tracking under budget due to payroll (vacancies). Foster Care is tracking high. There is some savings in other programs, but it may not be enough to offset the Foster Care line. Safety Net is on target.
2. Old Business
 - None

3. New Business

- Caseloads – See Caseload Summary
During May, Cash Assistance increased 1 case, with Family Assistance decreasing 1 case and Safety Net increasing 2 cases.
MA-Only decreased 14 cases
MA-SSI remained flat
Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 16 to 3,498
SNAP decreased 3 cases
Day Care decreased 3 cases
- Tioga Career Center report is attached. The TC unemployment number has dropped down from last month. The Center is working on upcoming job fairs. They will be losing an Employment & Training Counselor in mid-June.

4. Personnel Changes

- Kathryn Willett, PT Mail Clerk, resigned effective 5/16/25
- Erin Evans, Caseworker, returned effective 5/19/25
- Frederick Bensley, PT Mail Clerk, was hired effective 5/20/25

5. Resolutions - Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

- Authorize Contract with Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga Counties (YES)
- Authorize Contract with Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga Counties (TCCC)
- Authorize Contract with Tioga Opportunities, Inc. (TOI Case Management)
- Authorize Contract with Together for Youth (TFY Pathways)
- Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2025 Budget (RSP)
- Authorize Contract with Broome County (Tioga Career Center – WIOA)

Legislator Bunce asked how well attended are the programs for the contracts above. Commissioner Yetter noted that the YES contract is very well attended. The Center is Nichols is very active. The Case Manager was reduced to part-time as they were not as active because PA cases are lower. There are 8 slots in the Pathways program which are constantly full with a wait list.

6. Proclamations

- Elder Abuse Awareness Month (repeat)

Legislator Standinger asked about the proposed Federal cuts to Medicaid and SNAP and if they will affect Tioga County. Commissioner Yetter noted that DSS has very few employable cases so the proposed new work requirements will not affect many. If MA recertifications are changed from 1 year to 6 months, there will be a huge administrative recert impact. The Federal government wants to reduce the SNAP admin dollars from 100% to 75%. If that happens, the State has made it clear that they will not make up the difference. The counties will have to pay. The Medicaid changes would not be in effect until 2027. He will bring as much information as possible to the Committee if the proposed cuts happen.

ADJOURNED:

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:53 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services