

STEBEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

9:00 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****AMENDED MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Carol A. Ferratella, Chair Hilda T. Lando, Vice Chair K. Michael Hanna
 Steven P. Maio Randolph J. Weaver

STAFF: Jack K. Wheeler Jennifer Prossick Patty Baroody
 Lynette McNally Christine Towner Hank Chapman
 Darlene Smith Kathy Muller Andy Morse

LEGISLATORS: Joseph J. Hauryski Kelly H. Fitzpatrick Robin K. Lattimer
 John V. Malter

OTHERS: Mary Perham

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ferratella called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Hanna to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2016, MEETING MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Public Health

1. **Preschool Contract** – Mrs. Smith requested authorization to enter into a new contract with Theresa Miller, Speech-Language Pathologist, to provide preschool related services **at a rate of \$65.00 per individual session and \$32.50 per group session.**

MOTION: AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEALTH TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THERESA MILLER, SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST, TO PROVIDE PRESCHOOL RELATED SERVICES AT A RATE OF \$65.00 PER INDIVIDUAL SESSION AND \$32.50 PER GROUP SESSION MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **Preschool Budget Adjustment** – Mrs. Smith informed the committee that in 2016, they saw a 5 percent increase in the number of children receiving services this year, as well as more children being enrolled in center based programs, which are more expensive. She requested authorization to transfer a total of \$214,000 from various line items within the Special Children’s Services budget and appropriate \$93,000 to the Tuition & Services line item, and \$121,000 to the Transportation line item.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO TRANSFER A TOTAL OF \$214,000 FROM VARIOUS LINE ITEMS WITHIN THE SPECIAL CHILDRENS’ SERVICES BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING \$93,000 TO THE TUITION & SERVICES LINE ITEM, AND \$121,000 TO THE TRANSPORTATION LINE ITEM MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

B. Office for the Aging

1. **2017 RSVP Contracts** – Mrs. Baroody requested authorization to renew contracts with the Institute for Human Services for Special Projects at \$20,780 annually, and Volunteer Coordination at \$42,768 annually.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO RENEW RSVP CONTRACTS WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS AT \$20,780 ANNUALLY, AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATION AT \$42,768 ANNUALLY MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **RFP Award – Personal Emergency Response System** – Mrs. Baroody informed the committee they put out an RFP for a personal emergency response system to include fall protection. They received three proposals from CST Link to Life, E.A.R.S. Lifeline – Noyes Hospital, and St. James MercyLine. She recommended awarding the RFP to St. James MercyLine at a rate of \$19.00 per month or \$29.00 per month with fall detection.

MOTION: AWARDING THE RFP FOR PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM WITH FALL DETECTION TO THE ST. JAMES MERCYLINE AT A RATE OF \$19.00 PER MONTH OR \$29.00 PER MONTH WITH FALL DETECTION MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

C. Office of Community Services

1. **Budget Adjustment** – Dr. Chapman informed the committee that as of December 1, 2016, the NYS Office of Mental Hygiene officially started health home care management for children, and discontinued the children's ICM and SCM programs. Clients will now be enrolled in the Children's Health Home. He requested authorization to transfer all expenses and revenues from their children's ICM and SCM line items to the new cost center entitled Children's Health Home.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO TRANSFER ALL EXPENSES AND REVENUES IN THE CHILDREN'S ICM AND SCM LINE ITEMS TO A NEW COUNTY COST CENTER ENTITLED CHILDREN'S HEALTH HOME MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Nutrition Task Force** – Mrs. Baroody informed the committee that the Nutrition Task Force is now meeting on a quarterly basis. The next meeting has been scheduled for February 2, 2017. Everything is going well. The big transition has been made and we are now working one on one with cases that have unique circumstances. The congregate meals program is also working well. The only change is that staff at those sites need to go in and start heating the food earlier.

B. **Smart Steuben** – Mrs. Lando stated she attended a meeting yesterday and the committee discussed the CHIP. She was impressed with the number of activities that have already been started. There are a number of agencies working together and have done a great job so far.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. **Drug Forum** – Mr. Wheeler informed the committee that they had a meeting with staff and external stakeholders that we work closely with. We are tentatively looking to hold the forum in early February and are working to confirm the location. Additionally, our tentative agenda includes education awareness and we will be addressing both substance abuse and Opioids. Opioid abuse will be our focus, however, discussion will not be limited to that. The Council on Addiction will present that portion. We will have the group from Addison come in and talk about personal stories, and there will also be a panel discussion with our County Departments and Law Enforcement. Mr. Wheeler stated they also have worked on a one-sheet handout. One side has information for an individual who has a problem with

substance/Opioid abuse and the other side is information for a caregiver. Information includes numbers to call, 911 for an emergency, 211 for information, etc. It will also include a listing of services available. We will distribute this at the forum and will also post it on our website.

Mrs. Ferratella asked how will this be advertised? Mr. Wheeler replied once we finalize the location, we will send out press releases and will also engage our partner agencies and the schools to promote the forum. Mrs. Lando commented the Corning School District distributes a newsletter and she thinks that might be a good idea.

Dr. Chapman commented that he thinks things are going very well. From his perspective, this has promoted a collaborative team and it has been good to unify everyone. Mr. Hanna asked are you seeing your numbers going up? Dr. Chapman replied our numbers have been staying about the same. Mrs. Lando commented the death rate has gone up.

Mrs. Smith commented we have had some local physicians attend these meetings and they have a very different perspective. It has been helpful to have their insight. The physicians view this as primarily a mental health problem. Mr. Wheeler stated one of those physicians contacted him after reading an article in the paper, stating that it is very difficult to access different service/treatment options. Dr. Chapman has been working with the State to give patients quicker access to services.

Mr. Hanna asked is AA involved? Mr. Wheeler replied we will list the contact information for both AA and NA. We have engaged those providers, but do not have a representative as of yet.

B. **Goals** – Mr. Hauryski stated that he has been working with Mr. Wheeler to look at what the Legislature may want to undertake in the coming year. He asked the committee to come up with one area/topic that they would like to see accomplished this year. Next month he will be looking to have the committee provide the details to Mr. Wheeler.

Mr. Wheeler commented the departments will have to submit their goals for 2017 and they will be more targeted down to 3 – 5 goals.

Mr. Hauryski stated with the department goals, Mr. Wheeler has established a spreadsheet to show where the goals are being accomplished. That is helpful to the departments, as well as us. Going forward, we will be looking at the construction of a new facility, which will impact some of our committees.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR****
****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE**Wednesday, February 8, 2017**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE****
9:00 a.m.

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Wednesday, January 25, 2017.