

STEBEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

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

STAFF: Jack K. Wheeler Mitchell Alger Darlene Smith
Hank Chapman Kathy Muller Lise Reynolds
Jennifer Prossick Bill Caudill

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

OTHERS: Mary Perham

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2017, MEETING MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Office of Community Services

1. **Contract Approvals**

a. *Fire Alarm Service Technology* – Dr. Chapman informed the committee that Buildings & Grounds has a contract with Fire Alarm Service Technology to perform inspections and service on fire extinguishers. He requested authorization to add the Mental Health locations to the existing contract. The cost is \$70.00 for Hornell and Bath, and \$100.00 for Corning. This does not include replacement of extinguishers as that is based on size and can range from \$28.50 to \$87.50. This is an annual contract. Mrs. Lando asked who do you have now? Dr. Chapman replied it has been Fire Alarm Service Technology, but we did not realize that we were not listed on the current contract.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES LOCATIONS TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH FIRE ALARM SERVICE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE INSPECTION AND SERVICE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AT THE BATH LOCATION FOR \$70.00, THE HORNELL LOCATION FOR \$70.00 AND THE CORNING LOCATION FOR \$100.00 MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

b. *Pathways* – Dr. Chapman informed the committee that he has two nurses who will be retiring. He requested authorization to amend the existing contract with Pathways to add \$175,000 to cover RN services. Mr. Hanna asked do you feel comfortable doing this through a contract versus having our own employees? Dr. Chapman replied yes.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO AMEND THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH PATHWAYS TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL \$175,000 FOR RN SERVICES MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

c. *Ira Davenport* – Dr. Chapman informed the committee that the hospital has recently opened a new detox unit with six beds. They have asked us to partner with them to perform substance abuse evaluations. He requested authorization to enter into a contract to provide substance abuse evaluations as needed, at a rate of \$54.00 per hour. This covers the total hourly position cost and includes a 15 percent administrative fee.

Mrs. Lando asked do we have the staff available to do this? Dr. Chapman replied yes, but it will not be easy. The community absolutely needs this and from a treatment perspective this will better meet the needs. From a financial perspective, this is a win for our department. In many cases, people will continue with ongoing treatment from us. There will also be a benefit to Loyola. Mr. Wheeler stated it makes sense for us to be providing this service. Our primary concerns is as a service provider to the community, but realistically, we are also concerned about the revenue stream. If this is successful, he would be inclined to fund a vacant position to do this. It is better for us rather than having a private provider. Mrs. Lando commented that she thinks this is a great idea.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH IRA DAVENPORT HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE, ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE EVALUATIONS AT A RATE OF \$54.00 PER HOUR MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Mrs. Lando asked when will this contract start? Dr. Chapman replied the hospital has already started taking patients. For us, with your approval today, we will move ahead with getting the contract out within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Hanna asked will these patients be private pay or Medicaid? Dr. Chapman replied it is a mixed bag. He suspects it will be similar to our client mix which is 65 percent Medicaid and the remainder being broken down into private pay and no insurance. We will do the evaluations during normal business hours.

B. Public Health

1. **2017 Preschool Contract Renewals** – Mrs. Smith requested authorization to renew the Preschool contracts for 2017. The rates remain the same.

MOTION: RENEWING THE ANNUAL CONTRACTS FOR THE PRESCHOOL EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **Preschool Transportation Bid Award** – Mrs. Smith informed the committee they received bids from Durham, Birnie and ARC of Livingston and Wyoming. The bids were significantly higher than last year with Durham being 7.5 percent higher, Birnie 30 percent higher and ARC 24 percent higher. She commented that they did not budget for that type of an increase. Based on our current enrollment, with these increases, we will have a deficit of approximately \$112,000. Mr. Weaver asked what is your total expenditure for transportation? Mrs. Smith replied 1.3 million.

Mr. Maio asked do you have a sense of what drove the cost up? Mrs. Smith replied that she believes they have come to learn that they are the only providers in our area. Mr. Malter asked do they use special vehicles? Mrs. Smith replied she does not believe so. They would need to have a handicap accessible vehicle for students with wheelchairs, but generally no, they do not have a specialty vehicle.

Mrs. Ferratella asked what will happen if we reject the bids? Mr. Wheeler replied we would be up against a timeline. Mrs. Smith stated we have two months until the start of the school year and we are mandated to provide transportation. Ms. Fitzpatrick asked would it make sense to contact the vendors to ask about the increase and see if we could negotiate a better price? Mr. Wheeler replied we could call and ask about the increase, however, because this was a sealed bid, we could not negotiate prices.

MOTION: AWARDING THE BID FOR PRESCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AS FOLLOWS: CONTRACT A (KIDSTART) – ARC OF LIVINGSTON/WYOMING AT A RATE OF \$112.00 PER CHILD, PER DAY FOR THE 10-MONTH PROGRAM AND THE SUMMER PROGRAM; CONTRACT B (CORNING-PAINTED POST) – BIRNIE AT A RATE OF \$64.50 PER CHILD PER DAY FOR THE 10-MONTH PROGRAM; CONTRACT C (PATHWAYS, INC. – AVOCA) – BIRNIE AT A RATE OF \$133.80 PER CHILD PER DAY FOR THE 10-MONTH PROGRAM AND \$125.50 PER CHILD PER DAY FOR THE SUMMER PROGRAM; AND CONTRACT D (YATES ARC/KEUKA LAKE SCHOOL) – DURHAM AT A RATE OF \$135.43 PER CHILD PER DAY FOR THE 10-MONTH PROGRAM AND THE SUMMER PROGRAM MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Nutrition Task Force** – Mrs. Ferratella stated that Mrs. Baroody was unable to attend today’s meeting, however, she provided an update noting that the Task Force has not met since the last HSH&E meeting. Satisfaction surveys continue to show a fairly high rate of satisfaction with the cook/chill meals. Additionally, the cost savings of this new system have helped ProAction direct funds toward updating their vehicles. The next Nutrition Task Force meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in the South Conference Room.

Mrs. Lando commented that Corning Meals on Wheels received a \$24,000 grant from Subaru.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. **Drug Forum** – Mr. Wheeler announced the next drug forum will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 in Hornell. They are finalizing arrangements, but believe it will be held in the Hornell High School Cafeteria and will begin at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Lando commented that it would be nice to see some Legislators attend.

B. **SAY2 Rural Health Network** – Mrs. Ferratella stated that at their recent meeting they discussed the T-21 initiative which is moving the age to purchase tobacco to 21. There are 10 counties in the state that have passed local laws. They are still waiting for State support.

Mrs. Ferratella stated they had a meeting with Dr. Zucker from the NYS Department of Health. He indicated they have seen a 20 percent increase across the board in Opioid use. We are focusing on the Opioid epidemic with no funding.

C. **Hunger Coalition** – Mrs. Ferratella stated she received a copy of the Steuben County Hunger Coalition 2016 Annual Report. The number of people served was 96,749 with approximately 30,000 of those being children. Mrs. Lando commented they provide a huge service to the community and it is run almost entirely by volunteers. The Corning Food Pantry is the top three in the region and is the only one run by volunteers. It is very significant what they do.

D. **Goals** – Mrs. Ferratella stated that she will work on summarizing the goals for next month’s meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR****

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Please send your agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office

NO LATER THAN NOON

Wednesday, May 31, 2017.