

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

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 8:30 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator
Mr. Dennis Mullen	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:	Ms. Marte Sauerbrey	Chair of Legislature
	Mr. Jackson Bailey	County Administrator
	Ms. Elizabeth Myers	Deputy Commissioner (DSS)
	Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
	Ms. Katie Chandler	Treasurer's Office
	Ms. Laura Schurter	Treasurer's Office

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the July 2, 2024 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell. Seconded by Legislator Mullen. Motion Carried.

**MENTAL HYGIENE**

1. Financial

- Mr. Chris Korba noted that the 2024 budget is tracking well with seven months of expenses and six months of revenue. A revenue source of \$67,000 has dried up but \$57,000 more in Safety Net funding is expected.
- 2025 Budget: Local Share will be budget neutral per directive. Under Alcohol & Drug Services, there was some rebalancing of the FFS lines, including new expense lines for the new Waverly building. Under the Administration line, \$110,000 more in Federal Aid is expected. The Mental Health Clinic line increased \$165,000 in State Aid for the new mobile crisis program.

2. Old Business

- Criminal Psych – Ms. Lori Morgan shared that there are no new cases for criminal psych services.
- OMH recently conducted an audit. There were some minor things but overall it was excellent!

3. New Business

- Waverly location – Construction is moving along. It is looking beautiful. Ms. Morgan reported that she expects it should be ready to open in October/November of this year.

4. Personnel
  - Lara Rogan, Sr. CSW, started 7/15/24
5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to move forward
  - Authorize Grant Renewal Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2024 Budget (DFC)
  - Authorize Grant Renewal Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2024 (STOP Act)
  - Appropriation of Funds Budget Modification 2024 (TST BOCES/Trinity)
  - Appropriation of Funds Budget Modification (Waverly office furnishings/supplies)
6. Proclamations
  - National Recovery Month (repeat)
  - National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month (repeat)

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

1. Financial
  - Mr. Denis McCann reported that for the 2024 budget, there are no surprises, and everything is tracking well.
  - 2025 Budget: Mr. McCann noted adjustments are still being made but with PH expenses decreasing \$3,200 and Pre-School expenses increasing \$700, the net is \$2,500 under budget. Under PH, the professional liability increased \$10,000, the dental van equipment line went up \$7,000. There are increases to the training lines and funds to purchase laptops & tablets as PH can get reimbursed if in their budget. There is an increase in the FT Salary line due to personnel changes in 2024. The EI escrow decreased by \$13,000. After discussions with Mr. Gary Hammond, PH is not planning on purchasing any vehicles under the Capital Plan but that may change. The Pre-School budget is currently the same as 2024; however, the transportation three-year RFP will go out next year. NYSCHO is working toward changes that would move transportation to the schools who have the infrastructure in place. If that happens, there would be significant savings to PH for the Pre-School program. There are no grant funded positions in the 2025 budget.
2. Old Business
  - None
3. New Business
  - Agency Report for July 2024 forwarded to committee.
  - There have been a few cases of pertussis in the County and PH has issued a Press Release.
  - There was a special meeting of the BOH where they approved the Tioga County Sanitary Code changes. The BOH will be looking at fees for Environmental Health to see if they need updating.
  - Under the Strategic Plan, PH will begin using technology to make services more available to the public by accepting on-line payments (i.e. food permits, pay for dental services).

#### 4. Personnel

- Kiran Sharma, Seasonal Clerk, hired effective 7/1/24
- Recruitment continues for an Environmental Health Technician

#### 5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

- Authorization to Apply for Grant (Floyd Hooker Foundation)
- Purchasing Quote Exemptions for the Use of Local Television Advertising

#### 6. Proclamations

- None

Ms. Morgan noted that MH will be purchasing 2 vehicles with funding from OMH for the mobile crisis unit.

### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### 1. Financial

- Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that the 2024 overtime line is running over however, there is savings from the FT Salary line. On the program side, Foster Care & Day Care are running over budget. The Foster Care Block Grant is up \$200,000 over last year. Safety Net is on target.
- 2025 Budget: Highlights include – The addition of 1 FT Sr. Caseworker position and 1 FT Community Services Worker; eliminate 2 PT Community Services Worker positions. Increased Day Care line. Foster Care is up \$325,000 due to facility placements going up to \$500,000/year. Under the Capital Plan, DSS plans on purchasing 4 vehicles in 2025. Under the Tioga County Career Center, the budget allocation was cut \$32,000. If no local share, staffing would need to be cut 1 position.

#### 2. Old Business

- None.

#### 3. New Business

- Caseloads

During July, Cash Assistance remained flat, with Family Assistance increasing 2 cases and Safety Net decreasing 2 cases.

MA-Only increased 9 cases.

MA-SSI decreased 3 cases.

Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 22 to 3,331.

SNAP increased 1 case.

Day Care increased 3 cases

See Caseload Summary

- Tioga Career Center report is attached. Unemployment continues to remain below the State & Federal levels.

#### 4. Personnel Changes

- Steven Williams, Social Welfare Examiner, removed effective 7/5/24
- Nancy Leonard, PT Community Services Worker, resigned effective 7/13/24
- Megan Gilbert, SS Employment Specialist to SWE effective 7/15/24
- Brittany Gates, Support Investigator, hired effective 7/15/24
- Denise Liske promoted to Sr. Social Welfare Examiner effective 7/29/24
- Alycia Anthony promoted to SS Employment Specialist effective 7/29/24

#### 5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

- Recognize Katherine E. Garrison for 32 Years of Dedicated Service to DSS
- Recognize Karen L. Northup for 11 Years of Dedicated Service to DSS
- Create & Fill Seasonal Social Welfare Examiner Position and Seasonal Office Specialist 1 Positions for the HEAP Program
- Appointment of Part Time Mail Clerk
- Appointment of Part Time Caseworker

#### 6. Proclamations

- None

### **ADJOURNED:**

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 9:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gail V. Perdue*

Executive Secretary, Social Services