

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative conference room, Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 8:35 AM.

Present:	Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
	Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator
	Mr. Dennis Mullen	Legislator
	Ms. Loretta Sullivan	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	Director of Public Health
	Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services – PH
Guests:	Ms. Marte Sauerbrey	Chair of the Legislature
	Ms. Joy Bennett	Director of Probation

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Budget Status
 - Mr. Chris Korba shared that for 2017 MH will have a return of \$64,000 to local share. The 2018 budget is on target.
2. Personnel
 - Sarah Salisbury returning part-time from leave on 3/7/18.
 - Jessica Comeby started leave 3/5/18.
 - Kelley Cook resigned 2/23/18. She was an in-school worker at the Spencer school district.
3. Critical Issues/Topics
 - Ms. Morgan noted that the first meeting of the task force panel on opioids she is on went well at Binghamton University. As mentioned in Broome County, there were no opioid deaths in February, there were also none in Tioga County.
4. Resolutions
 - None.
5. Proclamations
 - None.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Commissioner Yetter discussed caseloads, programmatic highlights, and personnel changes. (Reports were all sent to Committee members via email yesterday).

1. Budget

- Mr. Gary Grant reported that DSS still has some accruals for 2017, however, we are \$525,000 over budget on the local share with most of that due to the Foster Care high cost placements. The 2018 program lines are looking good so far. There is some upcoming movement on two Foster Care kids hopefully resulting in some cost savings for 2018.
- Raise the Age – Commissioner Yetter explained that starting in October 2018, the 16-year-old felons will require placements in specialized secure detention facilities. The 17-year old's will start in October 2019. He anticipates an increase in our costs regarding the placements. Commissioner Yetter & Ms. Joy Bennett, Probation Director, are looking at a regional (Finger Lakes Region) approach that involves ten counties that would hire a consultant who would locate a secure detention facility that meets the child's needs. Tioga County's portion would be \$14,000 for the planning phase. The State OCFS has guaranteed 100% reimbursement during the first phase. Ms. Bennett shared the second option which is Hillbrook, a secure detention facility in Onondaga County. Mr. Brian Cain, Probation Supervisor, is on a state board that is considering the process of creating MOUs with counties and Hillbrook to make Hillbrook a specialized secure detention facility. They would then bill State OCFS directly. Ms. Bennett also discussed the need for more than one specialized secure detention facility available for Tioga County. Education of these kids is done in-house at the facility. Ms. Bennett noted that Tioga County has only had nine kids over the past five years that would fall into this category.

2. Caseloads

- During February, Cash Assistance caseloads decreased 1 case, with Family Assistance increasing 7 cases and Safety Net decreasing 6 cases.
- MA-Only increased 9 cases.
- MA-SSI decreased 12 cases.
- Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 10 to 3,659.
- SNAP cases increased 6 cases.
- Day Care decreased 6 cases.
- Services decreased 8 cases.
- See Caseload Summary.

3. Programmatic Highlights

- TEC Report – In packet. Tioga County's Annual Job Fair is tomorrow at the Treadway. 109 employers have signed up and they all have at least one job opening.
- Garage Bills – DSS currently pays for parts only (at cost) and we get reimbursement. If the department is charged for labor, reimbursement could be claimed.

4. Personnel Changes

- Jessica Lee was hired 2/5/18 as Part-Time Community Services Worker. She was a temporary HEAP hire.

5. Resolutions

- Budget Modification – Youth Programs. Moving the salary related administrative functions of the Youth Bureau to the youth programs. Natalie Thompson, Director of Employment & Transitional Supports, has assumed the duties of the Youth Bureau Director.

6. Proclamations

- None.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the February 6, 2018 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Sullivan and Seconded by Legislator Monell. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Ms. Lisa McCafferty presented personnel, highlights and resolutions.

1. Budget Status
 - Mr. Denis McCann shared that they are still working with Rita Hollenbeck on small adjustments on the 2017 budget. With fringe savings, PH will return local share for 2017. There are no negative indicators so far in 2018, although keeping an eye on the recent surge of referrals in the Early Intervention program.
2. Personnel
 - Laura McDermott, NP & Elizabeth Salon, NP; laid off 2/14/18.
3. Program Comments
 - Agency Report for February 2018 was forwarded to the Committee during the meeting. (Apologies for the mishap). Flu is on the downswing. Discussion on high birth rates and outcomes. Bed Bug billboards are generating calls.
4. Resolutions
 - Appoint Certifying Officer for Environmental Review.
 - Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2018 Budget.
5. Proclamations
 - Rabies Prevention & Awareness Month.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

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