LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative conference room, Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 8:30 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 Public Health Director

Mr. Denis McCann Director of Administrative Services - PH

Guests: Ms. Marte Sauerbrey Chair of the Legislature

**MENTAL HYGIENE**

1. Budget Status

* Mr. Chris Korba shared that the 2019 fee-for-service revenues are tracking as expected. The budget is showing 108% used, however 2019 fee-for-service revenue received in January and February will be applied back to the 2019 budget. Since the last meeting, an October invoice for criminal psychiatric care was received with no discharge date with the potential to receive invoices of $50,000 through December. The monthly bills are around $17,000 for criminal psych care and with the potential total of $168,000 for the year. Expense savings due to vacancies has been able to cover these unbudgeted expenses, however, with potential new invoices the overall 2019 budget will be close to either side of “break even”. If the Tioga County resident has not been discharged, then this will start effecting the 2020 budget. The 2020 budget has $15,000 budgeted in that line.

1. Personnel

* None. Currently have five vacancies.

1. Critical Issues/Topics

* Care Compass Updates: Tele-Psych/Tele-Med – Ms. Morgan shared that they are expecting these programs to be up & running soon.

4. Resolutions

* None.

5. Proclamations

* None.

Legislator Sullivan asked for a motion to amend the December 3, 2019 HHS Committee minutes under the Mental Hygiene Personnel section. She would like the word “terminated” taken out and replaced with “position vacated” or “employment ended”. Motion made by Legislator Sullivan and Seconded by Legislator Mullen. 3 Ayes, 1 No - Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Mr. Denis McCann presented highlights and resolutions.

1. Budget Status

* Mr. Denis McCann reported that the 2019 Public Health Budget is tracking well. He expects to return some funds including from the Pre-School and Early Intervention programs.

1. Personnel

* None.

1. Program Comments

* Agency Report for December 2019 was forwarded to the Committee. A summary of the Community Health Improvement Updated Plan was distributed.

1. Resolutions

* None.

1. Proclamations

* Winter Safety Month (New).

Discussion regarding the Taylor Recycling fire. Public Health will be following up with the DEC.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Commissioner Yetter discussed caseloads, programmatic highlights, and personnel changes.

1. Budget

* Commissioner Yetter noted that the foster care line continues to run over budget. Mr. Gary Grant has been able to move money around to cover the foster care expenses. 2019 revenues are still coming in; expect to come in flat after the adjustments. We are down to three school placements from four. There is currently one Raise the Age placement and Mr. Grant will need to appropriate more money in that line. He expects to do a resolution in February. Only one person of those released under the new bail law came into DSS but decided not to apply for any public assistance services.

1. Caseloads

* During December, Cash Assistance caseloads decreased 3 cases, with Family Assistance   
  remaining flat and Safety Net decreasing 3 cases. Down 7% for the year.
* MA-Only decreased 4 cases.
* MA-SSI decreased 30 cases.
* Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 61 to 3,490.
* SNAP decreased 5 cases.
* Day Care decreased 1 case.
* Services decreased 5 cases.
* See Caseload Summary.

1. Programmatic Highlights

* Tioga Career Center Report – Broome County has hired Robert Murphy, formerly City of Binghamton Economic Development Director to be the Broome County Career Center Director. He will also act as the Broome-Tioga Workforce Board Director. Commissioner Yetter and Legislative Chair Sauerbrey have met with him. The Job Fair is scheduled for March 11, 2020.

4. Personnel Changes

* Donna Gilligan’s last day was 12/2/19.
* Leanne Walker’s last day was 12/2/19.
* Rose Terenzi’s last day was 12/31/19.

5. Resolutions

* Recognize Kandi Saxton’s 18 Years of Dedicated Service to Tioga County.

1. Proclamations

* None.

**ADJOURNED:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue  
Executive Secretary, Social Services