

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

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 8:32 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Jake Brown	Legislator
Mr. Dennis Mullen	Legislator {Arrived 8:50 AM}
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)
	Mr. Peter DeWind	County Attorney
	Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk

**MENTAL HYGIENE**

1. Financial
  - Mr. Chris Korba noted that the 2024 budget is tracking well with six months of expenses and five months of revenue. Three Waverly invoices paid toward construction; majority of expenses have not come in yet.
2. Old Business
  - Criminal Psych – Ms. Lori Morgan shared that they have no new bills for criminal psych services.
3. New Business
  - Waverly location – Construction is moving along. Ms. Morgan reported that she expects it should be ready to open in late Fall.
4. Personnel
  - None
5. Resolutions
  - Transfer of Funds 2024 Budget Modification (Care Compass Network)
  - Authorize Creation of a Full-Time Certified Peer Specialist Position (Mobile Clinic)
  - Authorize Creation of a Full-Time Senior Clinical Social Worker Position (Mobile Clinic)
  - Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds (Hea Hea)
6. Proclamations
  - None

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

1. Financial
  - Mr. Denis McCann reported that for the 2024 budget, there are no surprises, and everything is tracking well. The reports show 64% of local share but that includes encumbrances, blanket PO's and only the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of State Aid and grants have been received so far.
2. Old Business
  - None
3. New Business
  - Agency Report for June 2024 forwarded to committee.
  - Tioga County will receive over \$320,000 as part of the Juul settlement. Public Health would like to take the lead on this and will bring a resolution to next month's meeting with a plan for the funding.
  - PHD & BOH subcommittee working on updating the Tioga County Sanitary Code.
4. Personnel
  - Kristin Russell, Public Health Educator, hired effective 6/17/24
  - Elizabeth Dow, Office Specialist III, hired effective 6/17/24
5. Resolutions
  - Staff Change 2024 Budget (Public Health Technician)
6. Proclamations
  - None

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

1. Financial
  - Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that the admin side of the 2024 budget is tracking under budget due to payroll. On the program side, Foster Care & Day Care are running over budget. The Foster Care Block Grant is up \$200,000 over last year.
2. Old Business
  - None.
3. New Business
  - Caseloads  
During June, Cash Assistance decreased 4 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 5 cases and Safety Net increasing 1 case.  
MA-Only decreased 2 cases.  
MA-SSI decreased 8 cases.  
Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 11 to 3,309.  
SNAP increased 20 cases.  
Day Care remained flat.  
See Caseload Summary

- Tioga Career Center report is attached. Unemployment continues to remain below the State & Federal levels. Commissioner Yetter was able to work with Broome County to reduce the funding by 13% rather than the 27% that was originally proposed.
4. Personnel Changes
    - Casey Yelverton, Sr. Caseworker, resigned effective 6/15/24
    - Jennifer Green, Grade B Supervisor to Sr. Caseworker effective 6/17/24
  5. Resolutions
    - Execute Lease Extension with MCP Enterprises, Inc. for Child Advocacy Center
    - Authorize Three (3) Position Reclassifications
    - Approve Contract, Appropriation of Funds & Amend 2024 Budget (SYEP)
  6. Proclamations
    - None

Legislator Standinger asked Commissioner Yetter about the homeless situation in general. He noted that it continues to be a slightly escalating problem. For the most part, folks do not want our services. It will become more serious in the winter months. We do have available hotels where we can place folks.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the June 4, 2024 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Brown. Seconded by Legislator Mullen. Motion Carried.

All resolutions were approved by Legislators to move forward.

**ADJOURNED:**

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gail V. Perdue*

Executive Secretary, Social Services