

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

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 8:32 AM.

Present: Mr. Bill Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Andrew Aronstam	Legislator
Mr. Ray Bunce	Legislator
Ms. Sarah Begeal	Director of Community Services
Mr. Chris Korba	Director of Administrative Services (MH)
Ms. Liz Myers	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: Mr. Jackson Bailey	County Administrator
Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
Mr. Peter DeWind	County Attorney {Arrived 8:53 AM}

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the May 5, 2026 minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Bunce, seconded by Legislator Aronstam. Motion Carried

**MENTAL HYGIENE**

1. Financial

- Mr. Chris Korba reported that the 2026 budget is tracking as expected except for the Criminal Psychiatric line. There is currently one person in court-ordered criminal psychiatric care since last May. It looks like this person was approved for another year. There is not enough money left in that budget line to cover all of May 2026 invoice. Will be doing a resolution next month to transfer money out of the salary line to the Criminal Psych line. If this person stays through the remainder of 2026, the cost will be \$305,000 \*above original budget.\* \$198,000 had originally been budgeted for this service in 2026.

2. Old Business

- Criminal Psych – See above

3. New Business

- None

4. Personnel

- Angela Hays, MSW Intern from Liberty University started 5/18/26
- Marietta Pianosi, Accounting Associate II resigned effective 5/29/26
- Michelle Stouffer, PT Account Clerk Typist promoted to Accounting Associate II on 6/1/26
- Carissa Singer, Accounting Associate II is resigning effective 6/26/26

5. Resolutions - Legislators approved resolutions to move forward
  - Reclassify Position Mental Hygiene (CSW to Supervising CSW)
  - Authorize Position Reclassification and Unfund Position
  - Resolution Reappointing Member to Community Services Board
  - Authorization to Contract with School Districts for On-Site Mental Health Services
6. Proclamations
  - None

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

1. Financial
  - Mr. Denis McCann reported that 2026 has been a strong year with grants covering a lot of costs. The Fee-for-Service Revenues for 2026 continue to be up. \$350,000 came in at the end May that is not reflected in the financial reports for this month. He expects to see a return to local share at the end of year.
2. Old Business
  - None
3. New Business – Agency Report for May:
  - NYS Budget has passed. Funding remains for tick-borne illness. Tick-borne illnesses continue to increase with a total of nine hospitalizations. TCPH is continuing to reach out to providers to test for ALL tick-borne illnesses.
  - Patient Services remain vigilant in any communicable diseases.
  - Our first application for Project Public Health Ready (PH Emergency Preparedness) was submitted to be reviewed by in-state reviewers. They will send feedback before we submit the final application.
  - Early Intervention continues to climb with 14 children currently waiting for services. There are only nine providers in our area. This is a statewide issue.
  - An East Tennessee State University Center for Rural Health and Research case study was completed. The study features an evaluation of the Tioga County Mobile Dental Program.
4. Personnel
  - None
5. Resolutions- Legislators approved resolutions to move forward
  - Amend 2026 Budget and Appropriate Funds (Floyd Hooker)
  - Authorize Contracts for Television and Streaming Services Advertising
  - Authorization to Apply for Grant Application (CARA)
6. Proclamations
  - None

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

1. Financial
  - Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that expenses on the Admin. side are tracking under budget. The program side is tracking well except for Foster Care which continues to track over budget.
2. Old Business
  - Status of ABAWDS – 182 were determined to be under the new work requirements of 80 hours of work per month to stay in compliance. Approximately 130 clients are currently out of compliance with new work requirements and have had their cases closed or their benefits reduced. We are working with clients who have transportation challenges and allowing them to seek a waiver for the requirement on a monthly basis. Staff are continuing to do outreach to clients.
3. New Business
  - Caseloads – See Caseload Summary  
During May, Cash Assistance decreased 7 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 5 cases and Safety Net decreasing 2 cases.  
MA-Only decreased 26 cases  
MA-SSI increased 11 cases  
Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 34 to 3,273  
SNAP decreased 124 cases  
Day Care remained flat
  - Tioga Career Center report is attached. Unemployment rate in Tioga County is 3.6 %, remaining below the state & federal levels. Starting June 11<sup>th</sup>, WEBO has given the center a free monthly broadcasting slot to discuss our services , share hot jobs, and promote future job fairs.
4. Personnel Changes
  - Shannon Willett, Caseworker resigned effective 5/1/26
  - Mindy Cantrell, Accounting Associate I, was removed effective 5/19/26
  - Marietta Pianosi was hired as Social Welfare Examiner effective 5/30/26
5. Resolutions - Legislators approved resolution to move forward
  - Authorize One (1) Position Reclassification
6. Proclamations
  - Elder Abuse Awareness Month (repeat)

### **ADJOURNED:**

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gail V. Perdue*

Executive Secretary, Social Services