

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 8:30 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Dennis Mullen	Legislator (arrived @ 8:35 AM)
Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator
Mr. Jake Brown	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: Mr. Peter DeWind	County Attorney (arrived @ 8:34 AM)
Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial

- Mr. Chris Korba noted that the 2022 budget is tracking well. He is expecting to have a return at the end of year. Fee-For-Service Revenue is for six months, and Expense tracking is for 7 months. There are no new reports of any criminal psych placement court orders. A COVID Federal Grant of \$152,000 was applied for and awarded. This is unrestricted COVID funding.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the July 5, 2022 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell. Seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion Carried.

- 2023 Budget – Mr. Korba has not completed the budget yet, but the mandate of no local share increase will be met. Highlights handout was distributed. New in 2023 is an “Upper Payment Limit” that has a 50% local match from DSS (\$101,904). MA Admin claiming decrease of \$96,000. Our existing Drug Free Communities grant has previously been budgeted but will not be budgeted for 2023. Instead, the balance from 2022 that needs to be rolled into budget year 2023 will be brought forward in a resolution presented in February of 2023.

2. Old Business

- Criminal Psych – No new orders to report.

3. New Business

- None.

4. Personnel
 - None. Recruitment of Social Workers continues.
5. Resolutions – Resolution was approved to continue.
 - Transfer of Funds Budget Modification – (Workforce Enhancement Grant).
6. Proclamations
 - None.

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial
 - 2023 Budget handout distributed. There is a County Local Cost Savings from 2022 of \$4,998. Mr. McCann noted that every increase in expense is offset by overall Revenue increase. Preschool budget was increased due to higher rates for both transportation and services provided. Vehicles – Working with Gary Hammond, agreed to increase the number of vehicles to replace in 2023, which will benefit the overall County fleet. Other areas of note for increased budget lines include Advertising & Promotion, equipment replacement (including chairs), several position upgrades due to current or expected desk audits, and the hiring of 2 part-time therapists for EI. Also, additional Dental hours without change in headcount. Mandated Services represent 77% of County Share/Cost. COVID-related grants are not included in the budget (\$2.7 million). EI Escrow is budgeted as it is currently because it is unknown when the switch over to private insurance will happen.
 - Mr. Denis McCann shared that the 2022 budget is “tracking well.” As is typical each year, July brought large revenues, and more are expected in August. 53% of local share has been expended through July.
2. Old Business
 - None.
3. New Business
 - Agency Report for July 2022 forwarded to committee. Highlights were the Tioga County Fair preparation, water supplies throughout the county including 56 Main St. and ongoing monitoring of reportable diseases, such as COVID and Monkeypox.
4. Personnel
 - Ashley Coney, Early Intervention Service Coordinator, effective July 5, 2022.
5. Resolutions – Resolution was approved to continue.
 - Amend 2022 Budget & Appropriate Funds (Well Systems).
6. Proclamations
 - Immunization Awareness Month (Repeat).

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial

- Mr. Gary Grant shared that the 2022 budget is under on payroll costs due to vacant positions. There was a slight improvement in foster care costs. The State increased foster care rates in April and July. Residential foster care averages \$500-\$600 per day. Traditional foster care is between \$600-\$800 per month. Residential care is usually long-term placements that are all outside of Tioga County. Day Care eligibility has been expanded. 4 of the 8 vehicles that have been on order for over a year will arrive next week.
- 2023 Budget Overview handout was distributed. Currently showing a local share increase of about \$150,000 to 2023 budgeted amount. Some budget increases are: overtime, MA weekly shares, MA increasing for Clinic UPL offsetting revenue in Mental Hygiene, Foster Care/Adoption, JD/PINS and detention local share up by \$106,000 due to Detention Bed contract request, and OCFS local share chargeback increased. There are 2 vehicles that will be replaced in 2023.

2. Old Business

- None.

3. New Business

- Caseloads

During July, Cash Assistance decreased 10 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 2 cases and Safety Net decreasing 8 cases.

MA-Only increased 8 cases.

MA-SSI increased 4 cases.

Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 5 cases to 3,784.

SNAP cases decreased 36 cases.

Day Care increased 10 cases. Day Care has gone up 19% for the year. There is a push on advertising as eligibility has expanded.

- Services cases increased 12 cases.
See Caseload Summary and Charts.
- Tioga Career Center report is attached. The unemployment rate in Tioga County went up slightly from 2.8% to 3% - still below State & Federal rates. There were 45 new UI claims filed in July.

4. Personnel Changes

- Elizabeth Vinti, Caseworker, hired effective 7/18/22.
- Savanna Tuttle, Accounting Associate II, hired effective 7/18/22.
- Lisa Williams, OS1, last day effective 7/21/22.

5. Resolutions – Resolution was approved to continue.

- Authorization to Reclassify One Vacant Principal Social Welfare Examiner Position as Case Supervisor Grade A.

6. Proclamations

- None.

ADJOURNED:

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services