

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

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

Present: Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Dennis Mullen	Legislator
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: Ms. Marte Sauerbrey Legislative Chair  
Mr. Peter DeWind County Attorney {arrived 8:38 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 nine months, and Expense tracking is for ten months. Only 31% of the local share has been used, however there are some expenses that have not posted yet.
2. Old Business
  - Criminal Psych – No new orders to report.
3. New Business
  - OASAS Grant – 100% paid for 2 vehicles, therapeutic tools, and cosmetic upgrades to the clinic area. Ms. Morgan reported that this application is moving through the grant approval process.
4. Personnel
  - None.
5. Resolutions
  - None.
6. Proclamations
  - None.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the October 4, 2022 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Mullen. Seconded by Legislator Monell. Motion Carried.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

1. Financial
  - Mr. Denis McCann shared that the 2022 budget is “tracking well.” Revenues are coming in as expected. Report shows the Local Cost/Share is below target at only 71% used through October. There continues to be savings in Early Intervention and the pre-school programs. Related to the pre-school savings, there is a resolution to transfer \$450,000 of the savings to the Treasurer’s Office Community College account to cover overages. Mr. McCann expects to have a return at year end.
2. Old Business
  - None.
3. New Business
  - Agency Report for October 2022 forwarded to committee. Ms. Lisa McCafferty noted ongoing vacancies for nursing positions since last fall, which directly impacts certain operations. They have been successful with volunteers so far. The Dental Van is currently being worked on. Highlighted activities with Team Tioga projects.
4. Personnel
  - Angelica Conklin, Public Health Educator, resigned effective 10/14/22, moving south.
5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to continue.
  - Amend Budget & Transfer of Funds (Community College Account).
  - Amend 2022 Budget & Transfer Funds (Equipment).
6. Proclamations
  - Hunting Safety Month (New-Heather Vroman to receive).

### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

1. Financial
  - Mr. Gary Grant shared that there has been some increase in the Foster Care line. He had one school placement. The school pays 56% of the \$17,000/month cost. There is MA savings with the weekly shares decrease that he expects to continue through the first quarter of 2023.

## 2. Old Business

- None.

## 3. New Business

- Caseloads

During October, Cash Assistance increased 9 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 2 cases and Safety Net increasing 11 cases.

MA-Only increased 3 cases.

MA-SSI stayed flat.

Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 14 cases to 3,802.

SNAP increased 52 cases.

Day Care increased 10 cases.

See Caseload Summary and Charts.

- Tioga Career Center report is attached. The unemployment rate in Tioga County (2.6) remains below the State (3.9) & Federal (3.3) rates. The center continues to work closely with outside agencies, businesses, and schools.
- Out of State Training Approval – This training is hosted by the Northeast Regional Children's Advocacy Center and is at no cost to the County. DSS would like to send our CAC Coordinator, Jen Green, to this training in Philadelphia, PA. Committee approved.

## 4. Personnel Changes

- Amy Canzler, WMS Coordinator, last day effective 10/3/22.
- Penny Walker, Seasonal HEAP OS1, hired effective 10/11/22.
- Diane Cole, Seasonal HEAP SWE, hired effective 10/11/22.
- Kelly Dean, OS1, hired effective 10/11/22.
- Eric Silvanic, Grade B Supervisor - Services, last day effective 10/12/22.
- Elizabeth Vinti, Caseworker, last day effective 10/14/22.
- Karlee Howell, OS1, hired effective 10/24/22.
- Nancy Leonard, Seasonal HEAP OS1, hired effective 10/24/22.
- Victoria Strickland, Seasonal OS1, hired 10/24/22 and resigned 10/28/22.
- 4 Caseworkers are starting in November.

## 5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to continue.

- Authorize Chair of Legislature to Sign Application for Grant Funds (5311).
- Appropriation of Funds & Amend 2022 Budget(PEAF).

## 6. Proclamations

- Adoption Awareness Month (repeat).

## **ADJOURNED:**

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:48 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gail V. Perdue*

Executive Secretary, Social Services