



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Time: 11:00 am

Location: 3019 County Complex Drive
2nd Floor, Room 205
Canandaigua, NY 14424

September 3, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Daniel Marshall, Supervisor Caroline Sauers, Supervisor Richard Russell, Supervisor Tamara Hicks, Supervisor Fred Wille and Supervisor Norm Teed.

OTHERS PRESENT

In addition to Committee Members:

- Mary Krause, County Administrator
- Brian Young, Deputy County Administrator
- Jack Marren, Chairman to the BOS
- Art James, Assistant County Attorney
- Mary Gates, Director of Finance
- Mary Beer, Director of Public Health
- Diane Johnston, Director Mental Health
- Irene Coveny, Director Office for the Aging
- Eileen Tiberio, Commissioner, DSS
- Bob Kramer, Deputy Commissioner, DSS
- Marcia Foote, Director of Youth Bureau
- Rochelle Gray, Senior Fiscal Manager
- Jeremy Marshall, Director of Veterans Services Agency
- Sandy Seeber, Fiscal Manager
- Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Marshall called the meeting to order at 10:58 a.m.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the August 12, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Russell, seconded by Supervisor Wille. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Performance Management

- *Final Consolidated Review Report*

Mary Beer presented the Final Consolidated Review Report from the Western Regional Office. She reviewed and discussed with the Committee the following recommendations:

- Changing the parameters for emptying sharps containers to every 90 days or at $\frac{3}{4}$ full in the existing policy and practice. She said they will be implementing this.
- Consider adding space for child weight to the immunization form as a best-practice. She said they are not sure they will do this.

Ms. Beer went on to review and discuss with the Committee four additional suggestions made by the Western Region Office to promote Best-Practices. She explained what she recommended for the suggestions. She noted what they will explore producing a yearly birth

report to identify trends.

Supervisor Rich Russell made a motion to accept the reviewing of the Report and the recommendations made by Mary Beer. Supervisor Norm Teed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- *2nd Quarter QI Activity Report*

Mary Beer presented and discussed with the Committee the 2nd Quarter 2019 Quality Improvement (QI) Activity Report. She stated they are half way done with the Corrective Action Plan for Accreditation. They will have it complete by the end of the year. She noted their Satisfaction Surveys continue to be high. She reviewed the status of Internal QI projects, noting the hiring of a new rabies nurse as well as improving the appropriateness of rabies calls forwarded to Public Health and/or the Humane Society. She noted that the rest of the audits were very high in terms of compliance and there were only minor adjustments. Ms. Beer believes the audits have been beneficial; when they have found issues through the audits, they have been able to rectify those issues as previously discussed with the committee. Ms. Beer also referenced the Performance Measures (provided with the agenda) noting most indicators met or exceeded their targets, with two indicators approaching targets. No indicators demonstrated targets not met. There were no further recommendations put forth by the committee.

Supervisor Tamara Hicks motioned to accept the QI Activity Report. Supervisor Caroline Sauers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mary Beer discussed a Public Health issue concerning Eastern Equine Encephalitis (Triple E). She said there was a case in Farmington with a young horse. She said the vector is from mosquitos. The disease can only be transmitted by mosquitos. She has been working with the State and Ag and Markets as well as notifying the Supervisor of Farmington. They have done the appropriate press releases. She said she spoke with the state to get guidance on whether they should spray. If they were to spray they would declare an imminent threat and would get 50% reimbursement for the spraying. She said she is not at this point recommending it. It was advised to reach out to Wayne County to get additional information. She said there is a vaccine for the horses and she has notified the Finger Lakes Racino and also reached out to the Mennonites in the area. Additional discussion took place.

Supervisor Norm Teed made a motion to give Mary Beer the authority, if deemed necessary, and in consultation with County officials, to authorize spraying for mosquitos in the amount of \$50K with a 50% match from the state. Supervisor Tamara Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MENTAL HEALTH

Resolution: *Authorization: Agreement between ABVI-*

Diane Johnston presented a resolution to establish a referral process between ABVI-Goodwill of the Finger Lakes (211/Lifeline) and

Goodwill of the Finger Lakes (211/Lifeline) and Ontario County Mental Health Department for Referral Procedures

Ontario County Mental Health.

Supervisor Russell motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Willied. Motion carried.

Mary Krause noted that she has been nominated to be on the State Board of Directors for 2-1-1 beginning January 1, 2020.

Diane Johnston informed the Committee of two items of the plan of corrective action as a result of the audit:

- When clients are admitted, the admission date is the date the treatment plan is initiated as well as a progress note that says “client is admitted for treatment”.
- To make sure the goals on the treatment plan are measurable.

Sarah Utter with the DA’s Office received a large grant to work with the Victims Assistance Program. Their request is to hire a staff social worker in the clinic to assist them.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING

Resolution: *Acceptance of Funds from NYSOFA to Address Unmet Needs of Older Adults in Ontario County – Office for the Aging 2019-2020*

Irene Coveny presented a resolution to accept the funds from NYSOFA based on the plan submitted which included the purchase of a new vehicle to deliver meals and the Expanded In Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP).

Supervisor Sauers motioned to approve the resolution to accept the funds, seconded by Supervisor Russell. Motion carried.

Budget Transfer – Unmet Needs Funding

Supervisor Sauers motioned to approve the budget transfer, seconded by Supervisor Russell. Motion carried.

Irene Coveny presented the following updates:

- She applied for the Age Friendly Grant through the state in cooperation with the Planning Department and Public Health. They are applying for the option 1 level.
- The Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast will be on September 27th at 9:00 am at the Ramada in Geneva.
- Their Annual Public Forum and Public Hearing will be October 8th.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Update

Eileen Tiberio reported the following updates:

- The Child Support Office was audited by Office of Temporary Disability Assistance on their handling of Federal Tax Information. No corrective action plan was required.
- Discussing the challenges with changes that are happening in Foster Care and Juvenile Justice and the changes coming in January with the Persons in Need of Supervision laws, and then the coming of Federal Law with Family First along with the

efforts of the Youth Bureau.

YOUTH BUREAU

Resolution: *Amendment of Youth Bureau Consultant Contract Family Counseling Services of the Finger Lakes – ACES-Counseling and Trauma Program – 2019*

Marsha Foote presented a resolution to amend the amount of funding for ACES.

Supervisor Hicks motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Sauers. Motion carried.

Marsha Foote noted the following update:

- She is preparing the Youth Bureau to transfer the funds of exploitation and trafficking to DSS.
- On October 4th, all the stakeholders in the County who would be the front line people and agencies that are involved in the trafficking or being exploited.
- Ontario County is way ahead of other counties as far as team effort in making the kids safe.

VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY

Presentation

Jeremy Marshall gave the first of two presentations about what is “going on” at the VA. He shared numbers that give an idea where they stand as far as the veterans and the services they are getting within the County.

Ontario County has 7626 veterans in the County reported.

The VA as a whole spends \$77,141,000 in this County. Broken down, \$47,557,000 goes towards their health care. We are one of the unique places in the country where there are five VA hospitals in close proximity; Buffalo, Batavia, Canandaigua, Syracuse, and Bath. This allows for a lot of health care resources available to the veterans.

Mr. Marshall reported that the Canandaigua VA currently employs 1,076 employees with ninety openings; if they were fully staffed there would be 1,156 employees. He will be working with Workforce Development and the Workforce Investment Board to attract people from the area to fill the positions. He explained that what his office is responsible for is their benefits; their compensation, pension, and education. This year they brought in to the County over \$25,000,111 in compensation and pension. Education brought in \$2,584,000 in education benefits; mostly GI bills, noting this goes to the veterans, not just Ontario County. He said he likes to gage himself against neighboring counties; Monroe, Wayne, Seneca, and Yates and how they are doing monetarily compared to them; noting their ratios Ontario is doing better than the neighboring counties. The number of veterans is continuing to decline within the County. Mr. Marshall explained that of the 7626 veterans within the County, only 2,989 uses the VA. He explained to be eligible for VA services, you need to fall into one of eight categories; they all stem around did you get hurt in the military or does your income fall below the poverty line.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Updates

Mary Krause noted the following updates:

- The 2020 budget hearings will be on Thursday, September 5th.
- Structural change is to recommend the STOP-DWI Program be moved from District Attorney to the Public Health Department.
- Brian Young shared that the 2018 Shared Services Plan is completed and submitted for reimbursement. They received word they will receive \$207K in reimbursement. The 2020 Shared Services Plan is drafted and is planned to be presented to the Board on September 12th, then they will need to wait 45 days where after the panel will meet to “tweak” the plan and have three public hearings.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, September 23, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Being there was no further business to come before the committee; a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Teed at 11:53 am, seconded by Supervisor Wille. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Foster
Deputy Clerk to the Board

APPROVED