



**MINUTES  
HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
May 4, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Todd Campbell  
Pamela Helming  
Margaret Hilton (Chair)  
Norman Teed  
Nathan VanBortel-\*n/a  
Frederick Wille  
\*n/a – necessarily absent

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mary Beer; Diane Johnston; Mary Krause; Brian Young;  
Sandy Seeber; Lorrie Scarrott; Rev. Richard McCaughey;  
Kevin Henderson

Chairperson Hilton called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 13, 2016** – A motion to approve the April 13, 2016 meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Helming seconded by Supervisor Campbell; carried.
2. **MENTAL HEALTH**
  - a. Resolution: Authorization to Apply for Grant from United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs – Diane Johnston presented a resolution to apply for the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP), a competitive grant to increase public safety through innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illness who come into contact with the criminal justice system. It is advantageous for the Ontario County Sheriff to apply for these funds and collaborate with the Ontario County Mental Health Director to reduce the number of adults with mental and co-occurring substance use disorders in the Ontario County Jail. A motion to approve the resolution as amended by the Public Safety Committee was made by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Helming; carried.
  - b. Resolution: Authority to Cancel Uncollectible Debts-Diane Johnston presented a resolution to discharge unpaid balances on the accounts receivable ledger for specific patient services that were provided during the period of 2012 to 2016. Efforts have been made to collect these unpaid amounts, totaling \$44,130.35 and they have now been determined uncollectable. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Helming, seconded by Supervisor Campbell; carried.
  - c. Resolution: Authorization of Sliding Fee Schedules for 2016- Sandy Seeber presented a resolution to authorize the 2016 sliding fee scale based on current year federal poverty guidelines for services provided such as individual therapy and medication monitoring. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Helming; carried.
  - d. Resolution: Authorization of Contract for Consolidated Fiscal Report Audits, Raymond F Wager, CPA, P.C.-Diane Johnston presented a resolution authorizing a Contract with Raymond F Wager, CPA, P.C. for the audit of the 2015 Consolidated Fiscal Report for Mental Health for an amount not to exceed \$3,600. There are

sufficient funds within the 2016 budget. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Helming; carried.

e. Annual Report – 2015-Diane Johnston reviewed highlights of the 2014 Annual Report which included statistical and budget information, accomplishments and goals. Discussion followed. Supervisor Helming and Chairperson Hilton thanked Ms. Johnston her work compiling and sharing the information within the report.

f. Mental Health Updates-Diane Johnston provided the following updates:

- The retirement of a Supervising Social Worker which was anticipated in 2017 has been moved up to September of this year. This means both Supervising Social Workers are leaving this year. There are also two staff social worker vacancies. Ms. Johnston is aggressively interviewing to fill one of the positions, while determining whether to fill the second. A contract psychiatrist is also retiring this year. A temporary wait list status is anticipated while positions are being filled.
- State Office of Mental Health recently came down on Clifton Springs Hospital, which is Ontario County's CPEP, as they have done evaluations at Thompson's ED which leads to double billing. UR Thompson bills for the ED visit, then Clifton Springs Hospital bills for their CPEP visit. The state OMH asked them to stop this practice as it is inappropriate. Ms. Johnston met with Clifton Springs Hospital and Mike Stapleton at Thompson. The new policy is to put patients requiring a psychiatric evaluation presenting at Thompson in an ambulance to Clifton Springs Hospital for CPEP.

### 3. PUBLIC HEALTH

a. Coroners Update-County Coroner Kevin Henderson provided the following updates:

- Dr. Dean, Ontario County Pathologist is requesting that all Ontario County autopsies be performed at Geneva General Hospital and Clifton Springs Hospital, primarily Geneva General.
  - Dr. Dean had privileges at FF Thompson Hospital, however, he is not affiliated with the U of R system, and as such, he does not have privileges at UR Thompson Health.
  - UR Thompson will not have a histologist or diener on staff. In order to perform autopsies both are required.
  - As of May 16 all pathology samples from UR Thompson will be sent to UR Strong to be read.
  - Dr. Dignan, currently Monroe County's Chief Medical Examiner, will be joining UR Strong on June 1. Mr. Henderson will be reaching out to her at that time in search of a solution.
- Transportation logistics and costs will become an issue with the changes coming down from UR Thompson. In 2015 three quarters of the county's autopsies were performed there. This means that the bulk of the county's autopsies will need to be transported to Geneva General. Currently there are seven funeral homes willing to transport for the county. Three of them are in Canandaigua and areas west of Canandaigua. Currently the funeral homes have an agreement for local transport only. Mr. Henderson will be contacting local funeral directors to let them know the issues the county is currently facing.
- Budgets will be affected again in four years when Dr. Dean plans to retire. He provides services for significantly less than the going rate of \$4,000 to \$5,000 for

performing autopsies. Dr. Dean only charges the county \$700 per post. Mr. Henderson believes that it is very unlikely the county will be able to find that rate once Dr. Dean has retired.

The committee is in agreement with Mary Krause and Mary Beer talking with Mike Stapleton, CEO of UR Thompson Health about what has transpired, the lack of services, and if he sees any solution on the horizon from his perspective when they meet with him next week. Ms. Krause and Ms. Beer will continue to work on a solution to this issue with Mr. Henderson.

- b. Resolution: Authorization of Sliding Fee Schedules for 2016-Mary Beer presented the resolution to authorize the 2016 sliding fee schedules based on current year federal poverty guidelines for the administration fee of immunizations and lead testing services. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Helming, seconded by Supervisor Teed; carried.
- c. Resolution: Authorization to Renew Intermunicipal Agreement Monroe County (Office of Medical Examiner) Medicolegal Death Investigative and Forensic Pathology Services- Mary Beer presented the resolution authorizing the renewal of an agreement with the Monroe County Medical Examiner for the time frame of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$32,100 for up to 13 full autopsy cases and three blood/description type autopsies. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Campbell; carried.
- d. Resolution: Authorization to Participate in Greater Rochester Regional Health Information Organization-Mary Beer presented the resolution to participate in gRrhio, which is organized to facilitate health information sharing and aggregation for treatment, operations, public health and research-related purposes. Ms. Beer stated that participation in gRrhio is important for participation in DSRIP. There is no cost to Public Health for their participation. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Helming, seconded by Supervisor Campbell; carried.
- e. Public Health Updates-Mary Beer provided the following updates:
- Well water information and resources are now on Public Health's website. Links have been sent to committee members to share on their town's websites.
  - Accreditation-Met regionally to look at the first two domains and see where everyone is at, a lot of progress has been made, and there is a lot of momentum moving forward with the multijurisdictional counties participating. The PHAB application will be submitted June 1, along with payment. Once the application has been submitted all information will be input and uploaded within one year.

County Administrator Mary Krause provided the following update:

- Secretaries from throughout the county met yesterday for the first Confidential Secretaries Networking Luncheon, brought on by the suggestions of department heads, as part of Public Service Recognition Week. This was a great opportunity for networking especially with many new people holding the position as there have been retirements recently. The group will get together on a regular basis to discuss

changing and improving processes. There will also be informational components including records, civil service, and IT presentations. Ms. Krause has already received feedback from secretaries who appreciate the opportunity of getting them together and for lunch.

Being there was no further business to come before the committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Campbell; carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Tillotson  
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