

Public Health Committee Minutes
December 10, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Wright; Supervisors Raymond, Kinowski, Veitch, Southworth, Grattidge, Yepsen, and Collyer; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor, Karen Levison, Public Health; Hans Lehr, Mental Health; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Press.

Chairman Wright called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Ms. Raymond said on page two of the minutes there was discussion of taking a family to court that had not paid, and the amount of money was incorrect for the failure to pay. It was not \$150, it was \$626.

On a motion made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Ms. Raymond the amended minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Brown requested a resolution to approve a contract with Thomas Nicola Consulting Services, PLLC for Physical Therapy Services at a rate of \$46.48/hr. This has been the same hourly rate since January of 2009. She said the physical therapist hours are currently from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will remain the same. The total contract will be approximately \$90,636.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Ms. Raymond to approve a Physical Therapy Contract in an amount not to exceed \$90,636. Mrs. Southworth abstained due to questions that she still needed to have answered. **Motion passed.**

Mrs. Brown said on Sunday morning, December 2nd the closed unit at Maplewood Manor was opened to 32 residents of the Good Shepherd of Malta where there was a fire. She said initially 29 residents were accepted with three more coming during the day. They are being cared for by their own staff and Maplewood is supplying meals and limited supplies. The calculated cost of housing them is \$44.13/per day per resident. Mrs. Brown requested a resolution to accept the daily rate for the Home of the Good Shepherd residents taken in by Maplewood Manor.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve a resolution to enter into a lease agreement with the Home of the Good Shepherd at a daily rate of \$44.13/per day, per resident. Mrs. Southworth abstained due to questions she has regarding the LDC and who should be authorizing payments and expenditures. **Unanimous.**

Mr. Lehr stated that Mental Health enters into five year agreements with a number of providers on a contractual basis to provide services. On an annual basis there are budget amendments for any corrections that are made. A request for a resolution was made to re-enter into five year contracts with the current providers commencing January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. A handout was distributed to all committee members, listing all the agencies. He said

the total amount for each agency is already in the 2013 budget, so there would be no budget impact.

Ms. Raymond said the county has put in a lot of rules for outside agencies and made a lot of conditions, cutting back a lot of outside agency funding. She said it appears that this is not being handled the same way as the other outside agencies. In the future, any of these agencies that are not mandated to have a county share should be looked at the same as all other outside agencies.

Mr. Grattidge stated, instead of a five year contract, could it be a one year contract with a review at budget time. Mr. Hellwig said this is a case where we are subsidizing funds. If the Board wants to take a look at eliminating some of the programs, that can be done.

Ms. Raymond said she is not opposed to any of the agencies, but long term we ought to know what agencies are being funded from other sources when we are looking so carefully and hard at everything else. We should know what we are funding, she said.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Ms. Raymond to re-enter into one year contracts with the current providers to the Saratoga County Mental Health Clinic commencing January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 with annual reviews. Unanimous.

Ms. Yepsen said it is important that all agencies be notified that the contracts are being changed from five years to one year because they do have to plan ahead for funding.

On a motion made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for purpose of contracts. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mrs. Southworth to move out of Executive Session and into regular session. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Ms. Raymond authorizing a payment to Harris Beach, PLLC for professional services provided under Phase 3 of their consulting contract at a cost not to exceed \$35,000. Mrs. South worth voted no. Motion passed.

Mr. Gratitude thanked Mrs. Brown and her staff at Maplewood Manor for their smooth transition of the residents of the Good Shepherd.

Mr. Wright said Mr. Grattidge, Mr. Wood, Mr. Hellwig, Mr. Moore and he met with the residents of Maplewood Manor to give them an outline about the LDC and to answer their questions and concerns. He said they would be updating the residents committee throughout the process.

Mrs. Southworth said she attended the quarterly quality and assurance that went along as planned for making any appropriate limitations, but there was nothing more than minor issues.

Ms. Raymond thanked Chairman Wright for his leadership throughout the year as this has been a particularly difficult year to be chairman of this committee. She commended him for dealing with situations with the utmost respect and patience. Mr. Kinowski seconded.

On a motion made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Ms. Raymond the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Ransom