

Public Health Committee Minutes

April 2, 2008 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Lucia; Supervisors Connelly, Sausville, Southworth, Wood, Wright, and Yepsen; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Alan Kempf, Terry Stortz, Janet Glenn, Public Health; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor; Dale Angstadt, Mental Health; Angelo Calbone, President & CEO, Saratoga Hospital; League of Women Voters; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Sausville, the minutes of the March 4, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Brown said there were nine qualified people for the Employee meal program, of which three participated in the program last year. The current cost per meal through the program is \$2. She requested a resolution to increase the cost of the meal to \$2.50, effective May 1st.

A motion was made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Connelly to approve a resolution to increase the Maplewood Manor Meal Program cost from the current \$2/meal to \$2.50/meal, effective May 1, 2008. Unanimous. (Committee approval only)

Mrs. Glenn requested committee approval of reimbursement rates from CDPHP, effective June 1, 2008.

She stated that Public Health continues to negotiate with their principal insurance plans to increase the rates they pay for Home Care Services. In order to get CDPHP to increase their Nursing rate 23%, an agreement was reached for an up to 10% decrease for therapy services. The therapy rates were based on the initial 2008 Medicaid rates. Seldom do insurance companies cover costs for nursing and HHA services, as they are usually the highest rates, she said.

Twelve months after the contract becomes effective, an automatic increase will be applied to the rates for Home Care Services. This increase will be between 2.4% and 3.7%, depending on the discipline.

In 2007, CDPHP provided 4.74% of the Agency home-care visits. This is the second highest percentage of non-governmental payers, bringing the nursing rate closer to the cost to provide the service and closer to that being paid by other insurance plans.

It is anticipated that the increased rates will provide up to \$500 in additional revenue for each month they are in effect or approximately \$3,500 for 2008, if the contract is effective as of 6/1/08.

The following is a listing of the proposed rates:

		<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
Skilled Nursing	-	\$135/visit	\$140/visit
Physical Therapy	-	\$ 82/visit	\$ 85/visit
Occupational Therapy	-	\$ 82/visit	\$ 85/visit
Speech Therapy	-	\$ 94/visit	\$ 97/visit
Medical Social Worker	-	\$ 90/visit	\$ 93/visit
Nutritionist	-	\$ 85/visit	\$ 88/visit
Home Health Aide	-	\$ 42/hour	\$ 43/hour

A motion was made by Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the reimbursement rates from CDPHP to Public Health as stated above, effective June 1, 2008. Unanimous. (Committee approval only)

Mr. Calbone, President and CEO of Saratoga Hospital spoke briefly on the idea of the county partnering with Saratoga Hospital to ensure quality healthcare to all residents in the county. He stated that it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit and maintain psychiatrists, as many are retiring from the field. He emphasized the importance in keeping the service in tact through the County Mental Health facility.

Mrs. Glenn gave a brief overview of the Public Health Annual Report and distributed copies to all committee members for their review.

Mrs. Glenn thanked her staff for their support throughout the year. She stated that 2007 was a year full of challenges from staff retiring, including a department head and four nurses, to funding cuts in an Emergency Preparedness grant. The following are some of the highlights from the past year.

1. In the area of infection control/communicable disease, there was a 51% increase in the number of documented Lyme disease cases in individuals that have not traveled. The number of incidences has increased from 81 in 2006 to 159 in 2007, with Lyme disease now considered to be endemic to Saratoga County.
2. Emergency Preparedness saw a year of change and restructuring. In October Saratoga County was added to the Metropolitan Statistical Area Cities Readiness Initiative along with Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer and Schoharie counties. The focus is on being prepared for mass prophylaxis of the entire county within a 48-hour period. A Special Needs population subcommittee was organized to work with the community partners to ID special needs populations. Work continues with community partners on the Community Animal Response Team. Agency staff attended numerous training's and conferences. Bi-monthly volunteer meetings were held offering training on various topics. In December Public Health along with area partners conducted a point of Dispensing drill at State Farm to administer flu vaccine.

3. There was an increase in attendance at the Travel clinic and immunization clinic. Education on the hazards of lead exposure continued in light of the numerous recalls. The number of flu clinics was up as vaccine was received on schedule. Work continued on the Community Health Assessment that is due in 2009.
4. There was an increase in the number of reportable animal bites from 770 in 2006 to 857 in 2007. Public Health works very closely with town animal control officers and the county animal shelter, and each report is followed up with the individual to ensure proper medical treatment is initiated. A pilot program was initiated in conjunction with the Animal Shelter for a computer for the NYSDOH, allowing for the tracking of data received on rabies specimens and to obtain results in a timely manner.
5. While the number of referrals and children in the Early Intervention program are down, the complexity of problems that the children enrolled in the program have has increased tremendously.
6. In home care nursing and therapy visits were up, but the number of HHA visits were down largely due to the lack of available aides. In 2007, Public Health began collaborative partnerships with area agencies to address the incidence of pressure ulcers and also with community partners to address needs of the aging and disabled population. The overall visits, including LTHHCP and Prevention, were up for the year.

Mrs. Glenn said it was estimated that there were approximately \$1.3 million in county costs for Public Health and home care activities in 2007. The county has chosen to continue with these programs to ensure all the needs of county residents are covered.

Mr. Angstadt requested a resolution to amend the 2008 budget and the current contracts as stated below, and to accept additional 100% State aid funding.

820 River Street, Inc.

- a) Paragraph 5, section b, is amended to read: For Case Management Services, the COUNTY will reimburse the AGENCY for net operating costs of services hereunder up to but not exceeding \$75,718.

The 2007 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-443-8640.013	\$425
(Road to Recovery)	

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3498 \$425
(Road to Recovery)

The Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Council of Saratoga, Inc.

The contract would reflect the following changes:

a) Paragraph "1" the last sentence is amended to provide as follows:

1. The County hereto, in consideration of rendering said services, hereby agrees to pay over t the Agency hereto a sum not to exceed \$723,246.00, payable in the manner hereinafter set forth.

b) Paragraph 2©, is amended to provide as follows: The COUNTY will reimburse the AGENCY for the cost of services up to but not exceeding the following amounts from:

NYS OASAS	\$682,311
NYS OMH (CF Plus)	\$26,364
Saratoga County	\$14,571

The 2008 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-443-8738.013	\$6,778
(ASAPP ASA)	

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-4488	
(Alc Abuse Prev)	\$6,778

Saratoga Bridges NYS ARC

The contract would reflect the following changes:

a) Paragraph 4 is amended to reflect a total cost of \$427,572.00

b) Paragraph 5 is amended to read as follows:

5. The county will reimburse the agency for the cost of services up to, but not exceeding the following amount(s) from:

NYS OMH (ISE)	\$14,520
NYS OMH (Reinvest)	\$36,344

NYS OMRDD (OT620)	\$271,971
Saratoga County	\$104,737

The 2008 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase Account 1-43-441-8733.037 (ARC ISE)	\$85
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Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3476 (Spec Employ)	\$85
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Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-441-8733.200	\$204
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Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3469 (MH Reinvestment)	\$204
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Community Human Services

The contract would reflect the following changes:

- a) Paragraph 3 is amended to reflect a total net cost of \$16,496.00.
- b) Paragraph 4 is amended to read as follows:
 - 4. The county will reimburse the Agency for the cost of services up to, but not exceeding the following amount(s) from:

NYS OMH (FSS)	\$16,496.00
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The 2008 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-441-8728.046 (Community Human Services)	\$93
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Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3474	\$93
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Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, Inc.

The contract would reflect the following changes:

- a) Paragraph 3 is amended to reflect a total amount of \$11,627.00.
- b) Paragraph 4 is amended to read as follows:
 - 4. The county will reimburse the agency for the cost of services up to, but not exceeding the following amount(s) from:

NYS OMH (L.A.)	\$9,736
NYS OMH (CSS)	\$420
NYS OASAS	\$1,471

The 2008 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-441-8729.001 (Mech Srv LA)	\$59
Increase account 1-43-441-8729.014 (Mech Srv CSS)	\$2

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3497 (Contract Agency)	\$59
Increase account 1-43-3494 (CSS)	\$2

Northeast Parent and Child Society

The contract would reflect the following changes:

- a) Paragraph 3 is amended to read as follows:
 - 2. The Agency expressly represents and agrees that the budget for the said Agency shall not exceed a total cost of \$2622.00. The County will reimburse the Agency for the cost of services up to but not exceeding the following amounts from:

NYS OMH (Reinvestment)	\$24,622
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The 2008 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-441-8741.200 (NEP & CsocRF)	\$139
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Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3496 (MH Reinvest)	\$139
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Saratoga Center for the Family

The contract would reflect the following changes:

- a) Paragraph 3 is amended to reflect a total cost of \$18,336.00.
 - b) Paragraph 4 is amended to read as follows:
3. The County will reimburse the Agency for the cost of services up to, but not exceeding the following amount(s) from:

NYS OMH (Local Assist)	\$7,926
Saratoga County	\$10,410

The Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-441-8731.001	\$43
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Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3497 (Cont Agency)	\$43
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Shelters of Saratoga

The contract would reflect the following changes:

- a) Paragraph 3 is amended to reflect a total net cost of \$39,454.00.
- b) Paragraph 4 is amended to read as follows:

4. The county will reimburse the agency for the cost of services up to, but not exceeding the following amount(s) from:

NYS OMH (Reinvest)	\$39,454
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The 2008 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-441-8734.1 (Shelters)	\$224
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Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3469 (MH Reinvest)	\$224
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Transitional Services Association, Inc.

The Contract would reflect the following changes:

- a) Paragraph 4 is amended to reflect a total net cost of \$1,583,091.00.
 - b) Paragraph 5 is amended to read as follows:
5. The county will reimburse the agency for the cost of services up to, but not exceeding the following amount(s) from:

NYS OMH (CSS)	\$116,038
NYS OMH (CSS-Psych-social)	\$ 8,542
NYS OMH (ICM Adult)	\$ 52,639
NYS OMH (ICM Adult & C/Y Mgr)	\$ 27,644
NYS OMH (ICM C/Y Srv.)	\$ 26,392
NYS OMH (Supported Housing)	\$246,012
NYS OMH (Supported Case Mgmt)	\$115,180
NYS OMH (Reinvestment)	\$610,112
NYS OMH (Kendra's Law)	\$ 32,780
NYS OMH (New Initiatives)	\$115,858
NYS OASAS	\$231,894

The 2008 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-441-8726.014 (Trans CSS)	\$49
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Increase account 1-43-441-8726.034 \$23,379
(Trans ICM)

Increase account 1-43-441-8726.078 \$77,266
(TransServ SH)

Increase account 1-43-441-8726.170 \$186
(Kendra Law)

Increase account 1-43-443-8726.013 \$19,500
(Trans ALC)

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3494 \$49
(CSS)

Increase account 1-43-3495 \$23,379
(ICM)

Increase account 1-43-3491 \$77,266
(TrnsServSH)

Increase account 1-43-3490 \$186
(Kendra Law SA)

Increase account 1-43-3489 \$19,500
(SA OASAS)

Unlimited Possibilities, Inc.

The contract would reflect the following changes:

- a) Paragraph 4 is amended to reflect a total net cost of \$1,017,797.00.
 - b) Paragraph 5 is amended to read as follows:
6. The county will reimburse the agency for the cost of services up to, but not exceeding the following amount(s) from:

NYS OMH (ICM)	\$ 15,385
NYS OMH (CSS)	\$517,726
NYS OMH (OT620 LA)	\$ 22,196
NYS OMH (SE/PR)	\$37,352
NYS OMH (Reinvest)	\$230,266

NYS OMH (ISE)	\$ 44,103
NYS OMH (IJR)	\$105,164
NYS OMRDD (OT620)	\$ 11,401
Saratoga County	\$ 34,204

The 2008 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-441-8727.001 (LA)	\$124
Increase account 1-43-441-8727.014 (CSS)	\$2,910
Increase account 1-43-441-8727.034 (ICM)	\$88
Increase account 1-43-441-8727.037 (ISE)	\$0
Increase account 1-43-441-8727.039 (SE/PR)	\$210
Increase account 1-43-441-8727.040 (IJR)	\$591
Increase account 1-43-441-8727.200 (RF)	\$1,858

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3497 (ContrAgency)	\$124
Increase account 1-43-3494 (CSS)	\$2,910
Increase account 1-43-3495 (ICM)	\$88
Increase account 1-43-3476 (PR/SE)	\$210
Increase account 1-43-3475 (IJR)	\$591

Increase account 1-43-3469
(MH-Reinvestment)

\$1,858

A motion was made by Ms. Yepsen, seconded by Mr. Connelly to approve a resolution to amend the 2008 budget and the current contracts that are 100% state aid funded for a total of \$139,935. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Sausville, seconded by Mr. Wood the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom