

AMENDED
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 4, 2009 – 3:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Lucia; Supervisors Connelly, Richardson, Southworth, Wood, Wormuth and Yepsen; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Diane Brown, Sandi Fischer, Maplewood Manor; Dale Angstadt, Mental Health; Janet Glenn, Public Health; Pat Reed, League of Women Voters.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Connelly the minutes of the February 4, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Brown said that Maplewood Manor was short approximately \$350,000 in their 2008 budget. She requested a reappropriation from the fund balance to the 2008 budget in order to close the 2008 budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Connelly to amend the 2008 Infirmary budget in the amount of \$350,000. Unanimous.

Mr. Angstadt requested a resolution to enter into a contract with Saratoga Bridges Saratoga County Chapter NYSARC, Inc. for transportation of mental health clients in accordance with the bid award (proposal) and 09-TMHC-1 specifications. The term of the contract will be three years beginning April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2012, which will provide access to 100% State Aid funding. The price for transportation services I \$29.95 per client, per day for round trips and \$14.97 per client per day for one-way trips.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve a resolution to enter into a three year contract with Saratoga Bridges for the transportation of mental health clients at a cost of \$29.95 per client/per day for round trips and \$14.97 per client/per day for one way trips. Unanimous.

Ms. Yepsen requested a resolution of support for the discount card prescription program through PROACT, Inc., which is endorsed by NYSAC.

Mrs. Southworth said there are several programs available. She said she liked this better than some of the others because it is more user friendly and PROACT, Inc. would be more accessible to the county.

A motion was made by Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mrs. Southworth to approve a resolution in support of PROACT, Inc. providing a County Discount Card

**Prescription Program at no cost to the County or Individual Participant.
Unanimous.**

Ms. Yepsen said the Legislative and Research committee is in the process of establishing their agenda for the Legislative agenda for 2009. The following items have been highlighted in a draft healthcare resolution:

1. Rising Health care costs put major financial pressure on the County and its residents.
2. Advocate for Medicaid dollars to increase to help close the gap at Maplewood Manor.
3. Mental Health dollars should be used as needed, not restricted.

Ms. Yepsen said she would provide a copy of the draft resolution to all committee members for their review.

On a motion made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom