

AMENDED

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 6, 2009 – 3:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Lucia; Supervisors Barrett, Connelly, Richardson, Southworth, Wood, Wormuth and Yepsen; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Janet Glenn, Terrayne Stortz, Public Health; Dale Angstadt, Hans Lehr, Mental Health; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor; Charles Brown, Deputy Supervisor and Emergency Coordinator for the Town of Corinth; Linda McAllister, Resident Saratoga Springs; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes of the April 1, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Brown said every year the employee meal program has to be approved by the committee. The program is being phased out with six people qualifying for the program and only two participants. The charge for the employee is based on the food costs. The charge is currently \$2.50/per meal. It is recommended that the cost of the meal increase to \$2.75/per meal.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Richardson to increase the cost of employee meals from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per meal. Unanimous. (Committee Approval Only)

Mrs. Glenn said on April 26th, Public Health received an alert from the NYS Department of Health that there was potential for an outbreak of the swine flu. At the time there were eight confirmed cases in New York State, all in New York City from a school in Queens.

The County health department has the final determination as to when to send a specimen. Counties were restricted to 2-3 specimen submissions per day. Public Health authorized one specimen be submitted to the Wadsworth Lab, which tested negative.

An incident command center was established per the Pandemic Plan at Public Health. Contact was made with health care providers, school nurses and Saratoga Hospital asking them to assess and monitor flu like illnesses and absenteeism, and report back to Public Health. The goals during an emergency such as this are to reduce transmission, illness severity, and provide information to assist providers and the public in addressing challenges that arise from this newly identified virus.

On a daily basis Public Health was in conference with the NYS Department of Health with regard to various topics such as epidemiology and surveillance; media issues;

updates from the Commissioner of Health; changes in case definition and school closings.

Public Health fielded phone calls from providers and the public, providing them with the NYS Department of Health question hotline. A press release was issued on April 28th informing the public about what Public Health was doing in the county during the outbreak and information was updated on the County website.

Mrs. Glenn gave a brief update on Lyme Disease as follows:

Lyme disease is a bacterial disease caused by the bite of an infected deer tick. At its mildest, it causes a rash. At its worst, it can cause disabling joint and neurologic problems. A significant percentage of individuals that are diagnosed with the disease have no recollection of a tick bite.

If treated in the early stages with antibiotics, there is usually a rapid and complete recovery. Symptoms to look for include: a rash resembling a bull's eye; chills, fever, headache, fatigue, stiff neck, muscle/joint pain and swollen glands. Symptoms usually occur within three to thirty days after a tick bite.

Early treatment calls for antibiotics usually, Doxycycline. The chances of a complete recovery are decreased if treatment is delayed.

In New York State there have been 77,000 confirmed cases since 1986. Diagnosed cases in Saratoga County have been rising steadily:

2004 – 42 cases

2005 – 69 cases

2006 – 81 cases

2007 – 159 cases out of 254 reported cases

2008 – 393 cases confirmed from over 700 reported

Education is the key to prevention of the disease. When in wooded or grassy areas where deer may inhabit, wear light colored clothing, and tuck pants into socks, covering as much exposed skin as possible. Check for ticks frequently, and if in areas where there might be ticks, do a final full body tick check at the end of the day.

If you find a tick, remove it carefully and place it in a zip lock bag. Bring it to the Public Health Office, which is open Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. The tick will be sent to the lab for identification. Results take approximately four days.

Ms. Yepsen said she has received many calls about Lyme Disease and inquiries as to what the county is doing and general awareness about the disease.

Ms. Yepsen asked if the Public Health Committee would be interested or willing to take this on as one of the issues that we can do a little bit more awareness.

Mr. Lucia said Mrs. Glenn distributes a packet to the committee on a yearly basis and always has the information on hand. The information is given out at town board meetings, as well.

Mr. Lucia said that Public Health already does a good job with Lyme Disease.

Mrs. Glenn said pamphlets on, “How to Remove a Tick” are available on line at the New York State Department of Health website.

Ms. Yepsen introduced Linda McAllister, who has been a long time victim of Lyme Disease and lives in Saratoga Springs.

Ms. McAllister said there are two treatment positions on Lyme Disease. The Infectious Disease Society of America and the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society. The Infectious Disease Society of America says that Lyme Disease is easy to treat and easy to cure. For many reasons it is not. If it is not treated in a very short length of time it goes into your system.

Ms. McAllister said she would like the community to work on the other side of the story. The Infectious Disease Society of America guidelines have been challenged by Attorney General Blumenthal, as they have been involved with non-claim boards for Lyme Disease.

Ms. McAllister said that Lyme Disease can be passed from mother to child, so those children will never know what it is to be normal. The affects are to the central nervous system and can be life threatening.

It is not really just a disease of the joints and aches and pains. When they say it is easy to treat and easy to cure it really is what they call the dormant phase and when your body is stressed or the time is right it starts the disease again.

Ms. McAllister said that if she had not had the means to step out of the guidelines of the IDSA, she would not be here today. The International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society considers treatment for two months after symptoms.

Mrs. Glenn said that treatment is up to the physician.

Mr. Lucia said the information that was presented would be given to Mrs. Glenn to look over to see what needs to be done from here.

Mrs. Southworth said a lot stems on education. The physicians that are doing the diagnosing, the problem is whether they are able to pick it up soon enough. The educational effort should stress the responsibilities of the health care provider, which is where we are really going to be able to make a difference.

Mr. Lucia said Public Health distributes Tick and Lyme Disease information every year throughout the county.

Mr. Angstadt requested the following resolutions:

Resolution to amend the 2009 current contact with **820 River Street, Inc.** to accept 2009 additional 100% State aid funding.

The contract would reflect the following changes:

1. Paragraph "5b" is amended to read as follows:

For Case Management Services, The County will reimburse the Agency for the net operating costs of services hereunder up to but not exceeding \$78,141.

No budget impact.

Resolution to amend the 2009 budget and the current contract with **The Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Council of Saratoga, Inc.** to accept 2009 additional 100% State aid funding.

The contract would reflect the following changes:

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

The County hereto, in consideration of rendering said services, hereby agrees to pay over to the Agency hereto a sum not to exceed \$745,517 payable in the manner hereinafter set forth.

2. Paragraph "2c", 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	\$704,145
NYS OMH (CF Plus)	\$ 26,364
Saratoga County	\$ 15,008

The 2009 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-443-8738.013 \$ 5,458
(ASAPP ASA)

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-4488 \$ 5,458
(Alc Abuse Prev)

Resolution to amend the 2009 budget and the current contract with **Saratoga Bridges NYS ARC** to accept 2009 additional 100% State Aid funding that was approved by NYS OMH and NYS OMRDD for programs provided by ARC.

The contract would reflect the following changes:

1. Paragraph 3 is amended to read as follows:

The Agency expressly represents and agrees that State and County aid for the said Agency shall not exceed a total amount of \$458,539.

2. Paragraph "4" is amended to read as follows:

The County will reimburse the Agency for the cost of services up to, but not exceeding the following amount(s) from:

NYS OMH (Reinv)	\$ 37,516
NYS OMH (ISE)	\$ 19,984
NYS OMRDD (OT620)	\$293,160
Saratoga County	\$107,879

The 2009 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-441-8733.037 \$ 5,113
(ARC ISE)

Increase account 1-43-442-8733.001 \$ 6,311
(ARC LA)

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3476 \$ 5,113
(Spec Employ)

Increase account 1-43-3473 \$ 6,311
(Agency Non-620)

Resolution to amend the 2009 budget and the current contract with **Community Work and Independence, Inc.** to access 2009 additional 100% State Aid funding that was approved by NYS OMH and NYS OMRDD for programs provided by CWI.

The contract would reflect the following changes:

1. Paragraph "3" is amended to read as follows:

The Agency expressly represents and agrees that State and County aid for the said Agency shall not exceed a total amount of \$31,299.

2. Paragraph "4" is amended to read as follows:

The County will reimburse the Agency for the cost of services up to, but not exceeding the following amount(s) from:

NYS OMH (Reinv)	\$ 8,172
NYS OMRDD (OT620)	\$13,200
Saratoga County	\$ 9,927

The 2009 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-441-8730.200 \$ 64
(Com Wrk RF)

Increase account 1-43-442-8730.001 \$ 284
(CWI LA)

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3469 \$ 64
(MH Reinvest)

Increase account 1-43-3473 \$ 284
(Agency Non-620)

Resolution to amend the current budget and contract to accept 2009 additional 100% state aid funding for **Franklin Community Center**, as approved by NYS OASAS.

The contract would reflect the following changes:

1. Paragraph "1" the last sentence is amended to read as follows:

The County hereto, in consideration of rendering said services, hereby agrees to pay over to the Agency hereto a sum not to exceed \$42,527 payable in the manner herein set forth.

2. Paragraph "2©" is amended to read as follows:

The County will reimburse the Agency for the cost of services up to but not exceeding the following amount(s) from:

NYS OAS \$42,527

The 2009 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-443-8735.013 \$330
(Franklin CC)

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3477 \$330
(SA OASAS Franklin)

Resolution to amend the 2009 budget and the current contract with **The Workshop, Inc. T/A Northeast Career Planning** to access 2009 additional 100% State Aid funding that was approved by NYS OMH for programs provided by Northeast Career.

The contract would reflect the following changes:

1. Paragraph "2" is amended to read as follows:

SMH agrees to pay Northeast a sum not to exceed \$37,472 per year. A billing will be submitted to SMH on a quarterly basis, documenting the delivery of these services together with a voucher on a county-approved form.

2. Paragraph "3" is amended to read as follows:

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

NYS OMH
(Integrated Supported Employment) \$37,472

The 2009 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-441-8749.037 \$ 2,773
(NECarerPln)

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3476 \$ 2,773

(Spec Employ)

Resolution to amend the 2009 budget and the current contract with **Transitional Services Association, Inc.** to access 2009 additional 100% State Aid funding that was approved by NY OMH and NYS OASAS for programs provided by TSA.

The contract would reflect the following changes:

1. Paragraph "4" is amended to read as follows:

The Agency expressly represents and agrees that State and County Aid for the said Agency shall not exceed a total amount of \$1,620,495.

2. Paragraph "5" is amended to read as follows:

The County will reimburse the Agency for the cost of services up to but not exceeding the following amount(s) from:

NYS OMH (CSS)	\$118,841
NYS OMY (CSS/Psycho-Social Cons. Pos.)	\$ 8,748
NYS OMH (ICM Adult Service Dollars)	\$ 70,124
NYS OMH (ICM Adult & C/Y Manager Costs)	\$ 28,520
NYS OMH (ICM C/Y Service Dollars)	\$ 27,232
NYS OMH (Supported Housing)	\$253,936
NYS OMH (Supported Case Management)	\$118,848
NYS OMH (Reinvestment)	\$621,639
NYS OMH (Kendra's Law)	\$ 33,824
NYS OMH (New Initiatives)	\$119,592
NYS OASAS	\$219,191

The 2009 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-441-8726.034 (Trans ICM)	\$ 864
Increase account 1-43-441-8726.078 (TrnsServSH)	\$ 1,981
Increase account 1-43-441-8726.104 (SCM)	\$ 884
Increase account 1-43-441-8726.140 (TSA NI)	\$ 935
Increase account 1-43-441-8726.170	\$ 255

(Kendra Law)

Increase account 1-43-443-8726.013 \$ 1,699
(Trns SrASA)

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3490 \$ 255
(MH Kendra)

Increase account 1-43-3491 \$ 1,981
(MH-SH)

Increase account 1-43-3492 \$ 935
(MH SA Init)

Increase account 1-43-3493 \$ 884
(SCM)

Increase account 1-43-3495 \$ 864
(IntCaseMGT)

Increase account 1-43-3489 \$ 1,699
(SA-OASAS)

Resolution to amend the current contract with **United Cerebral Palsy of the Tri Counties, Inc.** to accept 2009 additional 100% State Aid funding that was approved by NYS OMRDD for programs provided.

The contract would reflect the following changes:

1. Paragraph "3" is amended to read as follows:

The Agency expressly represents and agrees that State and County aid for the said Agency shall not exceed a total amount of \$19,257.

2. Paragraph "4" is amended to read as follows:

The County will reimburse the Agency for the cost of services up to but not exceeding the following amount(s) from:

NYS OMRDD (OT620)	\$ 9,330
Saratoga County	\$ 9,927

The 2009 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-442-8732.001 \$ 1,450
(UCPA LA)

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3473 \$ 1,450
(Agency Non-620)

Resolution to amend the 2009 budget and the current contract with **Unlimited Possibilities, Inc.** d/b/a Unlimited Potential, to access 2009 additional 100% State Aid funding that was approved by NYS OMH.

The contract would reflect the following changes:

1. Paragraph 4 is amended to read as follows:

The Agency expressly represents and agrees that State and County aid for the said Agency shall not exceed a total amount of \$974,700.

2. Paragraph "5" is amended to read as follows:

The County will reimburse the Agency for the cost of services up to but not exceeding the following amount(s) from:

NYS OMH (ICM)	\$0
NYS OMH (CSS)	\$475,410
NYS OMH (L.A.)	\$ 19,868
NYS OMH (SpecEmp/PsychRehab)	\$ 38,556
NYS OMH (Reinvest)	\$234,508
NYS OMH (ISE)	\$ 50,656
NYS OMH (IJR)	\$108,552
NYS OMRDD (OT620)	\$ 11,920
Saratoga County	\$ 35,230

The 2009 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-441-8727.037 \$ 12,766
(UnlimPosISE)

Increase account 1-43-441-8727.039 \$ 301
(Unlim PR)

Increase account 1-43-441-8727.040 \$ 847
(UP IJR)

Increase account 1-43-4428727.001 \$ 247

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3476 \$ 13,067
(Spec Emp)

Increase account 1-43-3475 \$ 847

Increase account 1-43-3473 \$ 247

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the above resolutions, and to amend the 2009 budget thereto. Unanimous.

Mr. Lehr requested committee approval for a new sliding fee scale for the County Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services. A handout was distributed to all committee members for their review.

A motion was made by Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Barrett to approve a new Sliding Fee Scale for the County Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services. Unanimous.

Mr. Angstadt requested a resolution to amend the existing contract with Northeast Parent and Child as follows:

To add an addendum to allow for the provision of "Intensive Hourly Respite" by Northeast Parent & Child Society's Therapeutic Foster Family program at an hourly rate of \$28.75.

To change the language in the existing contract, page 1, item 2B, to "one-half unit is defined as any respite that is between four and less than eight hours of respite." It currently reads, "One-half unit is defined as any respite that is between one and less than eight hours of respite."

A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mrs. Southworth to amend the current contract with Northeast Parent and Child as stated above. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom

