

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2009 – 3:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Lucia; Supervisors Barrett, Southworth and Wood; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor; Janet Glenn, Public Health; Dale Angstadt, Carol Lyte, Mental Health;

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

Mr. Lucia expressed his appreciation to the committee and all supporting departments for their help throughout the year.

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the minutes of the November 4, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Brown said Maplewood Manor has a contract for Physical Therapists which is up for renewal on January 1, 2010. Mrs. Brown requested an amendment to the current contract to extend it for one year with no increase in the hourly rates. The current rate is \$46.48/hr. and Thomas Nicola Consulting Services, LLC has said they are willing to keep the rates the same for 2010.

A motion was made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Barrett to approve an amendment to the Physical Therapy contract with Maplewood Manor, extending the contract for one year at the current rate of \$46.48/hr. Unanimous.

Mrs. Brown thanked the committee for all their support throughout the year.

Mr. Angstadt requested committee approval to authorize Saratoga County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to enter into a contract with Capital District Physicians Health Plan (CDPHP).

Saratoga County Alcohol Substance Abuse Services will be participating in all lines of CDPHP's Commercial, Child Health Plus and Family Health Plus programs for clients enrolled in the CDPHP health plan. The agreement has been forwarded to the Contract Administrator and the County Attorney for review.

Reimbursement for Commercial Programs

	M.D.	Non-MD Clinician
Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview by MD only	\$166.16	n/a
Psychotherapy-Behavioral Health mod 20-30 Minutes by MD only	\$ 79.21	n/a
Psychotherapy-Behavioral Health mod 45-50 Minutes by MD only	\$117.01	n/a
Medication Management MD only	\$ 58.40	n/a
Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview by non MD	n/a	\$75.00
Interactive Diagnostic Interview	n/a	\$75.00
Psychotherapy-Behavioral Health mod 20-30		

Minutes non MD	n/a	\$35.00
Psychotherapy-Behavioral Health mod 45-50		
Minutes non MD	n/a	\$60.00
Individual Psychotherapy 75-80 min	n/a	\$60.00
Family Psychotherapy, without patient present	n/a	\$60.00
Family/Couple Psychotherapy	n/a	\$60.00
Group Psychotherapy	n/a	\$40.00
Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse		\$80.00

CDPHP Medicare Advantage Fee Schedule

Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview by MD only	\$124.83	n/a
Psychotherapy-Behavioral Health mod 20-30		
Minutes by MD only	\$ 59.50	n/a
Psychotherapy-Behavioral Health mod 45-50		
Minutes by MD only	\$ 87.90	n/a
Medication Management MD only	\$ 43.87	n/a
Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview by non MD	n/a	\$75.00
Interactive Diagnostic Interview	n/a	\$75.00
Psychotherapy-Behavioral Health mod 20-30		
Minutes non MD	n/a	\$35.00
Psychotherapy-Behavioral Health mod 45-50		
Minutes non MD	n/a	\$60.00
Individual Psychotherapy 75-80 min.	n/a	\$60.00
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Mr. Angstadt said it is written in the contract that the Office of Mental Health has the right to reject client referrals.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the Capital District Physicians Health Plan Contract and fee schedule, upon review and approval by the County Attorney. Unanimous.

Mr. Angstadt thanked the committee for their help and support throughout the year.

Mrs. Glenn said periodically Public Health goes through their insurance plans to seek rate increases.

Mrs. Glenn requested a resolution requesting an increase to the nursing rate from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, to keep it above the Medicaid rate.

The Blue Shield rates that they are being proposing for Skilled Nursing will go from \$139.94 to \$162.00, representing an increase of 15.76%. The reason for only Skilled

Nursing is that most other services are already being reimbursed at a rate that is higher than the Medicaid rates.

Blue Shield and Senior Blue provided 6.84% of the January to October 2009 agency home-care visits. This is the highest percentage of non-governmental payers.

It is anticipated that the increased rate will provide an average of up to \$1,325 of additional revenue for each month they are in effect or approximately \$15,900 for 2010 if the rate change is effective 1/1/10.

Mrs. Glenn requested a resolution to accept increased rates offered by Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

The following fees were recently updated:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>As proposed</u>
Skilled Nursing	\$165/visit	\$170/visit *
Physical Therapy	\$105/visit	\$110/visit
Occupational Therapy	\$105/visit	\$110/visit
Speech Therapy	\$105/visit	\$110/visit
Nutritional Therapy		\$110/visit (New)
Medical Social Worker	\$115/visit	\$115/visit (No Change) *
Home Health Aide	\$ 50/hour	\$ 50/hour (No Change)*

*These rates are limited to Agency Charges.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett seconded by Mrs. Southworth to approve the above increased rates from Excellus/BC, and Blue Shield of NENY, Inc. Unanimous. (Committee Approval Only)

Mrs. Glenn said Public Health still does not have any of the regular flu vaccine, however, they were notified today that the State may find some for them. If the regular flu vaccine is received regional clinics will be held. Shipments of the swine flu vaccine are being received every week, with clinics provided at some of the area schools, serving approximately 1,500 in a day.

Mrs. Southworth suggested that people check with their physician with regard to the flu vaccine, as some are now receiving the vaccine.

Mrs. Glenn suggested that people check with their physician with regard to the swine flu vaccine as some physician's have received the vaccine.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom