

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

March 8, 2010 – 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Collyer, Lucia, Southworth, Wormuth; Jenkins; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Terrayne Stortz, Alan Kempf, Public Health Nursing; Dale Angstadt, Hans Lehr, Mental Health; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor; Steve Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Rowland called the meeting to order.

Mr. Lucia moved to approve the minutes of the February 10th meeting. Ms. Wormuth seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Stortz requested a **resolution to accept a Capacity Building Award from National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for the period July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 and amend the 2010 County Budget.** She stated this \$10,000 award from NACCHO is to recruit and provide education and training to their Medical Reserve Corp (MRC). She said the MRC is a group of volunteer medical professionals whose knowledge, expertise and skills can be utilized should a major disaster occur. They are especially valuable in small rural areas to ensure a community's ability to manage after a disaster. The MRC is a component part of our overall Public Health Emergency Preparedness efforts. She said they intend to spread their activities across the 12-month period that will include:

- Proceed with a minor contract with a consultant who specializes in the development of MRC's at the County level.
- Work with their existing structure to plan, design, implement and evaluate training materials for the MRC.
- Focus strategically throughout the County, to recruit, train and retain Medical volunteers.

Ms. Stortz said they anticipate incurring the costs in 2010 with the remainder to be incurred in 2011. Those will be included with their 2011 funding requests.

Ms. Wormuth asked if they will be going out to bid for a consultant. Ms. Stortz stated they based this on professional services, and the person they have in mind as functioned very well in other counties. **Ms. Wormuth moved to approve this resolution. Ms. Southworth seconded. Unanimous.**

Ms. Stortz requested a **resolution to amend the Agreement with NYS Department of Health to accept COLA funding for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and amending the 2010 County budget as follows:**

Increase Revenues:

1-40-4407	\$2,665
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Increase Appropriations:

1-40-406-8200 \$2,215
1-40-406-8514 450

Ms. Stortz said Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2006 provide for the Commissioner of Health to establish an annual COLA for programs outlined in the Statute. These funds have to be identified as either for staff recruitment and retention or for other non-critical personal service costs. The COLA award for the NYS Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is up to \$2,665. She stated last Friday, they were notified by the NYS DOH that a COLA award of up to \$2,665 is available to Saratoga County. This additional amount must be used by 3/31/10. With this award, they plan to increase their education efforts with their primary providers by obtaining and distributing magnets to serve as a reminder of the need for lead testing for children at age 1 and then again at age 2. Additional supplies and publications will be ordered to enhance their ability to target the older population of children added for case management. The NYS DOH increased the case management for lead in 2009 from 6 years of age to 18 years of age. **Mr. Lucia moved to approve this resolution. Mr. Collyer seconded. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Brown distributed copies of and briefly reviewed Maplewood Manor's 2009 Accomplishments with regard to Program Changes, Environment, Community, Regulatory Changes and Other.

Mr. Collyer asked Mrs. Brown if they work closely with Hospice. Mrs. Brown said they are trying to develop a new contract with them. We only have one resident now on Hospice, and we do have a Comfort Care, she said.

Mrs. Brown stated the new date for the 2009 Employee Recognition Luncheon will be Wednesday, April 14th at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Angstadt requested a **resolution to amend the current contract with Shelters of Saratoga to reallocate State Aid from Reinvestment funding to Adult Case Management.** The contract would reflect the following changes:

- a) 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 \$39,920.
- b) 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 (Reinvest)	\$31,247
NYS OMH (Case Management)	\$ 8,673

Funding Code changes have already been made within the 2010 Saratoga County Budget. **Ms. Southworth moved to approve this resolution. Mr. Lucia seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Angstadt requested a **resolution to amend the current contract with Transitional Services Association, Inc., in order to align funding codes and**

amounts with the approved NYS OMH State Aid Letter, effective 1/1/10. The contract would reflect the following changes:

- a) 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 \$1,607,007.
- b) 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)	\$116,198
NYS OMH (CSS/Psycho-Social Cons. Pos.)	\$ 3,536
NYS OMH (ICM Adult)	\$208,568
NYS OMH (ICM C/Y)	\$ 63,816
NYS OMH (Clinical Infrastructure Adult)	\$ 44,496
NYS OMH (Clinical Infrastructure C/Y)	\$ 36,776
NYS OMH (Supported Housing)	\$329,032
NYS OMH (Reinvestment)	\$585,394
NYS OASAS	\$219,191

Funding Code changes have already been made within the 2010 Saratoga County Budget. **Mr. Lucia moved to approve this resolution. Mr. Collyer seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Angstadt requested a **resolution to amend the current contract with The Workshop, Inc. T/A Northeast Career Planning to provide thirteen (13) Ongoing Integrated Supported Employment Opportunities (“slots”) in accordance with the 2010 State Aid Letter effective 1/1/10.** The contract would reflect the following changes:

- a) Paragraph “1” is amended to read as follows: NORTHEAST will provide thirteen (13) Ongoing Integrated (Extended) Supported Employment Opportunities (“slots”) for SMH, including job coaching, employer consultation, and other relevant support needed to assist these individuals in maintaining their job placement. These services are intended to complement VESID time-limited intensive supported employment services.
- b) Paragraph “2” is amended to read as follows: SMH agrees to pay NORTHEAST a sum not to exceed \$32,476 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.
- c) Paragraph “3” is amended as follows: The COUNTY will reimburse the agency for the cost of services up to, but not exceeding, the following amounts from:

NYS OMH (ISE)	<u>\$32,476</u>
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Funding Code changes have already been made within the 2010 Saratoga County Budget. **Ms. Wormuth moved to approve this resolution. Ms. Southworth seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Angstadt requested a **resolution to increase the 2010 Saratoga County Budget to accept 100% OMRDD State Aid Local Assistance Funding as of 1/1/10 for Saratoga Bridges NYSARC, Inc.** The current contract does not need to be amended. The 2010 Saratoga County Budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-442-8733.001 \$20,402
(ARC LA)

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3473 \$20,402
(Contract Agencies Non620)

Ms. Wormuth moved to approve this resolution. Mr. Collyer seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Angstadt introduced his Assistant Director, Hans Lehr, who will review Mental Health's 2009 Annual Report (copies of which were distributed to the Committee members).

Mr. Lehr stated pages 2 – 7 are a general orientation for the new Supervisors. He stated they provide treatment for the mentally ill and those who have alcohol and drug problems. He said their role in public safety seems to increase every year. They also provide services to various County departments: Sheriff's Office, Maplewood Manor, Family Court, Social Services, Drug Treatment Courts, Probation and Personnel. He stated one major issue is New York State is looking at a major overhaul of the way it funds Medicaid for mental hygiene services. The impact of restructuring upon Clinic operations will be radical, since Medicaid accounts for the majority of the Clinic's revenue. The Clinic has operated with a cost-based system. He said beginning in summer of 2010, we will be totally revenue based, so there will be no pass through. We will not be able to reclaim anything in the future from the State in terms of those costs, he said. He mentioned budgetary issues will have to be evaluated in a different light than they have historically been. He said they have to restructure their billing. In July, we will see a decrease in revenue from the State. The State has not given us a firm date, but they have done a good job in communicating their intent, he said. He said there are a number of counties, because of the restructuring, that will be penalized in terms of revenue, and we are one of those counties. We will see a significant decrease in Medicaid revenue.

Mr. Lehr reviewed the status of their 2009 Goals and reviewed their 2010 Goals.

Mr. Collyer asked if the State wants the hospital to become more involved. Mr. Lehr said the State would like to see the hospital out of this. They want to go to

the least restrictive level of care. For the State, it is a lot more expensive to pay for in-patient than out-patient, he stated.

Chairman Rowland said the State has asked us for specifics for mandates that are costing the counties off monies. He said the Legislative & Research Committee will be meeting with the State Legislators on Thursday, and this is a mandate that will potentially cost the County significant dollars. He said Saratoga County is one of those counties getting dinged more than others, and it seems to be a trend we have been seeing lately. Mr. Lehr said they could put something together for the Committee. He mentioned that Albany and Rensselaer Counties are being severely hit. Mr. Angstadt said they can put bullet points together on why Saratoga County is being hurt. Chairman Rowland said no State program should put it collectively to a county.

Ms. Southworth gave a report on ProAct. She said the 2010 numbers are increasing. She said so far, for the first two months, there were 3,409 claims, and 1,707 cards were used. She said it is definitely being utilized by our residents. One issue is we need to remind people that they should check to see if it is a savings off over a local pharmacy's cash price. She said they now offer new vision services and percentages off hearing aid products. She said her report does not break down the pet meds. Chairman Rowland said this is a plan that if it works for you good, and if it does not, do not participate. It does not cost the County anything to be involved, and it is a win for the residents, and now they have added these other services, he said.

On a motion by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Ms. Southworth, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann