

Public Health Committee Minutes
September 9, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kinowski; Supervisors Raymond, Sausville, Southworth, Veitch, Wood, Wormuth, Grattidge, and Collyer; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Hans Lehr, Mental Health, Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Sausville, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth the minutes of the August 12, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Brown said Maplewood Manor has had a contract with GHI since 2007, with only a few residents that have come in under that type of insurance. She said she was notified that there was a transfer transaction that was completed recently where HIP has assumed the GHI participation agreement, and is responsible for all services that are rendered to GHI members. The contract is in terms with the original agreement with the change effective as of June of 2013. She said the dollar amounts are higher than most HMO's.

Mrs. Brown said the changes include the following:

- Wherever an HMO select, GHI or HMO appear in the contract, it is replaced with (HIP) Health Plan of New York.
- New York Standard clauses have been changed with new standard clauses that are effective from March 1, 2011. The items in the standard clauses include:
 - Non discrimination
 - Confidentiality
 - Completing and submitting a Certification regarding lobbying if more than \$100,000 is spent
 - Checking employees against the list of excluded individuals
 - Comply with HIPPA and HIV confidentiality

A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve the amendments to the GHI Contract as stated above. Unanimous. (Committee Approval Only)

Mrs. Brown said Maplewood Manor has had a Hospice Agreement for several years. She said effect August 6, 2013 the federal regulations regarding Hospice have changed, which has to do with the nursing home component of the hospice contract agreement. A review of the regulations has been completed with Hospice and it has been identified where changes need to be made to the agreement in order to be in compliance. It was recommended by Hospice that

it be made as a Hospice amendment to the current agreement. Some of the requirements have already been included in the original agreement, she said

- Communications have to be documented in the agreement
- A statement had to be included in the agreement that the services that the nursing home provides will be provided as to attain or maintain the patient's highest practicable, physical, mental and Psycho-Social wellbeing.
- Designating a person in the nursing home who is responsible to work with Hospice
- Provide grievance services to staff
- Hospice Administrator has to be contacted when there is alleged violation of mistreatment, neglect, abuse, injuries of unknown origin or misappropriation of resident property for a Hospice resident

A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth to approve an amendment to the Hospice agreement to include the above changes. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Veitch the meeting adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of contract discussions. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Veitch, the meeting returned to Open Session.

No action was taken.

On a motion made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Wood the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom