

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2007 – 3:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Sausville; Supervisors Callanan, Daly, Hunter, Janik, and Yepsen; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor; Helen Endres, Alan Kempf, Cathy Duncan, Janet Glenn Public Health; Dale Andstadt, Hans Lehr, Mental Health; Press.

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

On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Callanan the minutes of the December 5, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Sausville appointed Ms. Daly as Vice Chair. Ms. Daly accepted the appointment.

Ms. Endres requested a resolution to enter into an agreement with New York State Department of Health for the Early Intervention Program for the period 10/1/06 – 9/30/11.

The budget for the initial 10/1/06 – 9/30/07 will be \$138,018, which is an increase of \$1,367 over last year.

The Early Intervention program is designed to identify, evaluate and provide programs to eligible children with disabilities and/or delays. We provide the Early Intervention program in cooperation with the Youth Bureau. Public Health administers the program, and billing and service provider contracts are handled by the Youth Bureau. Currently, there are seven full time initial and on-going service coordinators and sub-contracts for an additional three part time initial and on-going service coordinators through (PEDS) Preschool Early Developmental Program located in Albany. The number of active cases as of 9/06 was 276. Referrals in 2006 were 476 down from the 2005 total of 573.

A motion was made by Mr. Callanan, seconded by Mr. Janik to approve a resolution to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Health for the Early Intervention Program for the period 10/1/06 – 9/30/11. Unanimous.

Mr. Angstadt said Mental Health has been notified that Cramer House, where the outpatient Mental Health Clinic is located, will not be torn down. The outpatient mental health clinic will no longer have to be removed by September 2007. The Buildings and Grounds committee toured the facility, still looking at the issue of space for both Public Health and Mental Health, as it relates to county issues, he said.

Mr. Angstadt said at the jail, Corrections Officers must undergo training in suicide risk assessment and prevention certification. Two staff personnel from Mental Health are required to go through the certification process as mandated by the State to be certified trainers. Mental Health does the training for the Sheriff's Department at the County Jail., and in the next week all Corrections Officers will be certified.

Mrs. Brown said in order to close out the 2006 budget a budget amendment is needed to cover the year end expenses. The budget shortfall is approximately \$132,000.

Mrs. Brown is requesting re-appropriation of \$114,768 out of the fund balance and to also increase care rep income by \$17,232 for a total of \$132,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Callanan, seconded by Ms. Daly to approve a resolution to amend the 2006 budget to re-appropriate a total of \$132,000 into the 2007 budget to cover year end expenses. Unanimous.

Mrs. Brown said the speech therapy contract is beginning its third year beginning 6/1/04 – 5/31/09. Up to 520 hours of speech therapy can be used for services annually. In 2006 there was a shortfall of 8 ¼ hours. At the end of the year there were residents that required speech therapy services that could not wait until 2007.

Mrs. Brown is requesting an amendment to the contract for 2006 to allow to pay for the 8 ¼ hours shortfall, amounting to \$371.25.

A motion was made by Mr. Callanan, seconded by Mr. Hunter to approve a resolution to amend the 2006 contract to allow for the payment of 8 ¼ hours for a total of \$371.25. Unanimous.

Mrs. Brown said Maplewood Manor currently does not have a contract with CDPHP. A couple of years ago she approached them and asked them if they were interested. There are people in Saratoga County who have CDPHP insurance and who could not come to the facility for care because their insurance would not pay for them, therefore, having to go to other nursing homes for services, she said. CDPHP has stated that they are interested in both commercial CDPHP as well as the CDPHP Medicare Advantage Program. This would open up the facility to residents of Saratoga County with this type of insurance offering another benefit to residents. If the county were to enter into a contract, CDPHP is proposing certain rates as follows:

Level One Care \$195/day – This would include someone who requires skilled nursing care and some therapy to approximately ½ hour a day up to five days a week.

Level Two Care \$225/day – This would include someone sub-acute medical and low level rehabilitation. Including individuals that are medically stable, but require nursing care, medical care and rehabilitation. This would allow for up to 1.75 hours a day for up to five days a

week, including physical therapy, combined physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech, etc.

Level Three Care \$300/day – This is for sub-acute medical and high level rehabilitation. This would include someone who has had a major event, i.e. stroke, orthopedic injury, joint replacement, or trauma.

Mrs. Brown said the current cost for providing care is \$225/day.

A motion was made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Callanan to approve a resolution authorizing a revenue contract with CDPHP. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Callanan, seconded by Mr. Hunter the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom