

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 4, 2006 –2:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Daly; Supervisors Callanan, Richardson and Thompson; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Helen Endres, Terry Stortz, Public Health; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor; Hans Lehr, Mental Health.

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

Mrs. Brown said there would be another Quality Assurance Meeting held on May 9th at 8:00 a.m.

Mrs. Brown said Maplewood Manor belongs to NYAHS (New York Association of Homes and Services for the Aging). This is a not for profit organization that is comprised of not for profit nursing homes and adult homes. Every spring there is a request for a nominee from the facilities for the Long Term Care Employee Distinction Award. This year's nominee was selected from Maplewood Manor. There are eight regions throughout the state, and two nominees from each region were chosen to be awarded. The employee will receive a certificate and a \$100 cash prize, along with a resolution from the New York State legislature recognizing the extraordinary dedication. Sue Seaman was the nominee, who is a CNA, retiring soon. Sue joined Maplewood Manor staff on May 6, 1995 as a full time employee.

On a motion made by Mr. Callanan seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes of the April 5, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Brown said Maplewood has a new insurance contract where the insurance carrier is requesting an agreement for the Loss Control Program, which is web-based program. Maplewood submits data through the web-based program and a response is received instantly. This will allow for more accurate screening of resident data. The premium is \$3,000 for this service, she said.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Callanan to approve Loss Control Agreements. Unanimous.

Mrs. Brown said on Wednesday, May 24th there will be a Fire and Evacuation Drill at Maplewood Manor, between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. She extended an invitation to all committee members.

Mr. Lehr said his first request refers to money that OMH has given to the Mental Health System to add five supported housing units. This process started in 2005 and continues into 2006. When the budget was developed there were no solid numbers for 2006. He is now requesting approval of the appropriations of \$32,801.

A motion was made by Mr. Callanan, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve an amendment to the 2006 budget and the current contract with Transitional Services Association to assess additional 100% State Aid funding that was approved by NYS OMH for programs provided by TSA in the amount of \$32,801. Unanimous.

Mr. Lehr stated there was a clerical error whereby a “zero” was inadvertently dropped. He is requesting an amendment to the 2006 budget to allow payment of **100%** state aid funding for Unlimited Potential Inc. as approved by the NY Office of Mental Health.

Mr. Hellwig said this will be a balanced adjustment because the expenses and the revenues will be adjusted simultaneously.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Callanan to approve an amendment to the 2006 budget, allowing payment of 100% state aid funding for Unlimited Potential Inc. as approved by the NY Office of Mental Health. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom