

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2006 – 3:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Daly; Supervisors Connors, Lucia, Richardson and Thompson; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Dale Angstadt, Mental Health; Helen Endres, Public Health; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor; Sandy Fischer, Public Health; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes of the July 10, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Brown said the HealthNow NY Contract is the replacement for the old Senior Blue. In February of 2006 Maplewood Manor entered into a contract with them for reimbursement for residents covered under their insurance plan. At that time there were two rates, one for custodial care for Medicaid residents and one for Medicare residents. The rate per day for Medicare residents was \$220/day. The new rates will be based on the number of hours of therapy the resident receives in a day. For example, where in the past skilled therapy was \$220/day under the old rate; it is now \$250/day under the new rate. It is expected that there will be an increase in revenue between \$25,000 - \$50,000 annually.

A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve an amended contract with HealthNow New York to expand the Medicare reimbursement to four new rates for services provided. Unanimous.

Mrs. Brown said the Pharmacy contract has expired. An RFP was sent out to 12 vendors with only one response from the existing vendor, Royal Care Pharmacy in Malta. Pharmacy costs have dramatically changed this year with the implementation of Medicare Part D, she said. In 2005 \$808,000 was spent for medications and approximately \$13,000 in pharmacist fees. We have projected in 2007, based on what is seen thus far for 2006, that drug costs will be approximately \$280,000 for medications and \$25,000 for pharmacy fees due to Medicare Part D and proposals in the new contract, she said. The difference in the new contract is a better contract rate for brand name and generic drugs, however, the consultant pharmacist fees have gone up from \$4/per resident per month and \$40 per hour for additional work if needed to \$60 per hour. Approximately 28 hours a month is spent at Maplewood Manor, she said. It is a one-year contract with an option to extend it on a yearly basis for up to five additional years at the same rate.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Connors to approve a Pharmacy Contract with Royal Care Pharmacy for medications and pharmacy fees at a projected cost of \$305,000. Unanimous.

Mrs. Brown said in the 2006 budget the purchase of new clinical and financial software was approved. An RFP was sent to 18 companies with two responses. After review of the proposals, it is recommended that 6N be approved. 6N located in Wilton, has a web based program able to provide everything that was needed, she said. As a part of getting the new software, a position was eliminated last year in the business office, therefore, a strong financial package was needed to help save time for the remaining staff. Eighty percent of the cost would be capitalized under the Medicaid reimbursement, taking that into account it would be an increase of \$900 per year. The total cost for the software will be \$164,257.50 distributed over five years.

A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve a Software Contract with 6N Systems for new clinical and financial software for Maplewood Manor for a total cost of \$164,257.50 to be distributed over a five-year period. Ayes – Connors, Lucia, Richardson, Daly; Nays – Thompson.

Mr. Angstadt requested a resolution to amend the 2006 budget and the current contract with Family and Children’s Services of the Capital Region, Inc. to access additional 100% State Aid funding (Cost of Living Adjustment) that was approved by NYS OASAS for programs provided.

The contract would reflect the following changes:

- a) Paragraph 7 is amended to read as follows:
 - (a) The county will pay the annual sum of up to, but not exceeding \$151,050 on a quarterly basis upon submission of properly documented vouchers for services rendered hereunder.

The 2006 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-443-8736.013 \$1,050
(Problem Gambling)

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3488 \$1,050
Problem Gambling)

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve a resolution to amend the 2006 budget and the current contract with Family and Children’s Services of the Capital Region, Inc. and access additional 100% State Aid funding in the amount of \$1,050. Unanimous.

Mr. Angstadt requested a resolution to amend the 2006 budget and current contract with Franklin Community Center, to access additional 100% State Aid funding (Cost of Living Adjustment) that was approved by NYS OASAS for programs provided.

The contract would reflect the following changes:

- A) Paragraph “2©” is amended to read: The county will reimburse the agency for the cost of services up to but not exceeding the following amount(s) from:

NYS OASAS \$39,459

The 2006 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-443-8735.013 \$274
(Franklin comm. Ctr.)

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3477 \$274
(Franklin Comm. Ctr.)

A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve a resolution to amend the 2006 budget and current contract with Franklin Community Center, and access additional 100% State Aid funding (Cost of Living Adjustment) in the amount of \$274. Unanimous.

Mr. Angstadt requested a resolution to amend the 2006 budget and current contract with United Cerebral Palsy and the Tri Counties, Inc. and to access additional 100% State Aid funding (Cost of Living Adjustment) that was approved by NYS OMRDD for programs provided.

The contract would reflect the following changes:

- A) 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 OMRDD (OT620) \$6,543

The 2006 Saratoga County budget would reflect the following changes:

Appropriation

Increase account 1-43-442-8732.001 \$46

Revenue

Increase account 1-43-3473 \$46
Agency Non 620)

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve a resolution to amend the 2006 budget and current contract with United Cerebral Palsy of the Tri Counties, Inc. and access additional 100% State Aid funding (Cost of Living Adjustment) in the amount of \$46. Unanimous.

Mr. Angstadt said in mid July Saratoga County Community Services received a letter from Saratoga Hospital stating that the lease for Cramer House would be terminated effective July 31, 2007. As a result a new location is being sought. He said minimally they would need 11,000-sq. ft. of space.

On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Connors the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom