

Public Health Committee Minutes
December 1, 2015 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Tollisen; Supervisors Kinowski, Martin, Collyer, Richardson, Wood, Lucia, Veitch and Barrett; Chad Cooke, Deputy Administrator; Meghan Johnson, Mental Health; Cathi Duncan, Public Health.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Wood the minutes of the November 9, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Duncan requested approval to amend the agreement with Fidelis Care of New York, which is a Medicaid Insurance Plan. The amendment will include the Medicare Advantage Program. and the Managed Long Term Care, which provides the services that are already being provided for clients in the home.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve an amendment to the Fidelis Care of New York to include the Medicare Advantage Program. Unanimous.

Ms. Johnson requested a resolution to renew the current Service Provider Contracts for the Office of Mental Health for 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve the renewal of the Service Provider Contracts for the Office of Mental Health for 2016. Unanimous.

Mr. Tollisen said Chairman Veitch appointed him to a committee that was co-sponsored between the New York State Association of Counties and the New York Alliance for Donations. They have been trying to get Supervisors, County Executives and County Clerk's from around the State to join in and try to increase awareness regarding Organ Donations, he said. While attending a NYS Association of Counties meeting he learned that New York ranked 51 out of 52 in the worst categories for organ donations. Discussion took place on how to increase awareness.

Mr. Tollisen presented a resolution from Sullivan County to the committee for review and consideration. He stated that County Clerk, Craig Hayner has agreed to work on this initiative to increase organ donations in Saratoga County.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Collyer to approve a resolution promoting organ and tissue donations in Saratoga County. Unanimous.

Mr. Martin suggested that since more and more people are renewing their licenses on line, it might be a good idea to urge the State DMV to put on their website a notice letting people know of the importance of organ donations when they renew their license.

Mr. Kinowski said he has received very positive feedback from residents and their families with regard to the quality of care given at Saratoga Rehabilitation.

On a motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Richardson the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom