

Public Health Committee Minutes  
February 8, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Grattidge; Supervisors Collyer, Gardner, Martin, Pemrick, Szczepaniak, Tollisen and Wright; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Michele Wood, Cathy Duncan, Public Health; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Diane Brown, Personnel; Michael Prezioso, Mental Health.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Martin the minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mrs. Brown said that New York State requires that Medicaid providers have an effective Corporate Compliance Program. The main purpose is to prevent fraud, waste and abuse of Medicaid dollars.

Mrs. Brown said the Saratoga County Medicaid Corporate Compliance Program was revised in December because it included Maplewood Manor. She said there are three departments that are still in effect; Public Health, Mental Health the Youth Bureau. A copy of the plan was distributed to all committee members for their review.

**A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Tollisen to approve the amendments to the Saratoga County Corporate Compliance Program as outlined. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Duncan requested an increase in the rates for Physical Therapy. A handout was distributed to all committee members with current physical therapy rates in Saratoga County and the proposed rates along with comparisons to other CHHA's in the area.

The proposed rate increases are as follows:

SOC With Oasis	Currently \$79	Proposed Increase \$89
Revisit	Currently \$58	Proposed Increase \$65
Initial Eval Oasis	Currently \$58	Proposed Increase \$65
Discharge	Currently \$64	Proposed Increase \$72
Not Home/Not Found	Currently \$14	Proposed Increase \$16
Meeting	Currently \$32	Proposed Increase \$36
Rural Visit rate	Currently \$64	Proposed Increase \$7.00 added on for any Visit in the town of Day, Hadley, Edinburgh and Waterford

**A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak to approve the increase in physical therapy rates as outlined. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Duncan gave a brief overview of the Zika Virus, stating that information about the virus is available on the Public Health website.

Mrs. Duncan said a Public Health notice was sent out with regard to a rabies case reported in the Village of South Glens Falls.

Mr. Hellwig said the county has applied to NYSDOH to become a Licensed Home Care Services Agency (LHCSA). He said the schedule for approval is February 11, 2016. He said part of the approval process requires the Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution supporting the application.

Mr. Hellwig said a special Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 after the Agenda Session to adopt the resolution. It would then be sent to the State Department of Health stating that the Board does support the application.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Congdon to approve a resolution supporting the county's application for a license to provide home health care services. Unanimous.**

Mr. Hellwig said the county has contracts with agencies that provide various services for the county, and there is an underutilization of one of the contracts. Mental Health would like to take the money that is not going to be used for program services with this one agency and reallocate it to another agency.

Mr. Prezioso said this is for respite services, with the two agencies being Northeast Parent and Child Society and Community Human Services. He said respite services are available when a child needs to come out of a home for a day or two. Northeast Parent and Child, over the past two years, has underutilized what has been allocated to them, on an average \$6,000. Mr. Prezioso requested that the same \$6,000 be shifted to Community Human Services.

**A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Collyer to approve the reallocation of \$6,000 from Northeast Parent and Child Society to Community Human Services. Unanimous.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom

