

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

May 9, 2016

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Chairman Alan Grattidge; Supervisors John Collyer, Gardner Congdon, Peter Martin, Dan Pemrick, Tim Szczepaniak, Kevin Tollisen and Chairman of the Board Mo Wright; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Chad Cooke, Deputy County Administrator; Dr. Michael Prezioso, Mental Health Director; Catherine Duncan, Public Health Services Director; Press.

Mr. Grattidge called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

On a motion by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Martin the minutes of the March 7, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

Dr. Prezioso said that May is Mental Health month and distributed flyers to the Committee. In connection with May as Mental Health month, the department will be hosting an open house on May 25th from 1pm to 4pm. He said he forwarded a draft resolution to the County Attorney for proclaiming May as Mental Health Month.

On a motion by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Collyer unanimous approval was given to proclaim May as Mental Health Month in Saratoga County.

Dr. Prezioso said he is asking for an amendment to the contract with Transitional Services Association for the single point of access services. There were some changes with state aid and the State made additional funding available for this program to avoid conflicts of interest. A position was approved the beginning of this year and the position was filled as of April 7, 2016. This amendment is to compensate Transitional Services Association for January 1st through April 7th.

On a motion by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Tollisen unanimous approval was given to amend the contract with Transitional Services Association for Single Point of Access Services.

Dr. Prezioso asked for a resolution to accept a \$3,500 grant from the Suicide Prevention Center of New York. This will be seed money for the County to start a county-wide suicide prevention coalition. The funds are for promotional and educational materials as well as training. Mr. Collyer asked if they would be targeting a certain age. Dr. Prezioso said they will try to cover as much as they possibly can. This funding will be used to let the public know that the County has a suicide prevention program. He pointed out this is a one-time amount that will be granted to the County.

On a motion by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Congdon unanimous approval was given to accept the \$3,500 for suicide prevention.

Mrs. Duncan handed out copies of the 2015 Agency's annual report. She gave a brief overview of the report.

Mrs. Duncan handed out the proposed changes to the Saratoga County Public Health Services' policies and procedures. She briefly went over the policies. She pointed out that with the closing of CHHA, there are policies and procedures that are now closed. The policies that would be amended are as follows: Code of Ethics for Nurses, Walk in Blood Pressure Checks, Annual Employee Health Assessment, Immunization Clinic Policy and Procedures, Procedure for Processing of Regulated Medical Waste, Automated External Defibrillation, Medicare PPS Billing Policy and Procedure, Medicare Other PPS Billing Policy and Procedure, CHHA/LTHHCP Physician Orders Tracking Policy and Procedures and Physician Orders Tracking Policy and Procedures for Maternal Child, Lead, Tuberculosis and Synagis Programs. Mr. Martin said he was not comfortable approving the policies without first seeing them. Mr. Szczepaniak said there was a summary of each of the proposed changes listed on the hand out and he is comfortable with approving them. Mr. Pemrick agreed. Mrs. Duncan said the policies are submitted to the Department of Health and with the Public Health Advisory Council before they are brought to this Committee. The policies will be emailed out to the members of the Committee. Mr. Martin said after hearing the process the amendments went through and being able to view them in an email he felt more comfortable approving the changes.

On a motion by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Pemrick unanimous approval was given to amend the policies and procedures manual of the Saratoga County Public Health Services.

Mr. Szczepaniak said he had been contacted by his ambulance personnel with regards to motel occupants calling 911 to be given rides to hospitals to get medications. They told him this was becoming a nuisance and asked for advice from the Committee on what could be done. Mr. Tollisen suggested he contact Tina Potter, Commissioner of Social Services to see what could be done about who is placed in the motels. He also told Mr. Szczepaniak he should have his Code Enforcement Officer check the motels for any violations. The suggestion was also made to reach out to the Emergency Management Council to see if this issue has been dealt with anywhere in the County. The Committee members agreed with these recommendations. Mr. Grattidge asked Mr. Szczepaniak to report back to the Committee on his findings.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Wright
Clerk of Board