

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
August 8, 2016
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Chairman Alan Grattidge; Supervisors John Collyer, Dan Pemrick, Tim Szczepaniak, Kevin Tollisen and Jon Schopf; 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; Michele Wood, Public Health Services; Kathy Medick, Public Health Services; Press.

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

On a motion by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak the minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

Dr. Prezioso said there was additional State Aid received for COLA and equipment. This funding is 100% aid and there is no budget impact.

On a motion by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Pemrick unanimous approval was given to authorize acceptance of additional State Aid for computer equipment and a 2% COLA for direct care and clinical staff.

Ms. Duncan said additional State Aid was received in the amount of \$2,327 for Children with Special Health Care Needs for education and outreach material. She said there was no budget impact.

On a motion by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Pemrick unanimous approval was given accept \$2,237 in State Aid in the form of COLA for Children with Special Health Care Needs for education and outreach material.

Ms. Duncan said additional State Aid was received in the amount of \$9,048 for the Immunization Action Plan for the purchase advertising and education/promotional material. She said there is no impact to the budget.

On a motion by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak unanimous approval was given to accept \$9,048 in State Aid in the form of COLA for the Immunization Action Plan for purchase of equipment, advertising and education/promotion material.

Ms. Duncan said she is asking for an agreement with the Research Foundation for SUNY in the amount of \$18,116. The funding will be used for the production of a Public Health webcast for training for health care providers. This is being done in collaboration with Albany County.

On a motion by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Pemrick unanimous approval was given to authorize an agreement with Research Foundation of SUNY in the amount of \$18,116 for the production of a Public Health webcast.

Ms. Duncan stated that last month the Committee passed a resolution with regards to vaccine rates. She said about every two weeks vaccines are being ordered and at times the rates changed. She is asking for permission to charge vaccines at the current State contract rate plus 20%. Mr. Tollisen asked if this was already done. Mr. Dorsey stated last month a resolution was done authorizing the Committee to set the rates. Mr. Grattidge asked Mrs. Duncan to keep the Committee informed if there are any charges that are out of the ordinary.

On a motion by Mr. Pemrick seconded by Mr. Tollisen unanimous approval was given to set the rate for vaccines at the State rate plus 20%.

Ms. Duncan said on August 1st the Center for Disease Control issued an advisory to all health care providers regarding travel and testing related to travel to areas in Florida. Zika virus has been found in those areas. She said on this day the Health Emergency Operations Center had been activated. She introduced Kathy Medick, Director of Patient Services. Mr. Szczepaniak asked how often the center was activated. Ms. Medick said when there is something out of the ordinary

or something that could develop into something bigger than was planned such as the Ebola issue. Ms. Medick said they are getting out in front of the Zika issue. Mr. Pemrick said it depends on the willingness of others to stay in touch and he asked how they are networked. Ms. Medick said they are networked through the NYS Department of Health and they canvass through the Center for Disease Control as well as being part of a regional jurisdiction. Mr. Pemrick asked if there was an incident in Saratoga, perhaps, how that would get to Public Health. Ms. Medick said there are systems in place; the Communicable Disease Electronic Reporting System is one way, as well as other systems that put out notifications.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Wright
Clerk of Board