

Public Health Committee Minutes
February 6, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Vince DeLucia; Supervisors Art Johnson, Dick Lucia, Peter Martin, Tom Richardson, Tim Szczepaniak; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Diane Brown, Human Resources; Cathleen Medick, Public Health; Michael Prezioso, Mental Health & Addiction Services.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Martin, the minutes of the December 12, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. DeLucia announced the appointment of Supervisor Richardson as the Committee Vice-Chair.

Mrs. Brown, as the Saratoga County Corporate Compliance officer, distributed two handouts and gave an overview of the Corporate Compliance Program to the Committee. The Public Health Committee represents the Board in corporate compliance matters. There are currently three County departments that are involved, Public Health, Mental Health and the Youth Bureau. New York requires Medicaid providers to have a corporate compliance program to participate in Medicaid program. The Saratoga County program was implemented in 2010 and the Board has three fiduciary duties, duty of care, loyalty and obedience. Duty of care refers to the obligation to exercise the proper amount of care in the decision making process. Duty of loyalty means that the board members have undivided allegiance to the organization when making decisions affecting the organization. Duty of obedience is the observance of the faithfulness to the organizational mission. Fraud, procurement and privacy are some of the risk areas that the corporate compliance program deals with.

Mrs. Brown said that the Corporate Compliance Committee meet quarterly. She submits a report quarterly to the County Administrator and annually to the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Martin requested that these reports be shared with the Public Health Committee so that they can fulfill their fiduciary responsibility.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Lucia, to authorize an amendment to the 2017 County Budget to re-appropriate unspent grant funds from 2016 in the amount of \$25,000 as part of the Home and Community Based Services program. Unanimous.

Mr. Prezioso said that these funds were granted in 2016 and the request is to authorize extension of grant funds into 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to authorize the acceptance of \$3,267 of additional state aid from the Office of Mental Health in the form of a 0.2% COLA and amending various mental health agency contracts and the 2017 County Budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Lucia, to authorize Mental Health renewal agreements with various agencies for the term from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Unanimous.

Mr. Prezioso said that there are 14 renewal agreements ranging from \$10,264 to \$1.3M. The list of providers are the same as 2016 agreements.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak, to authorize an agreement with United Healthcare of New York, Inc. to allow billing for maternal child health services and direct observation therapy. Unanimous.

Ms. Medick said that the agreement with United Healthcare does not need full board approval, committee approval only. Direct observation therapy is done when someone has active tuberculosis. Visits will be billed under the licensed home care service agency at \$110 per two hour visit and \$55 for each additional hour. The previous agreement was under the CHHA.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to authorize an amendment to the 2017 County Budget to re-appropriate unspent grant funds from 2016 in the amount of \$13,384 for the purchase of medical records software as part of the NYS Emergency Preparedness Program. Unanimous.

Ms. Medick said that additional time is needed to allow for the RFP process.

Ms. Medick said that they are attempting to streamline clinic services. Historically services were provided four days a week from 8:15am to 9:30am. On a trial basis, services will now be offered one full day a month for adult immunizations, one full day for children's immunizations and one full day for travel immunizations. This will streamline the process and add 12 additional clinic appointments to each month. Public Health is also encouraging those who need PPD testing for pre-employment and pre-school to go to their providers for testing.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board