

Health & Social Services Committee Minutes
February 6, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dick Lucia; Supervisors Vince DeLucia, Tara Gaston, Tom Wood and Chairman of the Board Ed Kinowski; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney, Michael Prezioso, Mental Health & Addiction Services; Sandi Cross, Judy Dahoda-Taylor, Office for the Aging; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Ms. Gaston, to authorize a Data Use Agreement between the NYS Department of Health and Saratoga County Community Mental Health and Addiction Services in order to obtain patient health services information provided by Medicaid managed care plans. Unanimous.

Mr. Prezioso said that the NYS Department of Health maintain a database of confidential Medicaid data and this agreement will allow Saratoga County to have access to this database.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Ms. Gaston, to authorize the acceptance of additional state aid in the form of COLA from the Office of Mental Health, amending 2018 Mental Health and Addiction Services Contracts, and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Mr. Prezioso said that these are adjustments for cost of living allowances for funds already allocated.

A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Wood, to authorize the acceptance of additional state aid from OASAS in the amount of \$115,700 for the Family Navigator program, amending the contract with the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Council, Inc. and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Mr. Prezioso said that the Family Navigator is a new position with the Prevention Council. It's a person with lived experience with substance disorder who can connect with not only individuals but with families also. They can help with families newly exposed to the situation, aiding with insurance coverages, treatment options, wellness options etc.

A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Wood, to authorize the Chairman to enter into renewal contracts with eight homecare agencies to provide Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP). Unanimous.

Ms. Cross distributed a handout listing details of the eight homecare agencies involved. They are continuing with a flat rate of \$23/hour this year.

A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Wood, to authorize a lease agreement with Nemer CJDR of Saratoga for a van for senior transportation to medical appointments. Unanimous.

Ms. Cross said that this is a 39-month lease for a 2018 Chrysler Pacifica Van and the cost is \$399.63 per month. The lease will run from 2/1/2018 through 5/29/2021. The vehicle will be used for the retired senior volunteer program and will be used to bring seniors to medical appointments throughout the County. Maintenance will be handled by the County.

A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Ms. Gaston, to accept a \$2,500 donation from the Capital District Physicians Health Plan (CDPHP) and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Ms. Cross said that the funds will be used toward the senior meal program.

Mr. Kinowski said that the Opioid Forum and Narcan Training held in the Mechanicville High school this week was very successful and well attended.

On a motion made by Ms. Gaston, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board