

Health & Social Services Committee Minutes  
August 8, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dick Lucia; Supervisors Vince DeLucia, Tara Gaston, Todd Kusnierz, Tom Richardson and Sandra Winney; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Sandi Cross, Aging; Michael Prezioso, Mental Health & Addiction; Cathi Duncan, Public Health.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Kusnierz, the minutes of the June 6, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to accept additional state aid from NYCONNECTS in the amount of \$276,832. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross said that this resolution will accept additional funding from NYS for NYCONNECTS. NYCONNECTS has been in existence since 2006 and Mrs. Cross distributed pamphlets regarding the program. Essentially it is an information line that is run by the Office of the Aging, there are case workers available daily to answer the questions asked by callers. Most of the additional funding will be put towards salary and benefits. Mrs. Cross has additional pamphlets if needed.

**A motion was made by Ms. Gaston, seconded by Ms. Winney, to authorize the acceptance of a 2017 Behavioral Health Incentive Payment in the amount of \$32,789.35 from CDPHP. Unanimous.**

Mr. Prezioso said that this funding will provide access to care for members after hospitalization for Mental illness, member enrollment, and health and recovery plans and providing cost efficient treatments.

**A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Kusnierz, to authorize acceptance of \$12,825 in additional State Aid 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 the additional State Aid is for supported housing beds. An extra \$300 per bed for 57 beds. 100% State Aid.

**A motion was made by Ms. Winney, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to authorize a renewal agreement with Netsmart New York, Inc. in the amount of \$40,832, related purchases totaling \$15,524, and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.**

Mr. Prezioso said that they are in the process of migrating old electronic medical records to a new medical records system. It was hoped that the migration would have taken place as of the

1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018 however there has been a delay in the migration due to contract verbiage and technicalities and as a result the agreement with the old company needs to be extended. Funding is in the budget to cover the costs.

**A motion was made by Mr. Kusnierz, seconded by Ms. Gaston, to amend the 2018 Budget to accept an additional \$1,500 in State Aid from the Mental Health Association of New York State for planning and preparation of a proposal requesting program funding from the Suicide Prevention Center of New York and the Suicide Prevention Office. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Duncan said that they will soon become the fiduciary for the Saratoga County Suicide Prevention Coalition. Accepting the funds will be the first step of a 3-year infrastructure funding opportunity. The RFP has not come out from MHANY yet but will be available from 2019-2021. These funds will be a pre-planning portion of the program. Funds will be used to send a representative to the NYS Suicide Prevention Conference in September, and hiring a consultant to aid in grant planning.

**A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to authorize an Agreement with Health Research, Inc. to accept a New York State Department of Health Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Duncan said that the grant amount is \$391,061 and runs from July1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. \$191,061 of the funds will be utilized to develop, implement and evaluate the preparedness plan and activities, and strengthens the local preparedness for any medical emergencies. \$200K is restricted for future emergency use and can only be used when an emergency has been declared by the NYS Commissioner of Public Health.

**A motion was made by Ms. Gaston, seconded by Ms. Winney, to accept the Saratoga County Public Health Services 2017 Annual Report. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Duncan distributed copies of the 2017 annual report and gave a brief overview of the activities, challenges and successes experienced in 2017. The County was ranked as the #1 healthiest county in NYS for the second year in a row and the health rankings increased to #3. A full copy of the Annual Report is available on the Public Health website.

**On a motion made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Kusnierz, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Deputy Clerk of the Board