

Health & Social Services Committee Minutes
September 2, 2020 – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dick Lucia; Committee Members Todd Kusnierz, Darren O'Connor, Sandra Winney, Tom Wood, Benny Zlotnick; Supervisor Tara Gaston and Chairman of the Board Preston Allen; Chad Cooke, Matt Rose, County Administrator; Cathleen Medick, Public Health; J. Wes Carr, Youth Bureau.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Winney, the minutes of the August 5, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Winney, to authorize the acceptance of a 5-year Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs program grant in the amount of \$161,915. The motion passed unanimously. It should be noted that when the Chairman called for a second to the motion, it was unclear.

Ms. Medick said this is a program that serves children and youth from birth to 21 years old. It is a new 5-year grant cycle. The grant is \$32,353 per year or \$161,915 for the total 5 years. Ms. Medick said that the program covers the cost of a part time outreach worker who is a liaison for children who may have conditions anywhere from asthma to cerebral palsy and helps children with resources they may need within the County.

Ms. Gaston asked for an update on the COVID testing machine. Ms. Medick said that the machine has been received and is currently at Malta Medical. Quality Assurance testing is currently underway and this process can take 4-6 weeks. Ms. Medick said that she has emailed Malta Med. for an update as soon as they have one.

Mrs. Winney said that a question was posed from Supervisor Gaston regarding the status of Cathi Duncan's employment. Mr. Cooke said that Ms. Duncan is currently providing assistance via a minor contract with the transition to the Interim Director as well as to provide assistance when a Commissioner is hired. Ms. Duncan continues to help out with the COVID response efforts also. The hourly rate is \$78 per hour with a not to exceed amount of \$15,000 for an agreement that expires in 1 year.

On a motion made by Mr. Zlotnick, seconded by Mrs. Winney, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board