

Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
October 25, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Darren O'Connor; Committee Members Phil Barrett, Eric Connolly, Joe Grasso, Sandra Winney, Tom Wood; Supervisor Tara Gaston; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Matt Rose, Christine Rush, Audra Hedden, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Michael Prezioso, Mental Health & Addiction; Daniel Kuhles, Public Health; Sandra Cross, Office for the Aging.

Chairman O'Connor called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Connolly, the minutes of the September 29, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Winney, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to authorize ongoing Mental Health contracts for 2022 - 2024. Unanimous.

Dr. Prezioso said that this is a housekeeping Resolution. Dr. Prezioso noted a correction to the back up information provided with the agenda, Mechanicville Area Community Services Center total amount remains the same however the allocation is NYS OMH \$10,084, Saratoga County \$3,422 and OASYS is \$1,486. Dr. Prezioso said that after consultation with County Attorney Hartnett, these agreements will move from annual renewals to every three years.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Connolly, Committee approval to accept additional NYS OMH COLA funds. Unanimous.

Dr. Prezioso said that the increase is effective from the beginning of April through December of this year. The amount is \$213. Per past Resolution, additional funding that is less than 10% of the contracted amounts can be authorized by the Committee without the need for full Board approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to authorize a contract with Shelby Farrelly for contact tracing services. Unanimous.

Dr. Kuhles said that Ms. Farrelly is approaching the maximum amount under her current contract. This will authorize a major contact.

A motion was made by Ms. Winney, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to authorize 2022 subcontracts for the Office for the Aging. Unanimous.

Ms. Cross said that this is a housekeeping resolution. The list of providers was distributed with the agenda. Changes include an increase of \$7 per hour for the dietitian, this is the first rate

increase in five years. The rate for Greater Adirondack and Wesley increased from \$24 to \$25 per hour. The PERS vendor has changed to Connect America.

Ms. Winney questioned how the request for food delivery volunteers was progressing. Ms. Cross thanked Christine Rush for her help, they have received a lot of volunteers.

Mr. O'Connor said that Dr. Kuhles has been constantly updating the Supervisors on the status of COVID testing and clinics. Dr. Kuhles said that all schools are testing unvaccinated staff, many are offering screening testing to students whose parents choose to opt in. The Department has been offering testing for students to help out both schools and pediatric providers in the County. Dr. Kuhles said that they are currently working on a press release to offer Moderna booster shots to those that are eligible. Dr. Kuhles said that he is hopeful that a vaccine will be approved for individuals six months and up late December to early January.

On a motion made by Mr. Connolly, seconded by Ms. Winney, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Clerk of the Board