



Health & Human Services Committee

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 3PM
40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Minutes

Present: Chairman Diana Edwards; Committee Members Joe Grasso, John Lant, Scott Ostrander, Angela Thompson.

Absent: Ian Murray, Tom Richardson

Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Audra Hedden, Stephanie Hodgson, Renee Law, Mariah Ruscio, County Administrator; George Conway, County Attorney; Daniel Kuhles, Public Health; Megan Johnson, Mental Health & Addiction; Patrick Maxwell, Social Services.

Chairwoman Edwards called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, the minutes of the October 1, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to authorize an agreement with Presentation Concepts Corporation (PCC) to provide an AV system for the Department of Health conference room. Unanimous.

This audio visual project will cost less than \$19,000 and is covered by grant funding.

A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, to authorize an amendment to Resolution 293-2021, authorizing amendments to Mental Health Contracts to include a state funded stipend for supported housing beds, and amending the 2024 County budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

This stipend has been added effective April 1, 2024 in an amount of \$26,676.

A motion was made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to authorize an amendment to the 2024 County budget to reappropriate \$123,044 in expenses from the fund balance to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Unanimous.

These expenses are for the cost of care, maintenance, services and examinations of a patient placed in a State of New York Office of Mental Health facility pursuant to orders of County Criminal Court and/or Family Court.

A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to authorize a three year contract with Televox, Inc. for an automated appointment management system for the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Unanimous.

This agreement totals \$10,200 annually.

A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, to authorize a renewal agreement with TenEleven Group, Inc., for support of an electronic health record system for the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Unanimous.

There is a one-time \$300 professional services fee for this service and a \$52 monthly subscription charge. This allows the electronic health record system to connect to the automated appointment management system.

A motion was made by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, to authorize the acceptance of New York State Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment Program funds from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and amending the 2024 County budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

The funds are in the amount of \$171,172 for up to six months of rental arrears for individuals that aren't already eligible through other programs.

A motion was made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Lant, to authorize the acceptance of Code Blue Allocations from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, and to authorize an agreement with Shelters of Saratoga Inc. for the operation of the Code Blue Shelter. Unanimous.

This allocation to the Code Blue program is in the amount of \$426,000. The agreement with Shelters of Saratoga for operation of the Code Blue shelter is in the amount of \$405,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, to authorize the acceptance of a Behavioral Health Consultation Grant from the Office of Children and Family Services and amending an agreement with ECS Psychological Services, P.C. Unanimous.

This grant is in the amount of \$70,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to authorize a renewal agreement with Together For Youth, Inc. for the operation of the Enhanced Stepping Stones Program. Unanimous.

This agreement will be in the amount of \$114,207 for a term of one year for family based in home services to at-risk youth.

Mr. Bulger thanked Mr. Prezioso for his eleven years of service in the County as Commissioner of Mental Health and said he looks forward to working with Ms. Johnson moving forward.

On a motion made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Lant, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget M. Rider, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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