

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: HEALTH SERVICES**

**DATE: APRIL 20, 2020**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS MCDEVITT  
BEATY  
CONOVER  
BRUNO  
FRASIER  
MAGOWAN  
SHEPLER

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

ROBERT YORK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES  
DEE PARK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING  
REPRESENTING WARREN COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES:  
GINELLE JONES, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH/PATIENT SERVICES  
TAWN DRISCOLL, FISCAL MANAGER  
FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
ROBERT TERWILLIGER, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS BRAYMER  
DRISCOLL  
HOGAN  
LEGGETT  
SEEBER  
SIMPSON  
STROUGH  
WILD  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
JEREMY SCRIME, SENIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the April 20, 2020 meeting of the Health Services Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/health>*

*Note: As per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1: "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed". All of the Committee members attended the meeting by video conference, except for Committee Chair McDevitt and Supervisor Shepler who were physically present.*

Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Health Services Committee to order at 10:33 a.m.

Copies of the Office of Community Services/Mental Health, Office for the Aging and Public Health meeting agendas were distributed to those in attendance, those participating remotely accessed the agendas via the Warren County website. Copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Ms. Shepler, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Commencing review of the Office for the Aging agenda, privilege of the floor was extended to Dee Park, *Director*,

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Office for the Aging, who presented the following requests:

1. To extend the effective date of the Aging Services Assistant-Temp (20 hours per week) position until May 1, 2020.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Personnel & Administration Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the meeting minutes.*

2. To appropriate \$2,750 from Budget Code A.691.00, *Deferred Revenues*, to various budget codes to cover the salary and fringe benefits for the extension of the Aging Services Assistant-Temp position.

Motion was made by Mr. Beaty, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the meeting minutes.*

3. To amend the existing contract with Hamilton County Public Nursing Services to increase the amount for EISEP (*Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program*) services from \$35,000 to \$45,000 for the term of April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020 to cover additional services provided during that time period.

Discussion was held regarding the request and the services provided under this program, following which a motion was made by Ms. Shepler, seconded by Mr. Beaty and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the meeting minutes.*

There being no further Office for the Aging business to come before the Committee, privilege of the floor was extended to Robert York, *Director, Office of Community Services*, who began the review of the Office of Community Services/Mental Health agenda with a request to amend the existing intermunicipal agreement with Saratoga County for the sharing of Home-Based Crisis Intervention and Mobile Crisis services to also include Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services. He noted that all three services would be provided by Northern Rivers/Parsons Child and Family Center.

A motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Mr. York then went on to outline his remaining agenda items which included an update on services and programs and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as updates on the projected impacts of the enacted New York State 2020-21 Budget.

There being no further Office of Community Services/Mental Health business to address, privilege of the floor was extended to Ginelle Jones, *Director of Public Health/Patient Services*, who commenced the review of the Public Health agenda with a request to authorize a contract with Hadley-Luzerne Central School to provide Committee Preschool Special Education (CPSE) services to eligible Warren County children. Ms. Jones advised the contract would increase availability of services for children in need, to be provided at a rate set by New York State for which 59.5% reimbursement was to be received.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Mr. Beaty and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the meeting minutes.*

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Ms. Jones introduced Tawn Driscoll, *Fiscal Manager*, to present the next two agenda items which consisted of financial requests. Ms. Driscoll advised the first request was for a transfer of funds between various budget codes totaling \$61,595 to cover the salary of a CHHA (*Certified Home Health Aide*) nurse working within the Public Health Division to assist with COVID-19 related duties, as well as to move monies into the new budget codes created for COVID-19 expenses. The second request, Ms. Driscoll explained, was for a budget amendment in the amount of \$70,748 to reflect the receipt of funding received from Health Research Inc. To support current expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A motion was made by Ms. Shepler, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the request for a transfer of funds and for a budget amendment and to refer both to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the requests are on file with the meeting minutes.*

Next, the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda was addressed and an overview of the following documents were provided:

- Report of Expenditures, Revenues, Overtime and Per Diem use for 2020 (*Attachment #1*);
- Revenue and Expense Comparison Report for 2019 vs. 2020 (*Attachment #2*);
- Status of Referrals (*Attachment #3*);
- Emergency Response and Preparedness (*Attachment #4*); and
- Rabies Report (*Attachment #5*).

Finally, Ms. Jones provided an update on COVID-19 activities, including testing, and she provided statistics on the status of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Warren County. Ms. Jones also spoke about recent news regarding anti-body testing, which she indicated the County Public Health Departments were not made aware of in advance. A lengthy discussion ensued during which Ms. Jones answered questions from those in attendance regarding COVID-19 related issues.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Ms. Shepler, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board