

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HEALTH SERVICES

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS MCDEVITT
BEATY
CONOVER
BRUNO
FRASIER
MAGOWAN
SHEPLER

OTHERS PRESENT:

DEANNA PARK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING
REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH:
GINELLE JONES, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH/PATIENT SERVICES
TAWN DRISCOLL, FISCAL MANAGER
FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL
HOGAN
LEGGETT
WILD
TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DENISE DiRESTA, DIRECTOR, VETERANS' SERVICES
TOSHA BROWNELL, COMPUTER HELP DESK TECHNICIAN
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 19, 2020 meeting of the Health Services Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:
<https://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". Supervisors McDevitt, Frasier, Magowan and Shepler were physically present, while Supervisors Beaty, Conover and Bruno attended by videoconference.

Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Health Services Committee to order at 10:22 a.m.

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

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

Privilege of the floor was extended to Deanna Park, *Director, Office for the Aging (OFA)*, who proceeded with a review of the OFA agenda, presenting the following request:

- 1) To reassign contracts with Glens Falls Hospital for personal emergency response system services to another entity to be determined for the same terms and conditions as are included in the original agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Beaty and carried unanimously to approve the request and

the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

There being no further OFA business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Ginelle Jones, *Director, Public Health/Patient Services*, who commenced review of the Public Health agenda, presenting the following requests:

- 1) To award bid and authorize contract to the lowest responsible bidder for transportation services to eligible children in Warren County's Early Intervention and Committee on Preschool Education programs at the rates specified in the bid for a term commencing November 1, 2020 with automatic renewal for four years with the ability to negotiate rates within 5% annually or unless termination is requested by either party with sixty days written notice.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To amend the contract with North Country Home Services to increase the Home Health Aid rate to \$37.20 and automatically renew with the ability to negotiate rates within 5% unless termination is requested by either party upon thirty days written notice.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Ms. Shepler and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Tawn Driscoll, *Fiscal Manager - Public Health*, who presented the following request:

- 3) To authorize a transfer of funds between various budget codes totaling \$426.67, to reclassify different expense lines within the COVID-19 Grant.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

A review of the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda proceeded as follows:

Report of Expenditures, Revenues, Overtime and Per Diem Use for 2020- Ms. Driscoll reviewed the Revenue and Expenditure Report for 2020 in Attachment #4, noting the year-to-date expenses for COVID were \$84,307.50 of which \$61,996.58 was salary related. She stated the CHHA program was in the process of being closed for September. She stated overtime salaries related to COVID was \$22,823.74.

Revenue and Expense Comparison Report for 2019 vs 2020 - Ms. Driscoll reviewed the Revenue and Expense Comparison Report for 2019 vs 2020 in Attachment #5. She stated the contractual expenses and revenues were lower this year due to a delay in billing because of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as a change in protocols which resulted in Tele visits or visit refusal by patients. She noted revenues were down as they have not been able to bill for the Preschool program yet. She stated they received \$13,000 from the State for the Data Exchange Incentive program.

Status of Referrals - Ginelle Jones, *Director of Public Health/Patient Services*, reviewed the referrals, included as Attachment #6A & 6B.

Emergency Response and Preparedness - Ms. Jones advised Attachment #7 in the agenda packet included a review of the Emergency Response and Preparedness Activities for the months of September and October.

Rabies Program Report- Ms. Jones advised Attachment #8 outlined the September rabies report, adding the clinic had started on October 17th and there would be four clinics held with the last being held on November 14th, as it was mandatory to hold four clinics a year in order to receive State funding.

Meeting Authorizations- Ms. Jones apprised Jodi Brynes would be attending HCA Homecare & Hospice Virtual ERP Conference on October 15, 2020 and Christy McAvey would be attending Home Health Virtual events for Coding Professionals on October 13 - 15, October 27 - 29, and November 2 - 4, 2020.

CHHA Electronic Medical Record- Ms. Jones apprised a new medical records system was implemented in 2018 which there were issues with that could not be resolved by the vendor. She added the system was not friendly to surveyors and the outsourcing agency for coding, noting implementing a different application would better serve the agencies need, as well as being an overall cost savings. She indicated the nurses were frustrated with the system and had numerous problems which she was aware of; however; she noted, they were currently in a contract with the current system and had three years left. She advised they had been working with the County Attorney's Office, as well as the Purchasing Agent to obtain a different system in the future.

COVID-19 Update- Ms. Jones advised to date there had been 971 mandatory quarantines of which 42 were active quarantines. She said they completed 929 mandatory quarantines, and 557 precautionary quarantines, with 19 active and 538 completed quarantines. She said the travel quarantine was currently at 1,608 with 63 active travelers and 1,545 completed to date. She informed there had been 406 lab confirmed cases which include 380 lab confirmed and 26 presumed cases, of which 117 had been in skilled nursing facilities, 13 had been in assisted living facilities, 227 in the community, with a new category for schools which was 23 cases, with 213 contacts. She added that equated to be 9.26 contacts per case in the four school districts, noting 10 of the 23 cases did not require school related quarantines due to the phenomenal safety plans in the schools and the other 13 were due to the duration of time which required classrooms to quarantine. She noted current cases were 2, 0 hospital cases and 343 recovered. She noted to date there had been 9 deaths in the hospital, 22 in skilled nursing facilities, 2 in assisted living facilities and 2 at home. She indicated 18,902 Warren County residents had been tested and the Warren County Clinic had tested over 3,000 at which 158 were positive for Warren, Washington, Saratoga, Hamilton and Essex Counties. She added they had submitted an application to the State for rapid testing to offer to the public and schools which would most likely be awarded to the hot zones and not Warren County.

There being no further business to come before the Health Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Ms. Shepler and carried unanimously, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board