

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HEALTH SERVICES

DATE: JANUARY 24, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS FRASIER
MCDEVITT
HOGAN (ZOOM)
BRAYMER (ZOOM)
CONOVER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS BEATY
GERACI

OTHERS PRESENT:

ROB YORK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (ZOOM)
DEANNA PARK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING (ZOOM)
REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH:
GINELLE JONES, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH/PATIENT SERVICES (ZOOM)
TAWN DRISCOLL, FISCAL MANAGER (ZOOM)
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
RYAN DICKEY, SECOND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL
LEGGETT
SEEBER (ZOOM)
STROUGH
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DENISE DiRESTA, DIRECTOR, VETERANS' SERVICES
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the January 24, 2022 meeting of the Health Services Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Note: Pursuant to New York State Legislation (S.50001/A.40001): "Notwithstanding the provisions of article 7 of the public officers law to the contrary, any state agency, department, corporation, office, authority, board, or commission, as well as any local public body, or public corporation as defined in section 66 of the general construction law, or political subdivisions as defined in section 100 of the general municipal law, or a committee or subcommittee or other similar body of such entity, shall be authorized to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorize 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 in attendance were physically present aside from Ms. Hogan and Ms. Braymer who attended virtually.

Mrs. Frasier called the meeting of the Health Services Committee to order at 12:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Messrs. Beaty and Geraci absent) to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

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

Commencing review of the Office for the Aging agenda, Deanna Park, *Director Office of the Aging*, explained the Office for the Aging would like to become a worksite for those individuals who received Department of Social Services benefits and were looking for work experience. She advised these workers would not take the place of existing employees, but rather they would provide additional assistance. She added that these workers could potentially earn positions at

mealsites or other departments within Warren County.

Regarding the Referral/Pending Items, Ms. Park provided an update on staffing issues at meal sites, informing they were delivering meals five day a week, but needed a driver for the Lake George mealsite and sixteen volunteers at the Glens Falls mealsite; she advised all of these vacancies were posted on the County website and were advertised via social media.

There being no further Office of the Aging business to discuss, review of the Mental Health agenda commenced with Rob York, *Director, Office of Community Services*, presenting the following requests:

- 1) To authorize two-year lease agreement with Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health to provide office space for the Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties at a cost of \$30,855.58 (\$2,573.22/mo.) for 2022 with a 2% increase for 2023.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Messrs. Beaty and Geraci absent) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To appoint Amy Secor to the Warren County Community Services Board for a term commencing February 18, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022 to fill the unexpired term of Joan Grishkot.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Messrs. Beaty and Geraci absent) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Regarding the Adirondack Peer to Peer RFP (*Request for Proposal*) Mr. York informed he was selecting committee members and had received three proposals.

There being no further Mental Health business to discuss, review of the Health Services agenda proceeded with Ginelle Jones, *Director, Public Health/Patient Services*, presenting the following requests:

- 1) To appoint/re-appoint members to the Warren County Health Services Professional Advisory Committee for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Messrs. Beaty and Geraci absent) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To appoint/re-appoint members to the Warren County Health Services Local Early Intervention Coordination Council Committee for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Messrs. Beaty and Geraci absent) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 3) To extend the lease agreement with Hudson Headwaters Health Network to provide space for WIC (*Woman, Infant and Child*) clinics at a rate of \$1.00 for the term March 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Messrs. Beaty and Geraci absent) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 4) To amend the contract with the current Certified Home Health Agency Physical Therapists to reflect the an additional “Start of Care” rate of \$100, commencing retroactive to January 1, 2022.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Messrs. Beaty and Geraci absent) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 5) To authorize a \$350/day per diem Saturday/Sunday call-in rate for the Director of Public Health/Patient Services and Assistant Director of Public Health, effective retroactive to January 1, 2022.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried by majority vote of those present, with Ms. Braymer abstaining, (Messrs. Beaty and Geraci absent), to approve the request as presented and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 6) To authorize a new agreement with Queensbury Union Free School District to provide pre-school special education services for Warren County eligible children, commencing March 1, 2022 and renewing automatically on an annual basis unless terminated by either party upon 30-days written notice.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Conover and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Messrs. Beaty and Geraci absent) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 7) To authorize a re-assignment agreement with MobileHelp, LLC dba Clear Arch Health for Telehealth services (current contract held with Honeywell/Resideo Life Care Solutions is being reassigned as the company has changed hands) under all the same contract terms authorized by Resolution No. 123 of 2019.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Messrs. Beaty and Geraci absent) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 8) To amend Resolution No. 267 of 2021, which authorized a grant agreement with NYSDOH/HRI for an ELC grant, to accept an additional \$200,000 in funding (to a total amount not to exceed \$1,930,012) and to extend the grant termination date to March 2023.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Messrs. Beaty and Geraci absent) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes. Note: subsequent to the meeting it was determined this resolution was not necessary because the authority to accept additional grant funds and to extend the grant term were provided within Resolution No. 267 of 2021.*

- 9) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$200,000 to reflect receipt of additional NYSDOH/HRI ELC grant funding.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Messrs. Beaty and Geraci absent) to approve the request as presented and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 10) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$7,560 to reflect receipt of additional funding from the State to support expenses related to call-in pay for the Director of Public Health/Patient Services and Assistant Director of Public Health.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Messrs. Beaty and Geraci absent) to approve the request as presented and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

11) For a transfer of funds in the amount of \$18,826 amongst various Budget Codes.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried by a majority vote of those present, with Ms. Braymer opposing (Messrs. Beaty and Geraci absent) to approve the request as presented 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 with an overview of the following documents included in the agenda packet:

- Report of Expenditures, Revenues, Overtime and Per Diem Use for 2021;
- Revenue and Expense Comparison Report for 2020 vs 2021;
- Status of Referrals;
- Emergency Response and Preparedness;
- Rabies Program Report; and
- Meeting/Conference Authorizations.

Mr. Conover commended that Ginelle Jones, *Director, Public Health/Patient Services*, and the Public Health Department for their exceptional work on Home Health Care during COVID-19 and sickness for those who were homebound.

There being no further business to come before the Health Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Messrs. Beaty and Geraci absent), Mrs. Frasier adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist