

HEALTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
STAMMEL, LAPIN, MARIETTA, BROCKWAY, BASILE
DECEMBER 8, 2020
9:45 a.m.

Under the current COVID-19 emergency/Executive orders, this committee meeting was not physically open to the public at the County Office Building. The meeting was streamed via facebookLIVE.

Members: Representative Stammel- present, via Zoom
Representative Lapin- present, via Zoom
Representative Marietta- present, via Zoom
Representative Brockway- present, via Zoom
Representative Basile- present, via Zoom

Also present via Zoom: Penney Gentile, Personnel Officer

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - HEIDI BOND via Zoom

Heidi Bond requested the following budget transfer:

- \$4,500 from A4042.547620 Rabies Clinic Expenses to A4042.547600 Rabies Testing and Treatment

Representative Marietta moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway.
Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

Heidi Bond gave the following updates:

- Coronavirus is exploding everywhere, cases increasing daily and hospitalizations are rising (18 hospitalizations as of 12/8/20)
- Struggling to get cases done; using overtime and weekends
- Needs to ask for more staff but needs to figure out what staff is needed and what would be the most beneficial
- Virus is circulating more now than this past Spring
- Bassett and Fox bed capacity - 4 ICU & 10/12 regular beds
- Everyone needs to take personal responsibility - do not gather, too risky
- As cases rise they may not be able to reach them in 24 hours; personal responsibility is if the person knows they're positive they need to let the people know who they've been in contact with know and to self-quarantine
- They do not have the authority to close restaurants and bars
- Schools make their decision to go remote on a case by case basis

- Metric for the “yellow” zone has changed
- Forward New York website has more detailed information on surge and flex

The committee is in support of an additional meeting to get assistance for the DOH if needed before the January meeting.

Representative Lapin asked if a liaison from SUNY should attend the Health and Education meetings once the students come back and the reopening starts to keep us apprised.

COMMUNITY SERVICES – SUSAN MATT via Zoom

Susan Matt stated that revenues are doing okay and they have a “draft audit” from the Medicaid Inspector General. Ms. Matt mentioned the “draft audit” gives them an opportunity to respond with corrective information and she is not expecting a huge liability but some liability.

Susan Matt requested approval to purchase TOVA testing supplies at a cost of \$300 for Mental Health (4310). And, approval to renew the license for drug screening through NYS Department of Health for Addiction Recovery Services (4250) at a cost of \$200. Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

Susan Matt requested approval to fill a funded Senior Account Clerk Typist position. Representative Basile moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

Susan Matt requested approval to allow up to 10 hours of overtime for billing staff per pay period for up to 90 days. Representative Basile moved for approval. Seconded, Marietta. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

Susan Matt requested approval to re-appoint the following members to the Mental Health Subcommittee effective January 1, 2021:

Marion Mossman
25 West Main St.
Milford, NY 13809

Jennifer Johnson-Carr
8 Susquehanna Ave.
Cooperstown, NY 13326

Michelle Zuk

46 Oneida St.
Oneonta, NY 13820

Susan Matt requested approval to appoint

Katharine Muir
County Route 28
Cooperstown, NY 13326

to the Mental Health Subcommittee effective January 1, 2021,

Susan Matt requested approval to re-appoint

Jessica Morton
27 Burnside Ave.
Oneonta, NY 13820

to the Community Services Board effective January 1, 2021

And, Susan Matt requested approval to appoint

Brooke Noble
PO Box 300
Otego, NY 13825

to the Addiction Subcommittee effective January 1, 2021.

Representative Brockway moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

Representative Stammel asked about the surveillance camera issue being resolved.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING - TAMIE REED via Zoom

Tamie Reed requested approval of the following 2021 Medicaid agreements managed by NY Connects (DSS agreements):

Consumer Directed Fiscal Intermediaries:

- Plan-it Staffing
- Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL)
- Visiting Nurses Home Care Corp (Albany)

Licensed Personal Care Agencies:

- At Home Care Partners, Inc
- U.S. Care Systems, Inc
- Visiting Nurses Home Care Corp (Albany)

Personal Emergency Response Unit:

- Phillips Lifeline-Healthcare Monitoring Systems
- American Medical Alert

Home Modifications (Medicaid):

- Otsego Rural Housing Authority

Assisted Living Provider:

- Robynwood

Universal Assessment System (UAS) Nurse Assessment:

- Otsego County Public Health Department (Current contract through 12/31/2021)

Possible New Contracts:

Universal Assessment System (UAS) Nurse Assessment:

- U.S. Care Systems

This would be utilized as a service in the event Public Health Department is not available due to increasing COVID-19 numbers and staffing.

Fiscal Intermediary for Consumer Directed Care:

- Maxim Healthcare

Initial contract signed and sent in January 2020, currently held up as NYS is not approving additional FI's during the pandemic. Will continue to try to work with them going forward in 2021.

Representative Marietta moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

Tamie Reed requested approval of the following OFA 2021 contracts:

- Caregiver Respite \$41,808: January 2021 - December 2021 - AHC Partners, Centers Cooperstown, Plan It Staffing, RCIL, US Care, VNA, Woodside Hall
- In-Home Support Services \$231,945: April 2021 - March 2022 - AHC Partners, RCIL, VNA, Plan It Staffing, US Care, Heather's Cleaning, Exceptional Cleaning
- Legal Services \$12,500: January – December 2021 – Legal Aid Society of Mid-NY
- Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) \$9,000: 1 year extension + (1) possible 1 year extension – Critical Signal Technologies (CST)

Representative Brockway moved for approval. Seconded, Basile. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

Tamie Reed requested approval of the following:

- Senior Meals Program \$25,000: January - December 2021 - Red Door, Hogan's Café, Unadilla Diner, Hartwick Diner, Worcester Inn

Representative Brockway moved for approval. Seconded, Basile. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

Tamie Reed requested approval to accept a \$20,000 grant from Alzheimer's Association of Central New York for caregiver respite services and to accept a \$20,000 grant from Rural Health Network of South Central New York for transportation capacity building. Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Basile. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

Tamie Reed requested approval for appointments to the OFA advisory council as presented. Representative Brockway moved approval. Seconded, Basile. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned.