

HEALTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
STAMMEL, LAPIN, MARIETTA, BROCKWAY, BASILE
January 12, 2021
9:00 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 and Representative Farwell

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - CAROL MCGOVERN via Zoom

Carol McGovern requested the following budget transfers:

- \$170 from A1185.54650 Subscriptions/Dues
- \$1,993.31 from A1185.540050 Mileage
- \$174.65 from A1185.545000 Materials and Supplies
- \$11,091.04 from A1985.549000 Sales Tax Contracts

for a grand total of \$13,429 to A1185.547110 Autopsy and Coroner Expense

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES – SUSAN MATT via Zoom

Susan Matt mentioned that the revenue report is the end of the year financials that will be adjusted and is still doing okay with collections. Ms. Matt gave an update on the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) audit stating it's over half a million dollars on claims from 2015 – 2018 with a \$92,000 penalty. The Medicaid Inspector General put in a requirement but the state never put in the software edit so they continued to pay people and didn't bounce the claim back. The state is required to inform the billing vendors of the requirement so the billing software is able to do it. The state is going after the providers when this is a failure at the state; as they didn't put the software edit in or fully inform them and the directives are unclear as to what should go into a particular data field. Ms. Matt has submitted the draft audit with a response

asking to rebill. Ms. Matt stated this is a billing error and there is nothing fraudulent. Ms. Matt has consulted with a special attorney who knows OMIG, as per Ellen Coccoma, County Attorney.

Susan Matt requested approval for the following purchase orders:

- AccuMedic Computer Systems, Inc., Suite 401, 11 Grace Avenue, Great Neck, NY 11021
MH A4310-549000 \$9,780
ARS A4250-549000 \$4,883
- DocuTrac, Inc., 1800 Dual Highway, Suite 306, Hagerstown, MD 21740
MH A4310-549000 \$7,476
ARS A4250-549000 \$3,420
- Insero & Co CPAs, LLP, 401 East State Street, Suite 500, Ithaca, NY 14850
MH A4310-549000 \$2,500
ARS A4250-549000 \$2,500
- Cardinal Health 411, Inc., 6012 Molloy Road, Syracuse, NY 13211
MH A4310-548950 \$20,000
- Hummel's Office Equipment Co, Inc., PO Box 351, Herkimer, NY 13350
MH A4310-545000 \$1,200

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

Susan Matt requested approval for the following budget transfer:

- \$75 from A4310.540100 Lodging/Meals/Tolls to A4310.546500 Subscriptions/Dues

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

Susan Matt informed the committee that the teleworking agreement will be extended through April 1, 2021.

Susan Matt requested approval to re-appoint:

Julie Dostal
16 Miles Ave.
Oneonta, NY 13820
Term: 1/1/21-12/31/24

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

Susan Matt requested approval to appoint:

Dan Maskin
3 West Broadway
Oneonta, NY 13820
Term 1/1/21- 12/31/24

and

Julie Dostal
16 Miles Ave.
Oneonta, NY 13820
Completing Ryan Alsheimer's term to 12/31/21, contingent on acceptance

to the Community Services Board. Representative Basile moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

Susan Matt gave an update on the 1A vaccine group, which includes her staff and reports the information to state agencies. The System of Care is doing well. Susan Matt explained the vaccination process of her staff.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING - TAMIE REED via Zoom

Tamie Reed requested approval to fill three (3) vacant, funded positions:

- Caseworker
- Business Office Manager
- Motor Vehicle Operator (P/T)

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

Tamie Reed provided brief updates on distributing over 300 gift bags/cards from local grocery stores, the Shoe Boxes for Seniors Event, homemade place mats and quilts from local quilt groups surprising and making seniors happy; and matching 58 isolated seniors with pen pals from local

schools. Ms. Reed gave a brief update on the roll out of the 1B (75+) vaccine group. Representative Stammel asked about the Meal Voucher Program.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION – DON SMYERS via Zoom

Don Smyers requested approval for Otsego County to enter into a contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension at a cost not to exceed \$180,000. Representative Marietta moved for approval. Seconded, Basile. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

Don Smyers mentioned he would be sending his quarterly report.

REPRESENTATIVE STAMMEL

Representative Stammel introduced and presented a resolution – Requesting that State Sen. Oberacker and Assemblyman Salka Promote and Support Legislation that will Increase the Number of Otsego County Residents Receiving the Covid-19 Vaccine. Representative Stammel moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - HEIDI BOND via Zoom

Heidi Bond gave the following updates including but not limited to:

- Uptick in cases; no cluster to pinpoint
- First open point of distribution vaccination clinic 1/11/2021; 8 am – 5 pm, vaccinated 200 people
- Appointments and eligibility through New York's Am I Eligible? link; email verification – no walk ins
- Two more clinics will be scheduled this week
- State hotline for people who do not have internet access or email
- Covid-19 map; not being updated or supported as of 1/1/21 and needs to be removed
- High rate of infection everywhere; take precautions
- Future communication at H&E meetings with SUNY and Hartwick officials
- Highest number of cases since the college outbreak
- State to release vaccine to pharmacies and medical providers
- Need more testing for asymptomatic people
- Suggestion to keep updated clinic information on the County website

E911 - ROB O'BRIEN via Zoom

Rob O'Brien requested an executive session to discuss personnel. Representative Brockway moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

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