

**HEALTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
STAMMEL, LAPIN, MARIETTA, BROCKWAY, BASILE
February 9, 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 - absent, via Zoom
Representative Brockway - present, via Zoom
Representative Basile - present, via Zoom

E911 - ROB O'BRIEN via Zoom

Rob O'Brien requested approval for a resolution instituting procedure for the dispatch of calls and payments to coroners. Representative Basile moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,764; Absent: 390-Marietta. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES – SUSAN MATT via Zoom

Susan Matt mentioned financial collections are down for 2021. Ms. Matt said there have not been any candidates for the vacant Senior Account Clerk Typist position. Ms. Matt gave an update on the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) audit stating that she submitted an amendment to the draft audit. And, after reviewing the claims in question, 100% of the claims were eligible for payment. The special attorney who knows OMIG said this may just go away.

Susan Matt gave an update regarding the \$74,000 criminal action charges. OMH said we had to pay as it's based on the order that put the person in jail. Ms. Matt said that they haven't paid, they haven't heard anything, the last bill received was in the spring of 2020 and the Sheriff hasn't received a bill either. OMH does not have a MOU with the Sheriff and because OMH does not have an agreement, this would be a reason why they would pay these charges.

Susan Matt mentioned that they were part of a 14 county grant for OASAS on the strategic opiate response money that they get from the federal government. Ms. Matt put in for a Community Health Worker and a referral

platform. If they get it, they should get about \$95,000 to help offset some of the cost of staff.

Susan Matt requested approval to purchase shredding services for Mental Health (A4310.548000) \$300 and Addition Recovery Services (A4250.548000) \$100. Representative Basile moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,764; Absent: 390- Marietta. Motion carried.

Susan Matt requested approval to purchase through Cardinal Health, Inc. for Mental Health (A4310.548950) \$5,500. Representative Brockway moved for approval. Seconded, Basile. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,764; Absent: 390- Marietta. Motion carried.

Susan Matt requested approval to appoint:

Bill Hayes
733 Co. Hwy. 59
Cooperstown, NY 13326
Term 1/1/21- 12/31/24

to the Mental Health Subcommittee. Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,764; Absent: 390- Marietta. Motion carried.

Susan Matt gave an update on her staff stating that 20 have had the second dose of the vaccine.

Susan Matt stated that she is planning on retiring by the end of summer.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - HEIDI BOND via Zoom

Heidi Bond requested approval to pay NYSACHO dues in the amount of \$2,368.40. Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Basile. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,764; Absent: 390- Marietta. Motion carried.

Heidi Bond requested approval for blanket purchase orders to purchase vaccines for 2021 not to exceed \$23,000. Representative Basile moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,764; Absent: 390- Marietta. Motion carried.

Heidi Bond requested approval to continue contracting with McGuinness & Associates for the preschool program billing/medicaid and State claiming technical support in the amount of \$11,750. Representative Basile moved for

approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,764; Absent: 390- Marietta. Motion carried.

Heidi Bond requested approval to contract for the Department of Health's preschool program contracted services for the 2021 year. Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Basile. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,764; Absent: 390- Marietta. Motion carried.

Heidi Bond requested approval to contract with HRI to receive grant funds in the amount of \$49,625 for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness program for July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Representative Brockway moved for approval. Seconded, Basile. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,764; Absent: 390- Marietta. Motion carried.

Heidi Bond stated that she will be putting out an RFP for the STD clinic as it has been three years.

Heidi Bond gave an update on the vaccine clinics and that they are getting into the second dose clinics. They are receiving about 100 doses of the vaccine per week for first dose clinics focused on the 1B category criteria. If people got their first dose with them, they are guaranteed to get their second dose with them; the DOH has been emailing the people a link to register to a closed clinic. Ms. Bond plans on having discussions with Bassett and Fox on the best way to administer the vaccine to people with chronic medical conditions. Ms. Bond stated that the state guidance received was that the people don't necessarily have to be county residents but state residents. The DOH has been asking for proof from them meeting the 1B criteria; such as a note from their doctor, signing an attestation stating they have a chronic medical condition or a printout of their online health record. The DOH is still not able to vaccinate people over 65 and the state requires them to go to a pharmacy.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING - TAMIE REED via Zoom

Tamie Reed requested approval to fill a Motor Vehicle Operator (P/T – Temp). Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Basile. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,764; Absent: 390- Marietta. Motion carried.

Tamie Reed requested approval for the following budget modification:

\$17,665.00 from A-60-6772-0000-447722 to A-60-6772-0000-510000

Representative Brockway moved for approval. Seconded, Basile. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,764; Absent: 390- Marietta. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING - PENNY SEEGER via Zoom

Penny Seeger gave updates from the Summer Program:

- Served 50 youth
- No Covid cases arose
- Helped with the Downtown Project (restaurants with outside dining)
- Increased the wage & hours due to being underspent

Penny Seeger mentioned that the DOL has co-located with them and are primarily working from home focused on unemployment. OET is currently by appointment only. Ms. Seeger mentioned that they have been contacted by an agency in Binghamton that has a contract to hire people for state vaccination clinics. OET has four staff and two youth for work experience. OET will begin marketing through CDO workforce. Ms. Seeger received approval for an IT grant and a Healthcare grant that our area will be a part of, specifics are still to come. OET in coordination with OFO will be having a one week Weatherization Boot camp training (earning certifications and tools, clothing, etc.) at the end of March. Ms. Seeger plans on asking for the summer resolution next month.

Representative Marietta joined the meeting via Zoom during the above discussion and requested Ms. Seeger to send the committee an email on the grants once she receives more details.

Representative Basile left the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

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