

HEALTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
STAMMEL, LAPIN, MARIETTA, BROCKWAY, BASILE
March 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 - present, via Zoom
Representative Brockway - present, via Zoom
Representative Basile – absent

Also present via Zoom: Penney Gentile, Personnel Officer

COMMUNITY SERVICES – SUSAN MATT via Zoom

Susan Matt mentioned the financial revenue report collections were good last month and is mostly 2020 revenue. Ms. Matt gave a brief update on the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) draft audit stating that if they move forward with this, subsequent audits will effect 331 clinics and \$150 million in payback; NYS was audited by the feds in 2014 and these were deficiencies in that NYS never corrected them, so it will become quite the legal issue if it moves forward.

Susan Matt gave a brief update about the criminal action charges and stated that the emergency admission from the jail directly to a forensic facility is not billable to the County; in the clear for any criminal action charges to date.

Susan Matt mentioned that they were awarded about \$95,000 through the OASAS grant and pending the press release. Ms. Matt also stated that at a SAMSA National Conference, Otsego County System of Care was selected to highlight what's going on in New York, putting us in a very good position for the next round of applications.

Susan Matt requested approval to purchase phone equipment from RONCO (MH A4310.541000) in the amount of \$499.98. Representative Marietta moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,815; Absent: 339- Basile. Motion carried.

Representative Basile joined the meeting via Zoom.

Susan Matt requested approval for print advertising at a cost not to exceed \$600. Representative Marietta moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

Susan Matt requested approval to extend approved overtime of up to 10 hours per pay period for billing staff through June 30, 2021. Representative Basile moved for approval. Seconded, Marietta. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

Susan Matt requested approval to appoint:

Todd Hansen
35 Academy Street
Oneonta, NY 13820
Completing Term: 12/31/23
(Pat Knuth resigning)

to the Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee,

Christopher Bradley
154 ½ River Street
Oneonta, NY 13820
Term: 1/1/21 – 12/31/24
(replacing Sarah Buttice)

to the Addictions Subcommittee,

Patricia Kennedy
Springbrook
2705 County Highway 28
Oneonta, NY 13820
Term: 12/31/24
(Pat Knuth resigning)

and to re-appoint:

Lucinda Levene
27 Susquehanna Ave
Cooperstown, NY 13326
Term: 1/1/21 – 12/31/24

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

OFFICE FOR THE AGING - TAMIE REED via Zoom

Tamie Reed requested approval for the following budget modification to accept federal grant funds for Veteran Directed Care Program:

\$15,000.00 from A-60-6772-0000-449890 to A-60-6772-0000-549890

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

Tamie Reed requested approval to contract with Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL) for \$15,000.00 for Veteran Direct Care Program. Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Basile. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 2,154. Motion carried.

Tamie Reed mentioned that AARP volunteers will be providing tax assistance with limited capacity, contact OFA for more information.

Representative Basile left the meeting.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION – JIM BARBER, AG AND FARMLAND IMPLEMENTATION SPECIALIST and DAN SULLIVAN, CHAIR of the AG IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE via Zoom

Jim Barber updated and discussed progress reports including but not limited to the online Farmers' Market, Guide to Farming in Otsego County, New York Grown and Certified Food Safety Grants, Educational and Technical Assistance; Dan Sullivan commented on the existence of the Farmland Protection Plan; Mr. Barber continued with future projects being Food Hubs, support, expand and suitable location for a year-round Oneonta Farmers' Market, the Hartwick College Small Grain Innovation Center and hosting roundtables.

Representative Lapin mentioned that we are approaching the 5-year mark of the Ag and Farmland Protection Plan and the County may want to consider whether it wants to apply for another grant to facilitate that process.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - HEIDI BOND via Zoom

Heidi Bond requested approval to purchase 3 laptops and 2 portable printers for COVID vaccination response at a cost of \$2,630.00. Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,815; Absent: 339- Basile. Motion carried.

Heidi Bond discussed the recent uptick in cases amongst the college population; both colleges are testing students and staff, the more testing is done the more cases there will be. Ms. Bond speaks with both colleges daily. Representative Lapin suggested to invite both colleges to the next Health and Ed meeting for an update. Ms. Bond continued with updates stating there have been an increase in cases besides the colleges. And, vaccination efforts continue: Bassett vaccinated over 1,170 Otsego residents over the age of 65 last weekend, DOH has 5 clinics this week, working on the second dose, continue to get 100 doses for the 1B worker, 100 doses for the 65+ group, 100 doses allocated for the OPWDD and people with comorbidities (working with Springbrook) and 200 doses of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine allocated for homebound people (anyone homebound should contact the DOH). Ms. Bond plans on linking both college websites on the County website and continue with the monthly breakdowns.

Representative Stammel asked Penney Gentile, Personnel Officer about the PRGS review schedule and process timing.

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