

**HEALTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**STAMMEL, CLARK, MARTINI, SHANNON, LAPIN**  
**April 15, 2019**

Absent: Representative Clark

**CORONERS- TERRY KNAPP AND CHRISTIAN SCHAEFER**

Terry Knapp and Christian Schaefer requested approval to be reimbursed for attending the NYSACCME Conference at the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown on March 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at a cost of \$275 per person. Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 1,218; Absent: 902- Clark and Lapin. Motion carried.

Terry Knapp requested that a letter be written from the County to the Administrator at Cooperstown Centers requesting 2 death register books noting that these books are records of death from the Poor House farm, the Otsego County Infirmary and the Otsego Manor.

Terry Knapp gave an update on the electronic Death Certificates that started 2/7/19 noting that it is working well; there are some glitches with the system, and it takes a little longer to complete the process than before.

Terry Knapp gave an update on the computer hardware and software from the State Department noting that the grant was provided by the CDC, 5 laptops were requested back in December 2018, and on 3/26/19 the State noted that they are in process of submitting the survey results to the CDC Foundation, once that is complete they will approve or deny the request. Terry Knapp stated that the NYSDOH will then order the computers if the request is granted and the DOH is looking into which case management software to use.

Representative Lapin entered the meeting.

Representative Martini moved for an executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 1,566; Absent: 554-Clark. Motion carried.

The committee reconvened.

**CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION- DON SMYERS**

Don Smyers distributed the operating budget for year end 2018, along with the 2018 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter report and the Spring 2019 NY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops team newsletter, noting there was a \$39,000 operating loss for 2018.

Don Smyers gave an update on the Dairy, Livestock and Field Crop teams including but not limited to: team costs have increased- it is \$40,000 for Otsego County's portion- it is based on census of Ag for the County-pro-rated on number of animals and number of crops in the County, the team covers 8 counties, the Notice to leave the team was sent out in February- must be a 6 month notice to end the contract, technical services would no longer be provided for Agricultural, the team employees are employed by Cornell University, and Otsego County has been part of the team for 25 years. Don Smyers stated that the team will be coming to the May 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting to present.

Representative Lapin stated that he heard about the County leaving the field crop team by a concerned farmer, the decision has already been made and now we can only be reactive, noting that something could have been done to slow it down, change course, try to avert it, and have a collaborative approach earlier on.

Don Smyers apologized and stated it was not his intent to blindside anyone, there is a communication problem and stated he asked for \$200,000 from the County last fall.

The committee and Don Smyers continued discussions on:

- withdrawing the request to exit the team if the operating loss can be funded by the County or leave the team for 5 months and rejoining in 2020
- the fluctuation of the County's appropriation over the years
- the committee requested more data (qualitative vs. quantitative)
- surveys/feedback/testimonials from farmers would be good to hear
- the potential for grant funding for Cornell Cooperative Extension ( the committee asked that Don Smyers reach out to Otsego Now, Salka, Delgado, Otsego County Planning Department, look into CFA application, USDA grant, SARA grant,)

## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH –CHERYL STRONG, MATT JOHNSON, ALEX SCORZAFAVA**

Cheryl Strong distributed updates on department programs.

Matt Johnson and Alex Scorzafava gave an update on the Healthier Living Expo that was held on April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> noting the following including but not limited to:

- surveys done this year- still gathering the data
- attendance was up 60-70% from last year
- 50% of the attendees stated it was their 1<sup>st</sup> year attending
- 2,000-2,800 total attendees- huge for a County this size
- there were 725 school kids in attendance on Friday
- food drive was a success
- 205 radon test kits, 64 bike helmets were given out
- 250 different health screenings were done
- 170 people were trained to administer Narcan

- car seat checks were done
- photos from expo will be on new County website
- it was clearly a team effort from the whole department as well as other County departments
- working on next year's event and getting sponsors as there will be no district funding

Alex Scorzafava gave an update on the Emergency Preparedness Conference/Summit that he attended last month in St. Louis noting that there were a lot of presentations including 2 on cyber, 1 on Hepatitis A which is growing as opioid use is growing, its important to get the high risk population vaccinated, it was a great experience, and being a rural health department its not what you know, it's who you know. Alex Scorzafava stated that he is always soliciting volunteers for the Medical Reserve Corp.

Cheryl Strong gave an update on the Preschool rates for related service providers noting that in July 2019 it will increase from \$50 to \$60 per 30 minute session and Early Intervention is also getting a slight increase.

Cheryl Strong requested approval for a Resolution in support of the consolidation of Vital Statistic Registrar Districts for Town of Butternuts & Village of Gilbertsville. Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 1,566; Absent: 554-Clark. Motion carried.

### **OFFICE FOR THE AGING- TAMIE MACDONALD**

Tamie MacDonald requested approval for her and one other staff member to attend the Aging Concerns Unite Us Conference on June 10<sup>th</sup>-June 12<sup>th</sup>, in Albany, NY not to exceed \$1200 including mileage and as budgeted. Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 1,566; Absent: 554-Clark. Motion carried.

Tamie MacDonald requested approval for a Resolution to declare May as Older American's Month. Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 1,566; Absent: 554-Clark. Motion carried.

Tamie MacDonald gave an update on the budget balance recap through 3/31/19 noting that the budget is in good shape in all areas.

Representative Lapin asked about the EISEP and III-E programs. Tamie MacDonald stated that EISEP is the Expanded in Home Services for the Elderly program which is State funded and III-E is Federal funded.

Tamie MacDonald discussed the Sheriff's Department contracting with Trinity for meals for the Jail including but not limited to the following:

- Trinity starts today for the Jail meals
- will be using the Central Kitchen to prepare the meals
- 2 different populations and standards
- will use the same staff
- working with the County Attorney on language for the contract
- will need to do an MOU with the Sheriff's Department
- 2 of the 3 Jail meals will be cold
- breakdown of communication on all levels is a concern

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES –MARTHA QUACKENBUSH**

Martha Quackenbush reviewed the revenue report.

Martha Quackenbush requested approval for the following budget transfer:

\$87 from 4315.4005 Mileage to 4315.4500 Materials and Supplies

Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin; Total: 2,120; Ayes: 1,566; Absent: 554-Clark. Motion carried.

Martha Quackenbush requested approval to amend Resolution No. 41-20190206 with Friends of Recovery of Delaware and Otsego to increase funding by \$128,400 (\$471,600) for the adolescent and young adult clubhouse expansion and recovery support services, funding is 100% State Aid from NYS OASAS (line 4627.4800) and shall not exceed \$604,120 for the duration of the contract from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 1,566; Absent: 554-Clark. Motion carried.

Martha Quackenbush requested approval for a Resolution to proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month and May 9<sup>th</sup> as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 1,566; Absent: 554-Clark. Motion carried.

Martha Quackenbush noted that James Zians and Rebecca Carrington have both resigned from the Addictions Subcommittee effective March 31, 2019.

Martha Quackenbush requested approval to fill a vacant funded Senior Account Clerk Typist position due to a resignation and back fill an Account Clerk Typist position. Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 1,566; Absent: 554-Clark. Motion carried.

Martha Quackenbush requested approval to fill a vacant funded Addictions Counselor I position due to a resignation. Representative Martini

moved for approval. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 1,566; Absent: 554-Clark. Motion carried.

## **OTHER**

Representative Stammel stated for the record, the Committee acknowledges receipt of a letter from Albert Colone, Oneonta, NY noting his concerns with the RSS housing development project in the City of Oneonta.

The committee discussed the RSS housing project including but not limited to:

- it is frustrating that everyone is not on the same page with this project
- people do not have all the facts
- little discussion has been had on this project
- a lot of questions need to be asked
- could the location be changed if it is a County initiative, does it need to be in the City of Oneonta?
- County is being misrepresented as we have no control over the project

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned until Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Meadows Building.