

Health & Human Services
June 28, 2016
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair John Peck, Legislators Michael Docteur, Allen Drake, Jeremiah Maxon, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Anthony Doldo

Others Present: Legislators William Johnson, Philip Reed, Michael Montigelli, and Daniel McBride, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, County Attorney David Paulsen, Community Services Director Roger Ambrose, Public Health Director Ginger Hall, Information Technology Director Gregory Hudson, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Brian Molongoski, WWNY TV Reporter, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Public Health Director Hall advised that another press release went out today concerning 2 more animals in the County that tested positive for rabies. She said more animals are being submitted for testing, and the USDA is picking up more animals and that will continue so there will most likely be more cases. She advised that they are continuing with education outreach, including a coloring book for kids that was put together by the Health Planner, about not touching wild animals, what to do if you find an animal acting strange and what to do so animals aren't attracted to your yard. She said they have been referring people to the one nuisance officer in the County that will trap animals that are hanging around. She said rabies clinics and bait drops will be held throughout the summer. While not a popular thought, she hoped for a stronger winter this year for a better rabies season next year.

The Committee approved the May minutes, as written.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution authorizing agreements for provision of mental hygiene services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Docteur seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution amending the 2016 County Budget to allocate additional State aid for Community Services programs and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Doldo and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution amending the 2016 County Budget and authorizing an agreement with Credo Community Center for the Treatment of Addictions, Inc. in relation thereto, and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Docteur and seconded by Legislator Maxon. Roger Ambrose advised that Credo Executive Director James Scordo was unable to attend tonight's meeting but would be here next month to make sure the Committee was familiar with the new opiate treatment program at Credo.

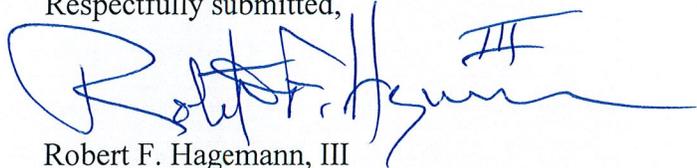
He advised that this is one allocation of two from the State in line with all the efforts they are undertaking to combat the heroin epidemic. The program will allow for prescriptions of methadone and other treatment drugs to be available in the North Country. He said the program will start in July in terms of hiring staff and getting things set up, and the treatment program will begin in August. Mr. Ambrose reiterated that Mr. Scordo would be in attendance next month to give the Committee an in depth look into the program. In response to a question Mr. Ambrose stated that the program is for adults as well as juveniles, and it will involve outpatient and other residential treatment for adults. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution accepting funding for NYSDOH COLAs for Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and rabies expense, and amending the 2016 County Budget in relation thereto, and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Mr. Hagemann noted that the minutes of the June Professional Advisory Committee meeting were on legislators desks for their information.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Doldo and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board