

Health & Human Services
July 26, 2016
Minutes

Members Present: Acting Committee Chair Anthony Doldo, Legislators Allen Drake, Jeremiah Maxon, and Robert Ferris

Others Present: Legislators Daniel McBride and James Nabywaniec, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, County Attorney David Pauslen, Office for Aging and Veterans Service Agency Director Peter Fazio, Community Services Director Roger Ambrose, Public Health Director Ginger Hall, Information Technology Director Gregory Hudson, Interim Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Real Property Tax Services Director Paul Warneck, County Treasurer Karen Christie, Credo Executive Director James Scordo, Credo Opiod Treatment Program Medical Director Dr. Pisaniello, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Acting Chairman Doldo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and offered privilege of the floor, however no one present wished to address the Committee. The Committee approved the minutes of the June meeting, as written.

Mr. Ambrose advised said that the Commissioner of New York State Office of Alcohol & Substance Abuse Services was in Watertown last week and announced Jefferson County was awarded a Recovery Center to be operated by Pivot and an Opiod Treatment Program at Credo. He introduced James Scordo to give an overview of the program that will be offered by Credo.

Mr. Scordo advised that New York State has opened 12 different opiod treatment programs in the State since 2013 in response to the heroin epidemic, however there is no program between Syracuse and Plattsburgh. He said Credo was asked by the State to consider offering that service so they visited clinics and did researched about the program. He determined there was significant need so Credo put a program together, applied for the funding and recently received approval from the State to operate an opiod treatment program. He introduced Dr. Pisaniello who will be the Medical Director for the new Opiod Treatment Program (OTP) at Credo, and they outlined the program to the Committee noting that it will be opening on August 1, 2016 and patients will be treated on an outpatient basis using Methadone, Suboxone and Vivtrol. Initially they are hoping to have a caseload of 100 patients by the end of the first year, which may not necessarily be all new patients, some will most likely move over from other programs Credo currently offers. They said the program has the ability to treat up to 300 patients but they do not anticipate anywhere near that amount for some time. The operating costs of the program will be borne solely by New York State, and the cost for patients is covered under Medicaid, private insurance or private pay. There was considerable discussion and they answered questions of Legislators concerning the operations of the program, treatment options, and patients who would participate in the program.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution authorizing agreement with NNY Seniors Helping Seniors, Inc., dba Seniors Helping Seniors for the provision of in-home housekeeping services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution amending the 2016 County Budget relative to Opiate Treatment Program with Credo Community Center for the Treatment of Addictions, Inc. and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

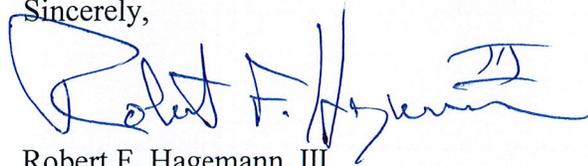
Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution amending the 2016 County Budget to allocate additional State Aid relative to Community Services Programs and correctly align State and Federal Aid funding and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution accepting funding for NYSDOH COLA for Immunization Action Plan and amending the 2016 County Budget in relation thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Maxon and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution authorizing amended agreement for Home Health Care services to Public Health in relation to NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) Workforce Development Funding and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Maxon and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Maxon and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is stylized and includes a large initial "R" and "H".

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board