

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 2019

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: LaPointe, Idleman, Campbell, Skellie, Ferguson, Middleton, Clary

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

SUPERVISORS: Moore, Fedler, Shaw, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Hogan,
Debra Prehoda, Clerk Al Nolette, County Treasurer

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Patty Hunt, Director Public Health

Tammy DeLorme, Commissioner DSS

Ken Marrwinchell, Veterans Director

Kathy McIntyre, Asst. Dir. Public Health

Mike Gray, Director Youth Bureau

Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, OFA/ADRC Director

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1) Call to Order

2) Accept Minutes – July 31, 2019

3) Department Reports/Requests:

A. LEAP/EOC

1) Workforce Development Board Appointments/Re-Appointments

B. Veterans

1) Introduce Program Coordinator for Warren/Washington Veterans Peer Support Program

C. OFA/ADRC

1) Department Updates

D. Social Services

1) Code Blue/STSJP Plan Submissions

2) Overnight Stay Permission Request

3) Department Updates

E. Public Health

1) Department Updates

2) Miscellaneous

4) Other Business

5) Adjournment

Chairman LaPointe called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2019 meeting was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Middleton and adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/REQUESTS:

OFA/ADRC – Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

• Department Updates:

- Unmet Needs Funding – Recognized in the 2019 budget \$56,152 which was additional monies put in the Governor's budget to address unmet needs. This past week the Director submitted the application for the plan on how to address the unmet needs in Washington County. The department was to focus that money on their current wait list back in 2017 - 2018. The wait list at that time had 22 people on it and at this time all of those clients have been served except one that is being offered an alternative service of home delivered meals. At the current time, they still have a wait list with 42 people on it. The plan moving forward is to serve 8 of those individuals on the current wait list with home care services and additional people, who are non-Medicaid, they are going to be offering ancillary services to include home modifications – i.e. ramp; home maintenance and repair – i.e. storm windows,

doors; assisted devices and equipment – to help with any limitations they might have, i.e. modified telephone or stair glide; and household appliances – help the person maintain independence in their home – air conditioner for someone with COPD. All of these people served under this funding will receive case management services and have a Caseworker assigned to them.

- Stickers – Alternate Phone Number to Call if 911 Center is Disabled - Real Property will distribute with any new 911 address. They have done some public announcements and will provide this information in the Senior Times, on the website and Facebook to get the information out.

LEAP/EOC: Megan LaPorte, Director of Career and Family Services, addressed the committee:

- Workforce Development Board Appointments/Re-Appointments – Six members from Washington County serve on the Workforce Development Board. Requesting to reappoint two members and she will confirm their willingness to continue to serve and also wants the terms to expire in June or December for consistency. A motion to reappoint Scott Brazie and Joseph Sarafini for terms expiring in the month of June was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Middleton and adopted.
- In the process of looking for a new Executive Director. The Treasurer stated they are interviewing candidates tomorrow and hopefully will have an announcement and decision by September 9th when the full Board meets.

SOCIAL SERVICES – Tammy DeLorme, Commissioner, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Code Blue/STSJP Plan Submissions – Received guidance from the State for both the Code Blue and STSJP Plan submissions. The Code Blue plan (alert called when temperature expected to fall below 32°F with wind chill for two consecutive hours – DSS required to program for anyone who would be homeless at those times) has to be submitted by September 13th and does not require the Chairman's signature. This is a state requirement and they have continued to fund it at 100%. For these services, the Commissioner utilizes the Open Door Mission shelter. In last year's plan, the Commissioner requested up to \$95,568 and claimed \$65,000 so far. The STSJP (Supervision Treatment Services Juvenile Program) does require Chairman's signature. They receive a capped amount of funds each year and last year they wrote the plan for claiming up to \$165,000 of which \$101,000 was state share. These services are provided primarily through Youth/Alternative Sentencing. The program services are directed toward juveniles making healthy decisions and developing skills and this year will expand to include family support programs. Funds can be transferred from detention, \$113,000, into STSJP and last year they transferred \$52,000 and once transferred it becomes a 38% share for the County and 62% State. The STSJP funding will fund the services they collaborate on with Youth/Alternative Sentencing. A motion to authorize Chairman to sign STSJP plan was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Skellie and Mrs. Clary and adopted.

- Overnight Stay Request – NYS Public Welfare Association in Latham October 2nd – 3rd. This is included in her budget. A motion to approve overnight stay for NYS Public Welfare Association meeting in Latham on October 2nd – 3rd was moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Ms. Idleman and adopted.
- Department Updates: Training offering, Drama-Free Work, Preventing & Reversing Workplace Tension & Mistrust, through the Adirondack EAP. This will be held at the Pruyn Pavilion. The first day is open to the public and the cost is \$129. She would like to send someone to this training and also for the two additional days of training at a higher expense and then that person could then become a trainer of this and be licensed to provide that training for them. The second day is for people with experience delivering training and the cost is \$900 which includes the first day, includes materials and the rights to present the seminar. The third day cost an additional \$600 for advanced skills. She has funds in the budget and someone to attend. The dates are October 8th, 9th and 10th. The County Attorney suggested that the Senior Safety Officer should be the person sent to this training because training is the responsibility of that position. Reservations are due. The County Attorney stated as long as you approve the expenditure, the Commissioner and County Attorney will work out getting someone to attend. The Commissioner stated DSS has funding for DSS staff to attend the training. A motion to approve training expenditure for Drama-Free Work, Preventing & Reversing Workplace Tension & Mistrust was moved by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Ms. Idleman. Discussion. DSS and the County Attorney need to work out who is attending. A motion to amend to approve up to \$1,500 was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Middleton and adopted. They will determine how many days. The motion to approve training expenditure for Drama-Free Work, Preventing & Reversing Workplace Tension & Mistrust was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Ms. Idleman and adopted as amended.

VETERANS – Ken Marrwinchell, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Program Coordinator for Warren/Washington Veterans Peer Support Program was not available to attend today's meeting. Director Marrwinchell stated this program is seeking veterans to mentor veterans. Looking for volunteers that are willing to volunteer their time to support veterans by meeting up with a veteran and spend some time, doing a buddy check, provide transportation to a doctor's appointment or to get groceries and go out to have a cup of coffee with. Please have volunteers contact his office, the Warren County Veterans Office or go to the website for the Program Coordinator's contact information. They are also working to try to partner with Cool Arena to get some advertising out during hockey games and advertise on billboards for more exposure for the program.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Patty Hunt, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Department Updates:
 - Grant expenses related to Bioterrorism (BT) grant:
 - Request to purchase four stop the bleed kits to be housed with AUD units. They are seeking training in the fall on stop the bleed and the dates are being worked out. A motion to approve purchase of stop the bleed kits from the BT grant in the amount of \$235.56 was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson and adopted.

- Conference Phone – Used for training/webinars and would allow Coroner’s physician to call into Coroners meetings. 100% grant funded. A motion to approve purchase of conference phone in the amount of \$238.47, 100% grant funded, was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Ms. Idleman and adopted.
- WIC Purchases – Federal grant year ends in September and requesting to purchase items/restock: baby t-shirts, rattle keys, storage trays, booklets, tote bags and pens in excess of \$1,000 was moved by Ms. Idleman, seconded by Mr. Ferguson and adopted.
- NYSACHO Conference – A motion to approve overnight stay and \$75 registration fee for annual NYACHO conference in October in Clayton, NY was moved by Mr. Middleton, seconded by Mr. Ferguson and adopted.
- Fair Award - Public Health did a super hero theme at the fair that was well received. She stated the building needs a ramp for accessibility.

YOUTH BUREAU – Mike Gray, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Community Practice Grant – Requesting to spend \$1300 remaining from a \$48,000 grant that was split between Warren and Washington Counties expiring September 30th. A motion to approve expenditure of \$1,300 from Community Practice grant, 100% State money, for two movie showings of “The Like Movie” at Greenwich Central School on September 26th at 7PM was moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted. It has to be prepaid and they will use the credit card and be reimbursed by the State.
- Safe Harbour – Sponsoring Adverse Childhood Experiences training on September 18th, handout attached. A motion to approve expenditure of up to \$200 for light refreshments, money in his budget, was moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Middleton and adopted. Call the office if you want to attend.
- Booth at Fair – Displayed plaque received.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MENTAL HEALTH – Roger Wickes, County Attorney, stated he spoke with Rob York, Mental Health Director, this morning and he is requesting to issue an RFP for joint Warren/Washington Counties mental health services and asked if Warren County could issue the RFP and then each county would award their portion of the joint funding. A motion to approve Warren County issuing RFP for joint Warren/Washington Counties mental health services was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Messrs. Ferguson and Middleton and adopted.

Mrs. Clary stated the Board should ask Glens Falls Hospital what their plan is and where are they going with physical and mental health services. She feels this is a serious concern and would like a meeting with the hospital. She has spoken with Hudson Headwaters about rural health care issues and they are seeking a grant for mobile vans to provide physical and mental health services. They are looking at serving our county. Chairman LaPointe stated he will ask the Board Chairman to contact Glens Falls Hospital and Hudson Headwaters to set up a meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Debra Prehoda, Clerk
Washington County Board of Supervisors



Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)

How do I reserve a spot?

Please contact the Washington County Youth Bureau at **518-746-2330** in order to claim a free spot for our upcoming ACES Training. There will be a morning and afternoon session.

**Location: 383 Broadway
Building B Basement Floor
Fort Edward, NY 12828**



**September 18th
9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm**

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

What Are ACEs?

Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are traumatic events occurring before age 18. ACEs include all types of abuse and neglect as well as parental mental illness, substance use, divorce, incarceration, and domestic violence. A landmark study in the 1990s found a significant relationship between the number of ACEs a person experienced and a variety of negative outcomes in adulthood, including poor physical and mental health, substance abuse, and risky behaviors.¹ The more ACEs experienced, the greater the risk for these outcomes. By definition, children in the child welfare system have suffered at least one ACE. Recent studies have shown that, in comparison to the general population, these children are far more likely to have experienced at least four ACEs (42 percent vs. 12.5 percent).