

HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 28, 2009

HEALTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Scribner, G. Hall, Suprenant, Campbell

HEALTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Banks, N. Hall, Shay

SUPERVISORS: LaPointe

Patty Hunt, Director of Public Health

Tom Quinlan, Comptroller PV

Tina McDougall, PH Fiscal Manager

Doug Cosey, Administrator PV

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Kevin Hayes, County Administrator

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes – November 26, 2008
- 3) Department Reports/Request
  - A) Public Health
    - 1) Fiscal Report
    - 2) Re-organization Update
    - 3) Public Health Program Update
    - 4) Miscellaneous
  - B) Pleasant Valley
    - 1) Review PV Organization Chart
    - 2) 2009-2010 Proposed Executive Budget Impact
    - 3) 5 Star Nursing Home Rating System
    - 4) 2009 Facility Operation Plan
    - 5) Fiscal Report
    - 6) Miscellaneous
- 4) Other Business
- 5) Adjournment

Chairman Scribner called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Mr. LaPointe arrived at 1:05 making a quorum. Mr. Campbell arrived at 1:15 P.M.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2008 meeting was moved by Mr. Suprenant, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.

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

- Fiscal Report – Tina McDougall, Fiscal Manager, distributed and explained the 2008 budget to actual figures, handout on file. The agency is continuing to have problems with the Medicaid claims with the Department of Health. DOH is indicating it is a system problem. They are not paying for any of our therapies or home health claims for CHHA. They owe us approximately \$47,000 at this time. No payments have been received since September 1<sup>st</sup>. For the committee's information, Tina stated that \$93,000 will be paid out to the school districts in February for preschool/early intervention excess administrative costs that in the past they used to received back 59.5% but the State has changed that law last year and it is now 100% County cost. Impacts of the Governor's proposed budget includes the following: reduce state aid claims article 6 funding by 2% and reduced several grants (lead, rabies, immunization) so in total for state aid reductions at this point of the year, a reduction of \$9,900 in state aid. In the 2009-2010 state budget there is a proposal to eliminate bioterrorism funding, article 6 funds for preschool program – administrative costs are claimed and proposing to eliminate from claim, and a positive change on the early intervention administrative cost/service coordination. Patty is unsure if bioterrorism funds are eliminated will they still have to provide deliverables, blackberries, and internet connections. Additional items impacted

Home Care – move CHHA into core services 100% reimbursement and eliminate hospice and long term (36%) from the state aid and also reduction in Medicaid funding (eliminating trend factor). Mr. Scribner asked for a summary of the cost of all these changes to the County from these proposed changes in the State budget.

A motion to renew community health assessment contract with the Adirondack Rural Health Network in the amount of \$5,000, fully funded through state aid, was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. G. Hall and adopted.

A motion to amend 2009 budget recognizing car seat grant in the amount of \$12,800 and forward to the Finance Committee was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Suprenant and adopted.

- Re-organization Update – The agency was approved through the budget process for their reorganization plan. She also advised Staffing Review and they approved moving forward with the reorganization. She indicated interest is high in all the positions. If any of these position leave, she would need to come to the Staffing Review Committee.
- Public Health Program Updates:
  - Radon program – The radon grant was for \$16,000 and part of that was for abatement, \$250.00 stipend. They have been working on the criteria for receiving the abatement. Roger Wickes, County Attorney, stated he would advise us to be hesitant on getting involved in this type of grant.
  - Worksite Wellness Program – continue to see increased involvement. Currently 40 people are participating in a weight-loss program. They want to do another survey of the employees to see what is working and what is not.
  - Purchased smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and they are being distributed by various departments (DSS/OFA) and through Public Safety.
  - OCS program that looks at Medicare claims has been installed and staff trained.
  - More than half of the telehealth units are out in the field.
- Miscellaneous:
  - Goal - Nurses have GIS and they are looking at out posting them in the spring using Salem substation and Granville barn.
  - Rabies clinic schedule for 2009 is posted on the web site.
  - WIC – The WIC request for applications (RFA) has come up again. Public Health is the sponsoring agency for WIC and they are due for renewal. We need to reapply for the WIC funding. A motion to reapply as sponsoring agency for WIC was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. G. Hall and adopted. The contract commences 10/1/09. Patty stated WIC statewide is also looking at regionalization of their services and more group services. The letter of intent is due February 6<sup>th</sup>.

PLEASANT VALLEY – Doug Cosey, Administrator, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Review PV Organization Chart – handout on file. Doug stated they do not automatically come to Staffing Review to backfill. They review the agency, make changes if possible or not backfill prior to coming to the committee. They are trying to organize support members into teams.
- 2009-2010 Proposed Executive Budget Impact – The proposed budget as it stands right now would impact Pleasant Valley with a \$246,000 reduction in funding essentially all in

Medicaid rate. A positive impact of \$1.2M in direct / operation costs but it will be offset as they want to eliminate rebasing. The facility's capacity is 122 and they currently have four empty beds and 33 beds in Adult Home. Doug/Nursing Home Association will be in Albany on February 24<sup>th</sup> to meet with legislators. The primary difference between a private and public facility is the benefits.

- 5 Star Nursing Home Rating System – The survey looked at the staffing level, infection rate, overall mobility, restraints, etc. and Pleasant Valley ended up with a rating of 3. This rating is updated on a quarterly basis and they are working to improve that rating.
- 2009 Facility Operation Plan – The attached handout details the areas of focus. Regarding staff retention, a survey has been completed and results will be presented to the committee. He has a call into Mike McCarthy, auditor, to look at investing the IGT funds or would it be worthwhile to pay down some of the debt. G. Hall, Budget Officer, would like a capital long-term plan.
- Fiscal Updates – Tom Quinlan, Comptroller, distributed and discussed handouts on file. Budget to Actual as of December 31, 2008 and Cash Flow summary attached.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

The sub committee group will meet on privatization of Pleasant Valley.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M.