

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 25, 2023

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Clary, Fedler, Shaw, Skellie, Wilson, Nolan

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Campbell

SUPERVISORS: Henke, Hall, O'Brien

Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Melissa Fitch, County Administrator

Al Nolette, County Treasurer

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN MEETING NOTICE:

1. Call to Order
2. Accept Minutes – December 20, 2022
3. Department Reports/Requests
 - A. Mental Health/Community Services Board
 1. ADK Peer-to-Peer Program – Jeremy Duers
 - B. Veterans
 1. ADK Peer-to-Peer Program Updates
 2. Permission to Pay CVSOA Dues
 - C. Youth Bureau – Permission to Purchase Lunch – Youth Leadership Forum
 - D. Public Health
 1. Overnight Travel Request
 2. Professional Advisory Committee Appointments
 3. Request to Purchase Printer
 4. Request Resolutions for Budget Amendments – Grant Carryover Funds
 5. Community Health Assessment Summary
 6. Miscellaneous
 - E. OFA/ADRC
 1. Request Resolution for Budget Amendment – 2022 COVID-19 Response Funds (.4 to .2)
 - F. Social Services
 1. RFP Waiver Request
 2. Request Resolution for Budget Amendments – Grant Carryover Funds
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

Chair Clary called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM in the Board of Supervisors classroom, Room B214, Washington County Municipal Center, Fort Edward, NY.

A motion to accept the minutes of the December 20, 2022 meeting was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mrs. Fedler and adopted.

MENTAL HEALTH/COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD – Last month requested permission for payment of an examination in relation to ERPO, extreme risk protection order. When Law Enforcement is involved in a situation they feel is a risk, they must file an ERPO. When it's the Sheriff's department, it falls upon the county to prosecute the case. Initially there is a temporary order to remove firearms and within ten days a hearing is set to determine if a final order will be issued to remove firearms for a longer period of time. The county reached out to him to see if he can arrange examinations to determine the level of risk. Found someone to do the assessment. She did several tests and the cost was about \$1,100 and was taken out of the psychiatric expense line used for 730 competency exams. Bringing this up because they have received another request and is looking for direction on whether he should keep taking these expenses out of that line. Roger Wickes added that this just started in October so we really have no idea how many

there will be. It is mandatory for the Sheriff if there is probable cause, which is the lowest level of burden. If someone makes an allegation, the Sheriff must file an ERPO. Mr. Hall asked if a separate account could be created for this purpose. The Treasurer stated it can be done and suggested setting up a budget for this year to track extreme risk protection orders. There is \$250,000 in the 2023 budget and has spent \$517,000 in 2022 and not all 2022 bills have been paid yet. Rob estimates about \$578,000 final expenses for 2022. A motion to move to Finance setting up 2023 budget for extreme risk protection orders, was moved by Mrs. Fedler, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted. The Treasurer suggested using fund balance.

ADK Peer-to-Peer program – Rob York stated that funds for this program come through Mental Health. Initially it was a member item but now is part of the state budget. Tried doing the program in house and went through several coordinators. Went to an RFP process and selected SUNY Adirondack to run the program. They hired Jeremy Duers to be the Program Coordinator. Ken Marrwinchell stated he introduced Jeremy to the committee last month and asked him to update the committee. Traffic for usage of the program has increased. Main issues Veterans face include housing security, food insecurity and substance abuse. There is an initiative at the state level to transfer this program from Office of Mental Health to Veterans Services. He feels the program should stay with the Office of Mental Health simply because it underscores the mental health aspect. He is following that process and will update the committee. The work has been aggressive but slow going. Made inroads and has been able to refer needy languishing Veterans who don't have service related disabilities to Ken and other VSOs in Warren County. Finding venues for monthly events. Focusing on events of interest to Veterans. This month's event features Chris Thomas, retired Marine Corp Sergeant Major who specializes in transferring a Veterans service record book to a resume. These events are free for Veterans and spouses, including food. Will have an event each month. They are on Facebook. In touch with a monthly publication who will allow him to publish for free an article and calendar of events. First class is tonight for movement therapy (yoga). Mr. Hall mentioned being bothered by a kiosk at Adirondack Welcome Center for Veterans where Warren County calls it partnering SUNY ADK and Warren County. He added when Veterans in Washington County see that they ask why we don't have it in Washington County and the truth is we do. Mr. Duers stated he always refers to the program as both counties and SUNY ADK. One of his goals is to increase participation of Washington County Veterans. The County Administrator thanked Jeremy Duers for all the effort he has put forth in such a short time. If anyone knows any Veteran in need, please reach out to him. Rob commented that the program struggled in the beginning but feels we have finally gotten the program up and running well. He also added that Jeremy is very attuned to addressing the differing needs of Veterans of different eras. Ken Marrwinchell agreed and added Jeremy has done a tremendous job. Just made a deal with Glens Falls YMCA that if a Veteran participates in three events, they will get a free three month membership. Working on the same deal with the Greenwich YMCA. Jeremy added another initiative that the state has asked to focus on is military sexual trauma. Distributed a flyer for the Movement Therapy event, attached.

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

- Permission to Pay CVSOA Dues – Requesting permission to pay dues of \$40 each for Director and Deputy Director. Funds are in the budget. A motion to allow payment of dues, was moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted. Mr. Wilson informed Ken that he doesn't need committee approval to expend funds that are included in the budget.

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

- Permission to Purchase Lunch – Youth Leadership Forum – Every year they bring a group of youth to the capital to meet legislators. On February 7th wants permission to purchase lunch for the youth attending the Youth Leadership forum. This is budgeted. A motion to provide lunch for youth attending the Youth Leadership Forum, was moved by Mrs. Fedler, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted.
- State released our allocations. The Youth Development Program funds are changing the calendar year from the state year to the federal year. Will be convening the Youth Board to allocate those funds and will come back to the committee for approval.
- Spoke to the Treasurer about rolling the resource allocation process for Warren County to us and follow our procedure. It would be more efficient. Warren County will still retain the approval process. He will be approaching Warren County and will report back to this committee.
- Winterfest is Saturday February 4, 2023 from 10 – 3 at Lake Lauderdale. Hoping there is ice.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Tina McDougall, Director addressed the following with the committee:

- Overnight Travel Request – Requesting permission for overnight stay in Lake Placid for the Health Educator for the NYS Child Passenger Safety conference. The hotel will be paid by Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. One person from the Sheriff's Department and one from LEAP will also be attending this conference. A motion to approve overnight stay for the Health Educator in Lake Placid for the NYS Child Passenger Safety conference, was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Fedler and adopted.
- Professional Advisory Committee Appointments – By our Licensed Home Care Service Agency regulations, are required to hold four Professional Advisory Committee meetings a year. They haven't happened in recent years due to COVID. Looking to restart these meetings and asking to appoint the following members to a three year term: Dr. Philip Gara, Mark Spiezio, Andrea Bonacci, Kathy McIntyre, Beth Bruno, Kari Charette, Penelope Vanweort, Cine Crisp, Tina McDougall, Alyssa Arlen, Patricia Williams, Debra Darfler. A motion to approve the recommended appointments, was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Nolan and adopted.
- Request to Purchase Printer – Looking to purchase \$5,000 printer which is funded 100% by preparedness grant. Have obtained quotes and lowest is from Seeley. Mr. Shaw asked if she was aware of the effort started a few years ago to standardize the printers the county purchases. The County Administrator stated that Tina worked with purchasing and IT on this purchase. A motion to approve purchase of printer, was moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted.

- Request Resolution for Budget Amendments – Grant Carryover Funds – A motion to approve budget amendments to carryover unspent grant funds for eight grants, moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Skellie and adopted, summarized below:
 - Early Intervention Administration grant funds in the amount of \$8,460.48.
 - ELC School funding grant in the amount of \$842,050.70.
 - Public Health Corps Fellowship grant funds in the amount of \$923,210.08.
 - COVID-19 Vaccine Response grant funds in the amount of \$81,532.35.
 - Public Health Preparedness grant in the amount of \$34,772.49.
 - Epidemiology & Laboratory COVID-19 grant funds in the amount of \$864,965.71.
 - Child Passenger Safety grant funds in the amount of \$15,700.
 - DSRIP funds in the amount of \$87,276.
- Community Health Assessment Summary – Full document was sent to committee members, 2023 Workplan attached. There is a lot of information about our community in this document. From this information, they develop the Community Health Improvement Plan, which is submitted to the State Department of Health. This plan is for 2022-2024. They have to report each year on the progress. Mr. Wilson read the full report and knows there was a lot of work that went into it. Two priority areas they picked are prevent chronic disease and promote well-being and prevent mental and substance use disorders. For prevent chronic disease will focus on the tobacco prevention and preventive care and management. For promote well-being and prevent mental and substance use disorders the goal is to prevent opioid overdose deaths. The Fellowship program has been great, just brought in another Fellow who is focusing on the tobacco program with the hospital. The fellowship program expires in June of 2024.
- Was approved for another Health Educator position and has received applications and will start interviewing next week.
- Miscellaneous
 - In process of scheduling rabies clinics for 2023. Working with IT to use scheduling software.
 - COVID update – Hard to track cases since program discontinued by the state. Currently have 4 hospitalizations. Averaging 14 cases per day, based on lab confirmed tests. 7.1% positivity rate with those people being tested at the doctor or hospital. Still getting waste water reports which fluctuate a lot.
 - Flu – There was a 39% decrease this week from last week which is good news.
 - WIC – WIC is regulated by USDA and during a Public Health Emergency, they have to put certain waivers in place. The federal public health emergency is in effect until April of 2023 and the waivers are good for an additional ninety days after that. People are not mandated to come in person while the waivers are in effect. The Whitehall Stewarts was previously a WIC vendor and the only one in Whitehall. She asked Stewarts why they discontinued and the reason is that USDA has strict minimum stock requirements which didn't work out for them because they either couldn't get product or were having to dump product that expired. The Whitehall Stewarts was the only Stewarts participating statewide.

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

- Request Resolution for 2022 Budget Amendment – 2022 COVID-19 Response Funds (.4 to .2) – A motion to amend the 2022 budget transferring between line items in the amount of \$737.60, was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted.
- Chair Clary thanked Gina and her staff for their help during the power outage. Gina stated it was a learning event. The Sheriff's department was a good partner. Learned there's a lot of generators out there and people who got their power back offered their generators to others.

SOCIAL SERVICES – In the absence of Tammy DeLorme, Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell addressed the following with the committee:

- RFP Waiver Request – DSS has worked with Grove Associates since 1999. Leadership skills training Grove has provided every year is what DSS and ADRC base their model of supervision and performance expectations on. Are expecting retirements within a four week span of two supervisory positions this year. Within the next 2.5 years expecting retirement of a Director and the Commissioner. Knowing what we've experienced in the past and what was coming, Grove conducted a Training Needs Assessment survey last fall. The work is done and been presented to the management team but hasn't been rolled out to all staff. Ideally the next step would be to complete the survey roll out to staff and conduct targeted skilled development training. Requesting a waiver to continue these services with Grove Associates. DSS receives allocations for this training of up to 75%. Estimate from Grove Associates for this is \$20,500. This would be a waiver from the procurement process for professional services. The other option is to RFP for these services. Mr. Hall asked if it is appropriate to discuss this in executive session. A motion for executive session to discuss the retention of a particular person or corporation, was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Skellie and adopted. No action taken.
- Overnight Stay request – State now requires double occupancy for them to approve aid. Requesting blanket approval to pay for single rooms for trainings. County policy states that committee must approve overnight stays if it is within 60 mile radius. The training center is 57 miles away. This is mandated training that happens often. A motion to approve blanket approval for overnight stay for mandated training for DSS for this year and review each year, was moved by Mrs. Fedler, seconded by Mr. Skellie and adopted.
- Request Resolution for Budget Amendments
 - Requesting a 2023 budget amendment to carryover unspent Adult Protective Services grant#1 in the amount of \$1,103 and a 2023 budget amendment to carryover unspent Rental Supplement Program funds in the amount of \$130,298. A motion to approve budget amendments to carryover unspent funds of \$1,103 and \$130,298, was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted.
 - Requesting a 2022 budget amendment for youth placed in Office of Children and Family Services custody in the amount of \$78,438. A motion to forward to Finance a 2022 budget amendment for \$78,438 for a youth placed in OCFS custody, was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted. Covering this expense with savings in Medicaid budget.
 - Requesting a 2022 budget amendment to recognize the credit of Emergency Solutions grant funds due to a transfer of remaining 2020-2021 CODE BLUE funds

in the amount of \$7,261, was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. Shaw and adopted.

- Requesting a 2023 budget amendment to recognize the credit of Emergency Solutions Grant funds due to a transfer of remaining 2020-2021 CODE BLUE funds in the amount of \$28,912, was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Shaw and adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM.

Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk, Washington County Board of Supervisors



ADIRONDACK
PEER-TO-PEER
★ VETERAN'S PROGRAM ★

Veterans and family! Join us for
Movement Therapy! 1/25 4:30-5:30 in the Multi-Purpose room @SUNY Adirondack. Wear loose clothing and begin feeling better!



Washington County Public Health
2023 Workplan

Planning Report Liaison Tina McDougall
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Priority	Focus Area (select one from drop down list)	Goal Focus Area (select one from drop down list)	Objectives through 2024	Disparities	Interventions	Family of Measures	By December 2023, we will have completed . . .	Implementation Partner (Please select one partner from the dropdown list per row)	Partner Role(s) and Resources
Prevent Chronic Diseases	Focus Area 3: Tobacco prevention	Goal 3.2 Promote tobacco use cessation	Decrease the prevalence of cigarette smoking for all adults.	Poverty, Low SES, ALICE	Support training initiatives to gain certifications for Tobacco Cessation programs to provide smoking cessation programs at community based organizations within Washington County. Collaborate with AHI relating to their ATFN and CASA programs.	Support training for an individual to become certified in a tobacco cessation program.	Washington County Public Health will have supported trainings of individuals to become certified to teach tobacco cessation programs at community based organizations.	Hospital	Glens Falls Hospital- Disparity project focusing on smoking cessation in Washington County; CBO's within Washington County to hold trainings for their participants; AHI and the ARHN relating to ATFN and CASA.
	Focus Area 4: Preventive care and management	Goal 4.3 Promote evidence-based care to prevent and manage chronic diseases including asthma, arthritis, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and prediabetes and obesity	Enhance the quality of chronic disease prevention in the County through a community integrated health network that sustains ongoing, regular delivery of evidence-based chronic disease prevention and self-management services.	Poverty, Low SES, ALICE	Become a delivery organization for the Lifestyle Program Technical and Training Assistance Program to offer evidence based programming relating to Chronic Disease Self Management and Prevention Education Workshops.	Track number of workshop participants	Have two staff members trained as a peer leaders and facilitate one 6 week evidence based workshop offered by the Health Initiative and the North Country Chronic Disease Prevention Coalition.	Community-based organization	North Country Chronic Disease Prevention Coalition-provides leadership and strategic planning support; St. Lawrence County Health Initiative-provide training and support to peer leaders
				Poverty, Low SES, ALICE	Tai Chi for Arthritis Program	Track the number of workshops and participants	Hold at least 2 Tai Chi workshops	Local health department	Local Health Department staff
		Goal 4.1 Increase cancer screening rates	Promote cancer screenings and provide referrals to area providers to increase priority population screenings	Poverty, Low SES, ALICE	Collaborate with the Cancer Services Program at Glens Falls Hospital to promote the Integrated Breast, Cervical and Colorectal Screening Program. Use social media and disseminate information to CBO's and residents to promote cancer screening programs.	% of Washington County clients screened	Washington County Public Health will have distributed cancer screening information via several methods to increase the number of cancer screenings for Washington County residents.	Hospital	Glens Falls Hospital

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Promote Well-Being and Prevent Mental and Substance Use Disorders		Goal 2.2 Prevent opioid overdose deaths	Increase public awareness regarding the risks and stigma of substance use. Expand Community engagement around harm reduction, substance use prevention, treatment and recovery.	Poverty, low SES, ALICE	Continue community and provider education re: the physiological and brain changes that occur with substance use disorder. Engage local health providers as spokespeople. Support life skill training approaches used by the Council for Prevention related to healthy and confident decision making by way of their Too Good for Drugs program and Teen Intervene. Through the AHI Opioid work promote distribution of Naloxone kits to county businesses, including Washington County buildings. Partner with Washington County Sheriff's office to glean information from overdose mapping project to help target high volume areas. Collaborate with Adirondack Health Institute (CHAMP) and Alliance for Positive Health to promote and support Opioid Overdose Prevention Programs throughout the County, including school districts.	Increase the number of schools with harm reduction programs, including the availability of Narcan within the school buildings; Increase the number of schools utilizing programs offered by community organizations; Track number and type of educational materials developed, number created and number distributed.	Promoted and supported the Council for Prevention to increase awareness of their programs, such as Too Good for Drugs and Teen Intervene; promote and support the Alliance for Positive Health and the Adirondack Health Institute in establishing Opioid Harm Reduction programs in schools and businesses.	Community-based organizations	Adirondack Health Institute: Opioid Harm Reduction; Alliance for Positive Health-supplier of Narcan boxes for schools/businesses/and general community; Council for Prevention- Too Good for Drugs program, Lifeskills program, and Teen Intervene
					Establish a work group within the County, consisting of leaders from the Department of Social Services, Public Safety, Sheriff's Office, Mental Health, and the Youth Bureau to determine how to best utilize the Opioid Settlement funds.	Implement and expand on already established programs offered through various departments within Washington County.	Established a plan with other county departments and begin implementing and enhancing opioid harm reduction programs with the Opioid Settlement funds.	Local governmental unit	Washington County Sheriff's Office; Washington County Public Safety; Washington County DSS; Washington County Youth Bureau; Washington County Mental Health

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			Reduce adolescent substance use initiation through strengthening protective factors and reducing risk factor for abuse.	Poverty, low SES, ALICE	Support life skill training approaches used by the Council for Prevention related to healthy and confident decision making by way of their Too Good for Drugs program and Teen Intervene.	Increase the number of schools with harm reduction programs, including the availability of Narcan within the school buildings; Increase the number of schools utilizing programs offered by community organizations; Track number and type of educational mater	Collaborate with outside organizations to promote programs within school districts to create awareness of adolescent substance abuse.	Community-based organizations	Council for Prevention- implementing agency for Teen Intervene and Too Good for Drugs