

HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

July 17, 2012

**Present:**

Lawrence Andrews, Chairman  
Sara Sterling  
Elizabeth Young  
Edward Cross  
Robin Andrews  
Kevin McDonald

**Absent:**

Raymond Staats, notified

**Also Present:**

Becky Vinchiarello, Dep. Clerk  
Nancy Winch  
Michael Cole  
Arthur Proper  
Ronald Caponera  
Dr. Mustapha  
James Rich

Press: 2

Deputy Chairman L. Andrews called the meeting to order at 4:02P.M.

**Guest Speaker-** Dr Tamton Mustapha attended the committee to discuss a proposal for patient advocacy in the County. He has practiced medicine in Hudson since 1972. The change in overhead numbers needed in the field and the rising costs of health care were discussed. Dr. Mustapha announced that consumers should be better educated when it comes to their healthcare. He would like to provide patients with a service offering them direction or opinions related to their medical diagnoses. He has doctors who are willing to volunteer their time for such a program. He announced that it should be non profit and should have support from the County. Malpractice insurance would not be needed as the volunteers would be trained to advocate, not treat participants.

It was decided that more detailed plans should be put together at this time. R. Andrews and E. Cross will work with Dr. Mustapha, the Long Term Care Council, and the Health Care Consortium on this proposal. The County Attorney should also be involved with this.

**Pine Haven – A. Proper**

**Census Statistics:** Percentage of occupancy was at 95% for the month of June. YTD: 96%. There were 9 admissions to Pine Haven during the month of June 2012 and 12 discharges from the facility. There were 176 Medicaid pending days for the month of June. YTD: 1100

**Overtime Costs:**

Overtime hours continue to be lower than last years, especially in the CNA category. Kitchen hours were up from the last payroll and schedules will be modified after review from Human Resources.

**Resolution Request – Authorization to fill:** One (1) FT RPN GR17 with a starting salary of \$53,361.00 and one (1) FT attendant GR10 with a starting salary of \$27,531.00. Motion to approve by R. Andrews, seconded by E. Cross, motion carried. **Refer to the Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.**

**Resolution Request – Authorization to award bid #12-008 for disposable incontinent briefs, liners, and protective pads to McKesson Medical Surgical Minnesota Supply Inc. for the periods August 9, 2012 through July 31, 2013. McKesson was the lowest responsible bidder with an acceptable product. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by R. Andrews, motion carried. Refer to Finance.**

**.2 Purchase Request – Request authorization for the administrator to purchase two low beds at the cost of \$2,069.12. Current balance in this account is \$25,501.00. Motion to approve by R. Andrews, seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.**

**C.O.N Update – Pine Haven will be on the agenda of the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Public Health and Health Planning Council. Committee members will be notified when notification by New York State Department of Health is given.**

**Physician Services –Dr. Inna Kudria has replaced Dr. Joseph Fusco as Pine Havens physician. Physician coverage is now divided between her and Dr. John Tsou.**

**Mental Health/Human Services Department (MH/DHS)– M. Cole**

An overtime report was handed out.

Numbers have increased due to an Information Specialist position and electronic health records. The website is also causing numbers to rise.

**Resolution Request –Authorizing Columbia County Facilities Department (as “landlord”) to pay for air quality improvement measures for the Department of Human Services (as “tenant”). Total cost**

would be from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00. It was questioned if this should be paid from the facilities budget or the MH/DHS budget. It was brought to the Committee's attention that MH/DHS does not pay rent to the County. The Committee decided to TABLE this request.

Conference Request- 9/512 – 9/7/12 –Intensive Diagnostic Interviewing (Board Review Course for Part II of the ABPN), Boston, MA Total cost- \$1,245.00 with one person attending. Attendee will pay for all related travel & housing expenses. Motion to approve by K. McDonald, seconded by E. Young, motion carried.

**Health Department – N. Winch**

N. Winch introduced Jim Rich to the committee. He is the new Environmental Health Director for the County.

Resolution Request: Authorization to add McCarthy and Conlon CPA's as a provider to do newly required cost reports for the Preschool Program Beginning October 1, 2012 for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by R. Andrews, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Information: An update on the CHHA was given. Information on the adult and maternal child health care programs under the CHHA were handed out and discussed. The committee will review this information and discuss it next month.

A copy of the Public Health Director's Report to the Board of Health was provided to the Committee.

An overtime report was submitted

Supervisor R. Andrews announced that she would be sending a letter out from the Committee in support of the Community Transformation Grant.

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 5:28 PM by E. Young, seconded by R. Andrews, motion carried.

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