

HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

March 19, 2013

Present:

Lawrence Andrews, Chairman
Sarah Sterling
Edward Cross
Kevin McDonald
Elizabeth Young
Raymond Staats

Absent

Robin Andrews-notified

Also Present:

Angela Rothermel, Asst. Dep Clerk.
Becky Vinchiarello, Dep. Clerk
Michael Cole
Joseph Ambrose
Rosemarie Ansel
Terry Robinson
Angella Timothy
Arthur Bassin

Press: 1

Chairman L. Andrews called the meeting to order at 3:45 P.M

Mental Health- M. Cole

An Overtime Report was reviewed by the supervisors. It contained all regular time pay for support staff, no time and a half.

Resolution Request-Authorization to hire a Grade 15 Behavioral Care Coordinator. A 30 Day Emergency Hire form was submitted. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by S. Sterling, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request-Authorization to hire a Grade 15 Behavioral Care Coordinator due to recent resignation. Motion to approve by L. Andrews, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request-Authorization to fill a vacant budgeted Grade 19B PSW position due to a resignation. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved refer to Finance.**

Conference Request- Young Child Expo and Conference on 4/17/13/- 4/19/13 in NYC. One employee to attend at a cost not to exceed \$415.00 which will be paid from the restricted Kurt Almer fund. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by S. Sterling, motion carried.

Conference Request- Care Management: A collaborative Journey to Wellness for two days on 4/30/13 – 5/1/13 in Albany. One employee, to attend at a cost of \$225.00 plus mileage reimbursement (Conference closer to staff member residence). Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by L. Andrews, motion carried.

FYI- Pending Issues Impacting the Committee

Department may have a need to request authorization to create and fill a 0.5-1.0 FTE unbudgeted PSW position to accommodate the additional MHL 9.46 requirements of the NYS SAFE ACT(unfunded mandate without insurance reimbursement potential).

Department of Health- A. Timothy

Resolution Request- Authorization to revise the Environmental Health Fee Schedule, effective April 1, 2013, to offset the cost of continuing the program. Increase subdivision lot fee from \$300/lot to \$550/lot. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by E. Cross, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request- Authorization to enter into Agreements for Clinical Affiliations, to provide internship opportunities for students in Public Health or Nursing programs. Motion to approve by L. Andrews, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request- Authorization to re-appoint Dr. George Davis to the Columbia County Board of Health for an additional six year term, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2018. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request- Authorization for the Columbia County Department of Health Early Intervention and Preschool Services Program to enter into an agreement with the State of New York Department of Health BEI effective April 1, 2013 to continue to provide service coordination, the agreement will be renewed every 5 years. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved, Refer to Finance.**

Information:

CHHA/MCH Financial Reports- \$80,047.0 total net loss. The next step is to either grow or close the CHHA. A proposal for both will be submitted.

CHHA February Statistics- Handout given regarding the statistics.

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Overtime Report- February 2013- \$1,863.45 paid out in overtime.

Public Health Director's Report- Report was passed out to all supervisors.

Pine Haven - T. Robinson

Census Statistics - Percentage of occupancy was at 89.70% for the month of February 2013. YTD: 88.95%. There were 11 admissions to Pine Haven for the month of February 2013, and 6 discharges from the facility. There were 218 Medicaid pending days for the month of February 2013, YTD: 959. Pine Haven has been in contact with DSS regarding this number

Overtime- Overtime percentage is down compared to previous payrolls for the year. There were several new orients during this payroll period which made the overall cost higher. There has been a tremendous improvement in reducing Dietary overtime.

Personnel Requests- Open positions in the department were reviewed and discussed.

Resolution Request- Authorization for the Administrator to fill the following approved vacant budgeted positions:

One (1) Nursing Aide II, fulltime at GR10C at a starting salary of \$29,396.

One (1) House Keeping Attendant, fulltime at GR10 at a starting salary of \$27,396.

Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by E. Cross, motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved refer to Finance.

New Pine Haven Update- All contingencies requested by the New York State Department of Health have been approved except the additional architectural plans. The County Bond and Note resolution contingency was completed by Ron Caponera.

Request for Proposals for Architectural Services- All the architectural firms have submitted their proposals. The Pine Haven Subcommittee will be reviewing them and making their recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Final architectural plans must be approved by the New York State Department of Health before commencing construction. RFPs will be reviewed at this time.

Future Use of Existing Pine Haven Building Update- Father Peter Young did meet with Ken Flood regarding grants and/or other opportunities in the County. There were no additional developments other than their meeting.

With no further business, there was a motion to adjourn at 4:21 P.M by K. McDonald, Seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.

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