

Present: Members - Legislators Torrey, Deleo, Dibble, Hawley. Also Present: Legislators Maha, Yunker, Clattenburg (Zoom), Klotzbach (Zoom), Legislature Clerk Lisa Casey, County Manager Matt Landers, Asst. County Manager Tammi Ferringer, Mental Health Director, Lynda Battaglia, Health Director Paul Pettit, Director of Office For the Aging Diana Fox County Attorney James Wujcik, Mike Pettinella-The Batavian, Brian Quinn-The Daily News.

Human Services Chair Gregg Torrey called the meeting to order at 4:30pm in the Legislature Chambers.

Minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit reviewed his report:

Currently GCHD remains stable with consistent/improved fiscal and programmatic position over past years. Continuing drivers – new underfunded mandates, fluctuating changes to article 6, CJS project with Orleans County and continual EI/Pre K changes and uncertainty, emerging issues, performance incentive funding. The following areas Mr. Pettit covered:

Admin / Article 6 / Fiscal Drivers CJS with Orleans County

CHA / CHIP / Education

Environmental / PH nursing

PH Emergency Preparedness

EI / 3-5 preschool

Weights & Measures

Coroners / ME

Summary – Still a fluid environment, COVID activities, new policies/regulations with insufficient funding from Albany. Optimistic that leveraging the CJS relationship and our commitment to a fiscally conservative operational approach, we can continue to further integrate and share our limited fiscal and human capital to deliver essential Public Health services in Genesee county.

Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia recommended approval of a contract with Sharon Novak MS, PMHNP-BC, 26 Hanover St., Lancaster, NY 14086, to provide psychiatric Nurse Practitioner services as presented by the Director of the Community Mental Health Services. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia discussed proposal 2021-106 which provides for outsourcing of medical billing services for the department of Mental Health. The Director of Community Mental Health Services is recommending rejecting the proposals at this time. After reviewing all submitted proposals it was the determination of the RFP review committee that none of the vendors that responded could meet the specific needs of what Mental Health is looking for. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia discussed an intermunicipal agreement with Orleans County to share Mental Health Staff for fiscal services. It is recommended to execute an agreement with the County of Orleans in Albion, NY, for the provision of sharing Mental Health Fiscal Staff between Genesee and Orleans County for the period of February 14, 2022 through December 31, 2022. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia recommended to amend the 2022 Employee Salary Schedule by eliminating one (1) Part-time, Registered Professional Nurse position, CSEA-General, Grade 16-N, and creating one (1) Full-Time, Registered Professional Nurse position, in CSEA-General, Grade 16-N effective February 10, 2022. Cost of FT position would be \$56,565.48 for the remainder of the year. Due to unfilled vacancies and current resignations there would be no change needed to the budget to cover the additional cost. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

The Office for the Aging Director Diana Fox recommends to appoint Felice Smith, PT-Alexander for Office for the Aging Advisory Council to serve a three year term effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

The Office for the Aging Director Diana Fox discussed an agreement modification to extend the previous contractual MOU with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc. d/b/a Alzheimer's Association, Western New York Chapter (AAWNY). AAWNY is the grant recipient and this MOU establishes the modification in the amount of \$62,500 for the period of January 1, 2022-June 30, 2022 to the agreement for which GCOFA would receive funding to provide consultation, respite, and technology services. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers discussed Testing kit allocation from the State this week.
Distributed to all the towns, villages and the City.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Monday, February 28, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Gregg Torrey, Chair
Human Services Committee