

HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

November 15, 2011

Present:

Lawrence Andrews, Chairman
Reginald Crowley
Robin Andrews
Edward Cross
Kevin McDonald
Raymond Staats

Also Present:

Becky Vinchiarello, Dep. Clerk
Nancy Winch
Michael Cole
Joe Ambrose
Ronald Caponera
Arthur Proper
Art Bassin
Greg Reeves
Clifford DuFrain
Peter Mullens

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Chairman L. Andrews called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

Pine Haven - A. Proper

A presentation was given by representatives from Morrison's Food Service - Greg Reeves, Regional Vice President & Clifford DuFrain – Regional Director of Operations. This is the food service company that Pine Haven has hired. They are a part of the Compass Group. Morrison works at hospitals and long term care homes. Staff and positions were discussed as well as training programs. Surveys are given out to the residents of the home and these prove to be very helpful in future planning initiatives. These future initiatives include: Caregiver Interdisciplinary Training, Person Centered Care, HATS, ACTS, FTE, Hospitality Training, Food: scratch vs. convenient, Clinical Outcomes, and Menus.

Census Statistics: Percentage of Occupancy was at 94% for the month of October. YTD: 95%. There were eleven admissions to Pine Haven during the month of August 2011, and twelve discharges from the facility. There were 329 Medicaid pending days. This number is starting to climb up again. Discussion ensued on the idea of Pine Haven and DSS sharing an employee to assist in handling Medicaid billing.

Overtime Cost: Overall cost of payrolls 22 and 23 is less than they were in 2010 but overtime is at a higher percentage. Overall, percentage of overtime and cost of payroll is less than 2011's payrolls 20 and 21.

Rate Changes: In order to remain cost effective, the Administrator requests authorization to implement the following private pay rate schedule as of January 1, 2012.

Private Room Rate - \$305.00 plus applicable New York State Receipt Assessment Fee.

Semi-Private Room Rate - \$290.00 plus applicable New York State Receipt Assessment Fee.

All ancillary charges will remain the same.

Transportation (Round Trip)

Philmont - \$40.00

Chatham \$80.00

Hudson \$80.00

Catskill \$100.00

Valatie \$100.00

Albany \$175.00

Kingston \$175.00

If transportation is requested to other locations, cost will be determined on an individual basis.

Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy. – Therapy charges, up to each respective therapy limit, are billed to Medicare Part B (if applicable) with 20% being passed down to the guarantor. Therapy charges over and above the therapy limits will be billed to the guarantor at 100% of the following fee schedule: \$90 per evaluation \$40 per unit of treatment, 1 unit = up to 22 minutes of treatment, 2 units = 23-37 minutes of treatment, 3 units = 38-52 minutes of treatment, 4 units = 53 minutes and above. The supply of Oxygen and/or Oxygen equipment (Concentrators, Bi-Pap and

C-Pap Machines, etc.) will be charged at \$12 per day. The NYS Receipt Assessment is applicable to all Ancillary Fees.

New Van – The new van was ordered and will be delivered in a couple of weeks. It is being shipped from Michigan.

.2 Purchase – Authorization for the Administrator to purchase a bi-pap machine at a cost of \$1,450.00. Motion to approve by R. Andrews, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.

C.O.N. Update – The NYS Department of Health has recently revised their rates. The CON Financials need to be revised to reflect these changes. They also need a letter of interest from the County Bond Counsel supporting the fees and interest associated with the project. Once these are completed, and after final review by Pine Haven, the CON will be submitted. It was also mentioned that the presentation shown to the Board of Supervisors should be done for the residents and their families as well as public. This should be looked into after the first of the year.

Christmas Party – The annual Christmas Party will be held on December 14th. Lunch and entertainment will be provided beginning at noon. All Supervisors are invited and may assist Santa and his elves in handing out presents.

Request to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 4:42 P.M. by R. Crowley, seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.

REASON: To Discuss Personnel

Motion to return to REGULAR SESSION at 4:53 P.M. by R. Crowley, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried.

Resolution Request – Authorization to hire a consultant to assist the facility with the Directed Plan of Correction, and provide directed in-services as prescribed by the NYS DOH, at a cost of \$2,960.00 for two days (\$185 an hour,) plus out of pocket expenses. Motion to approve by L. Andrews, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Health Department – N. Winch

Environmental Health: Final decision on individual sewage, individual water.

Update on Environmental Health Enforcement: State Aid was eliminated for this. It is up to the County to continue providing these services at a cost of \$45,000.00. This is mandated so if the County doesn't provide it the towns have too. The Committee decided to table this until more information is given.

Resolution Request - Authorization was requested to extend the Special Projects Coordinator to February 15th 2012, at a cost of \$30 an hour. Motion to approve by R. Crowley, seconded by R. Andrews, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Peter Mullens – Director of BOH was introduced.

CHAA Resolution Request– Authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to enter into a contract agreement with Jack Venesky, CPA regarding the potential sale of the County CHHA. R. Crowley said that he does not support privatizing the County CHAA.

He asked if costs could be reduced. After discussion he added that the RFP should include everything that the County currently offers. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by L. Andrews, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Mental Health/Human Services – M. Cole

Resolution Request - Authorization to establish a Taconic Hills School MH Clinic Satellite two days a week. Projected revenue exceeds expenses. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by R. Andrews, motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance. This is not in the 2012 budget. It was requested that a line item cost center for all the satellite centers be set up.

Resolution Request-Authorization to Amend Resolution # 321-2011- to hire MH/SA Coordinator and waive the 15/10/5% salary reduction. M. Cole explained that he has found someone to take the position that will take the reduced 15 percent but that he is concerned that not spending the money funded by the State could eventually have an effect on the funding. The Committee decided not to move forward on this request.

Resolution Request -Authorization to renew resolution #216-2009 for financial services with CCSI for 2012. Not to exceed \$8,200.00. This is budgeted. Motion to approve by L. Andrews, seconded by, R. Crowley, motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request-Authorization to approve 2012 contracts with NFP contract agencies totaling \$2,096,000.00. Motion to approve subject to the adoption of the 2012 budget by R. Staats, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request -Reappointments/Appointments to the Community Services Board (CSB) and the Mental Health Subcommittee. Motion to approve by R. Andrews, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Conference Objective Request - 04/29/12-05/02/12 Health Care Compliance Association- Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV. One person attending at a cost not to exceed \$2,200.00. Motion to approve by L. Andrews, seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.

FYI- Pending Issues Impacting the Committee

Authorization to contract with TenEleven for “e-prescribing”. This was presented to the October Budget and Salary Review Committee and passed at the November Full Board meeting.

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 5:32P.M. by R. Crowley, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried.

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