

HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

October 18, 2011

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

**Also Present:**

Becky Vinchiarello, Dep. Clerk  
N. Winch  
Michael Cole  
Arthur Proper  
Ronald Caponera  
Elizabeth Young  
Mike McCarthy  
Kenneth Wilber  
Brent Stack  
Peter Mullins, President  
Dr. Ginouves  
Dr. George Davis  
Patricia DiGrigoli  
Amy McCabe

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Chairman Andrews called the meeting to order at 4:12 P.M.

**Health Department – N. Winch**

**Resolution Request - Senior Clerk** – Authorization to fill the budgeted position of Senior Clerk. This was passed at the September Budget and Salary meeting but needed to come to the Home Committee for approval. This position is for public health so it is important that it is filled. There is a current list for this position. Motion to approve by R. Andrews, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to amend Resolution #149-2011 (Effective through June 30, 2012). Adding “Complete OT, PT, SLP Service”, PLCC, as a related service agency to the provider list. – They need additional services to serve the number of children they have. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by R. Andrews, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to appoint a new Board of Health member, Dawn Wrigley, to replace Don Tkacy. This would be a six year term. Motion to approve by R. Crowley, seconded by L. Andrews, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

**Certified Home Health Agency:** Mike McCarthy attended the meeting to discuss the County’s CHHA. He handed out a financial analysis. The CHAA costs the County \$630,000.00 annually. Out of this \$448,367.00 are fixed costs. He gave a summary of what he defined the fixed costs as. The cost of fringe benefits to the County is the reason that a private organization would be able to make a profit, unlike the County. The core volume also has an effect on this. The County does not have enough patient volume to spread the costs over. If the Board and Department Heads cannot come up with an idea that will turn volume numbers around then the CHAA will continue to lose money. Columbia County is one of the lowest volume CHAA’s M. McCarthy has worked with. The reason for this is because the County CHAA competes with the Eddy located in the County. The Eddy funnels down the low pay clients or cases that considered too involved to the County. If the County did decide to sell the CHAA the Eddy could refuse people and they would potentially go without care or go to a hospital or nursing home.

The Board of Health By Laws were then presented to the Committee. Motion to approve the By Laws by R. Staats, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.

It was then mentioned that a Supervisor from the Health Committee use to sit on the Board of Health. Now that is not the case. E. Young sits on the Board of Health but is not on the Health /Medical Services Committee. L. Andrews will talk to the Chairman about this. It was decided that it is something that can wait until next year.

There was a motion to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 4:34 P.M. by E. Cross, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.

**REASON: Potential Litigation**

Motion to return to REGULAR SESSION at 4:44 P.M. by R. Andrews seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.

**Pine Haven – A. Proper**

**2010 Financial Report:**

M. McCarthy had also put together a Financial Report for Pine Haven. He handed out Financial Statements with a letter which reported his recommendations.

Comparative Balance Sheets were reviewed.

IGT and rebasing receivables will show in the 2011 revenue. These numbers will look great as a result of this.

**Resolution Request: Authorization to create and fill:**

One Laundry Worker, per diem GR10 at an hourly rate of \$12.4846. This would be changing the existing temporary position to per diem. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by R.

Andrews, motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.

**New Van –** They have received three of the four annuities that were bequeathed to them for a total of \$116,460.05. These proceeds were deposited into their endowment fund at the home. The Administrator would like to utilize a portion of this to purchase a new van for activity trips. It was mentioned that Ken Flood was not able to find a grant to help cover the purchase of the van. There was a motion made by K. McDonald to allow the Administrator to move forward with doing an RFP or looking for a van off of State Contract, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.

**C.O.N Update –** Don Evans has received all the needed information from them and has made the adjustments to the CON based on the last meeting. A. Proper is waiting to hear back from him regarding a date for the committee to review the CON information.

**.2 Request –** To purchase a new EPDM Rubber Roofing System with 20 year material and labor warranty for the South Wing. The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Harpis Roofing, Inc., at a cost of \$54,000.00. Motion to accept the lowest bid by L. Andrews, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried. R. Crowley abstained. It was later decided there would need to be a resolution to award the bid. This will go through a Special Full Board meeting.

Motion to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:20 P.M. by R. Crowley, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried.

**REASON: To Discuss Personnel**

Motion to return to REGULAR SESSION at 5:22 P.M. by R. Andrews, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.

It was also announced that the new Food Service will be attending the next committee meeting to present their business plan to the committee.

**Mental Health – M. Cole**

**Resolution Request -** Authorization to hire a consultant to create a business plan for the Friends of the New Leaf, Inc. M. Cole gave reasons to justify why he thinks this business is worthy of County assistance. It will negatively affect the County in numerous ways if it closes down. He would like to go forward with this and will use Federal Salary Funds. This is a onetime request. R. Crowley again expressed his concern that this could potentially lead to other business in the County requesting assistance. Motion to approve by L. Andrews, seconded by E. Cross, motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.

**Resolution Request-** Authorization to establish a Taconic Hills School MH Clinic Satellite. This was tabled until next month when more information should be available.

**Resolution Request** Authorization to hire a Mental Health/Substance Abuse coordinator waiving the 15, 10, 5% reduction requirement and utilizing the emergency hire process. It was clarified that M. Cole has been given permission to fill this position but he now would like waive the 15, 10, 5% reduction requirement. No motion was made.

**Conference Objective Form -** 11/4/11 and 11/5/11, Addiction Medicine Weekend at Albany Medical College, Albany, NY. One person attending at a total cost of \$150.00. Motion to approve by K. McDonald, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.

**Conference Objective Form –** National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare – 42<sup>nd</sup> National Council Conference located in Chicago Illinois on April 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> 2011. One person

attending at a cost of \$1,392.00 plus airfare and dinner. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by R. Andrews, motion carried.

**FYI- Pending Issues Impacting the Committee**

**MH Clinic Satellite Updates:**

**Hudson Junior-Senior High School- Being presented to BOE this month**

**Valatie Behavioral Health Center- Awaiting approval by the School District of building leasing agreement with the Town of Kinderhook and Village of Valatie regarding the Martin Glynn School. CCDHS could potentially sub-lease the third floor with TCRS for \$1500/mo (\$3.60/sq ft).**

**Grant applications:**

**NYS OMH “Clinic Plus” Early Recognition RFP – response due 10/19/11**

**NYS DOH Medicaid Health Home RFP- due date TBD**

**NYS CLMHD Children’s “Systems of Care” RFP- proposal submitted 09/30/11-partnering with Probation and DSS.**

**With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 6:15 P.M. by L. Andrews, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried.**

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