

HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

June 14, 2011

Present:

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

Absent:

Kevin McDonald, notified

Also Present:

Becky Vinchiarello, Dep. Clerk
Nancy Winch
Michael Cole
Arthur Proper
Ronald Caponera
Roy Brown

Press: 1

Public: 2

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

Pine Haven – A. Proper

Census Statistics: Percentage of Occupancy was at 95% for the month of May. YTD: 95%. There were fifteen admissions to Pine Haven during the month of May 2011. There were thirteen discharges from the facility during the month as well.

Medicaid Pending Days: There were 323 Medicaid pending days. A. Proper announced that this number is good; cash flow has been much better. Medicaid numbers have increased due to less Medicaid pending days.

Overtime Cost: Percentage of payroll hours and cost of overtime was up compared to 2010's payroll number 12. It was down from the last payroll which was 14.38%. Overtime was generated from nurses/CNAs that were out on leave and open CNA positions that need to be filled. They were able to reach an agreement with the Union regarding per-diem nurses/CNAs and have already hired some under a Departmental Employee Request signed by Chairman Andrews. Per Diem nurses and CNAs will help reduce overtime in situations similar to what they are currently experiencing and for summer vacation requests. A. Proper's goal is to bring this number down to 5%.

The Committee requested that A. Proper look into a matter where it was reported that an employee worked three fourteen hour days in a row. A. Proper plans to look into this. He announced that the per diem pool will be a big help with these issues.

R. Crowley asked if we offer comp time as an option to employees rather than overtime. A. Proper explained that it depends on the position.

Nourishment Station Renovations: Nourishment stations have been completed on all of the Wings except the South. South Wing will be completed by the end of the week.

Resolution Request- Authorization to fill the approved vacant budgeted positions of one (1) Registered Professional Nurse I (RPN), PT GR 17 at an hourly rate of \$24.8721 and one (1) Nurse Aide II (CNA), FT GR 10C at a starting salary of 27,911.00. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by R. Andrews, motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request - Authorization to create and fill ten (10) Registered Professional Nurse I (RPN), per diem GR17 at an hourly rate of \$24.8721; ten (10) Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), per diem GR 15 at an hourly rate of \$22.0298; and ten (10) Nurse Aide II (CNA), per diem GR 10C at an hourly rate of \$13.4187. The Committee agreed that the following language needed to be added to the resolution before the Budget and Salary Review Committee: "Not to exceed budgeted FTEs in the position". Motion to approve by R. Crowley, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.

.2 Request –Requesting authorization for the Administrator to purchase a new DVR at the cost of \$1,688.00 as a replacement to their current security system. As a result of the recent storms and subsequent power outages, their security system was damaged beyond repair. A. Proper is still checking on their insurance policy covering this and obtaining quotes for repairs. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by R. Andrews, motion carried.

Annual Picnic – The Annual Pine Haven Picnic will be held on Thursday June 30th. Entertainment will begin at 11:30A.M. with lunch being served at noon.

Philmont Community Day – Pine Haven Residents will be participating in the parade for Philmont Community Day which will be held July 9th at 2P.M.

C.O.N. Update – Krista Taskey has been retained by Fontanese, Folt, Aubrecht and Ernst to evaluate their moveable equipment. She will be coming to Pine Haven during the last week of June. Don Evans needs the 2010 financial reports before he can move forward with their CON. Mike McCarthy cannot certify his reports until he receives the GASB45 report from the County. R. Caponera explained that Milliman received GASB45 data too late. If Mr. Acciani is able to provide the ProAct information to Milliman by Friday Milliman can have accruals two weeks after. The 2009 cost allocation report was also holding this up, but this is now completed. There was then discussion on having a public hearing to show what the new Pine Haven Building will look like.

R. Crowley announced that Patrick O'Brian from Congressman Gibson's office is researching money to replace Pine Haven's van. He has identified a possible grant through DOT.

Health Department - N. Winch

Annual Report - Motion to accept the Health Department's Annual Report by R. Andrews, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.

Lyme Disease Prevention Grant – This was reduced by 50%. They do have a per diem employee covered in this grant who will be affected. This employee can be moved under the immunization grant. N. Winch explained that many Counties experienced this cut last year.

.2 Request – Authorization to purchase a new vaccine refrigerator at a cost not to exceed \$7,100.00. They are having trouble with their current refrigerator. Alarms keep going off because the temperature rises to high. The Committee decided that N. Winch should first find out how much it would cost to repair the existing refrigerator before they authorize her to buy a new one. If the unit breaks completely an emergency purchase can always be made with L. Andrews's signature.

Environmental Health: Article 6 State Aid reimbursement ending effective July 1, 2011:

Individual Water Supplies - 40-3.50 Individual water supplies; performance standard. A municipality conducting a program regarding individual water supplies shall evaluate sites, approve locations, and inspect water sources for quality and quantity.

Individual Sewage Systems - 40-3.60 Individual sewage systems; performance standard. A municipality conducting a program for individual sewerage systems shall evaluate sites, approve plans, and inspect facilities for conformity with standards of the State Sanitary Code.

These are optional services. Plans are provided to the Health Department, and the Department will assist the public with their designs. N. Winch said this needs to be discussed in more detail. Two options are that this assistance can be pushed back to towns, or individuals can get an engineer. \$45,000.00 is what is being cut annually. The Committee plans to have another breakfast meeting with the Health Department to discuss this in further detail.

Resolution Request: Fill Service Coordinator vacancy created by a resignation that is effective June 17, 2011 - Grade 13A, \$34,411.00. The service coordination position is a requirement of the Early Intervention Program and generates revenues of approximately \$20,000.00 per year (A04035001000). Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request: Authorize approval for Early Intervention & Preschool services program to contract with two additional providers. The Early Intervention and Preschool Program must provide services to eligible children. The professionals to be contracted are a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Licensed Speech Pathologist, both of whom provide Medicaid billable therapies. The EI Program must maintain capacity for the Early Intervention and Preschool children deemed eligible for services and both therapists are qualified personnel to provide services as independent contractors. Contract period will be July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Motion to approve by R. Andrews, seconded by E. Cross, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

N. Winch announced that Alice Engel plans to retire at the end of the year and she would like to ask Cathy Hogencamp to order the test to replace her position. The Committee agreed to this.

A handout on the Columbia County Bi-Laws was passed around. N. Winch explained that this is their first set of Bi-Laws and she would like the Committee to take time to read them over and approve them, or just discuss them next month.

N. Winch then handed out a chart of penalties/fines for NYS sanitary code violations (10 NYCRR). R. Crowley expressed his concern that people will keep paying the fines and stay non – compliant. N. Winch explained that fines can go up as high as \$2,000.00 a day, so she expects this to work well. This fine schedule is going to the Board of Health tonight and then will come back to the Committee to be accepted.

Mental Health - M. Cole

Resolution Request - Resolution tabled by the Full Board 6/8- #216-2011- regarding the elimination of Sr. PSWA II title associated with John Lyons and the defunded School and Community Services funding.

Request to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 4:47P.M. by R. Staats, seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.

REASON: To discuss personnel.

Motion to return to REGULAR SESSION at 5:06 P.M. by R. Staats, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.

The Committee decided that his resolution should go back to Finance as that is where it was held.

Resolution Request - Use of Kurt Almer fund to research negative impact of loss of School and Community Services Program. The cost would not exceed \$12,000.00. M. Cole explained that this is an advocacy measurer. They could use the information provided from this study to convince the State to bring this program back. 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- Appointment of Galina Wimbush to the Community Services Board (CSB)-Mental Health Sub-Committee. Motion to approve by R. Andrews, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request - Use of \$2,769.29 of OMH Federal Salary Share to replace NY State Aid funding to Philmont Hearth. This will help support their work in assisting individuals in recovery to live independently in the community. Motion to approve by E. Cross, seconded by R. Andrews, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Grant applications Update: Integrated Care for the Elderly – They were not able to submit for this grant due to structural issues with their Department, Columbia Memorial Hospital and Twin Counties. They are still working on this.

Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program – OCFS told them they could receive replacement funding for this and they are applying for it. The application is due June 30th.

CSB Term appointment of DCS – The Attorney General issued a decision that the County Attorney's office looked into. The conclusion was that rather than the Board of Supervisors setting M. Cole's appointment, the CSB Board should. The County Attorney suggested that M. Cole be appointed for a number that coincides with the majority of CSB members appointments. There is no majority. The County Attorney will look into this, but currently M. Cole's appointment is not consistent with the Attorney General's recommendation for unchartered counties.

L. Andrews announced that he would like to have informal meetings with the Mental Health Department as they do with the Health Department.

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 5:27 P.M. by R. Staats, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.

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