

**MINUTES**  
**HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**November 27, 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ralph Angelo  
John Champlin  
John Cowley  
Theodore Fafinski  
Margaret Hilton (Chair)  
Norman Teed

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mary Beer, Cathy Bentzoni, Diane Johnston,  
Greg Powers, Mary Krause, Andrea Schoeneman, John Garvey,  
Supervisor J. Sheppard, Supervisor J. Marren  
  
Guests: Michele Lawrence, Patti Murray, Chris Difrancesco  
(University of Rochester Medical Center/James P. Wilmot Cancer  
Center)

Chairperson Hilton called the meeting to order at 8:28 a.m. and welcomed Board of Supervisors Chairman J. Marren and Supervisor J. Sheppard.

1. **Approval of Minutes – November 6, 2013** – Supervisor Fafinski moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Champlin and carried.

Item 5. -- County Administrator's Update was moved to the front of the agenda.

- a. **URMC agreement discussion** – Mr. Garvey distributed a resolution entitled "Authorization to Execute Contract with University of Rochester Strong Memorial Hospital Division for Cancer Treatment Services". He advised the existing practice known as Interlakes Oncology is being acquired by the University of Rochester Medical Center. Interlakes Oncology has been a main provider of oncology services to those in Geneva and neighboring Yates and Seneca Counties. The practice will become an Article 28 facility and be located on Preemption Road in Geneva with the same staff of physicians. Because the practice location will be greater than 35 miles from the main hospital location, an agreement is required with the County. After reviewing the agreement, the County Attorney's office had no objections. Michele Lawrence and Patti Murray of the University of Rochester Medical Center/James P. Wilmot Cancer Center were introduced and provided additional information and offered to answer any questions. Ms. Lawrence remarked that it will improve care as they welcome Medicaid and Medicare patients as well as provide charity care. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Champlin and seconded by Supervisor Angelo. Motion carried. Supervisor Fafinski commented that by supporting this agreement, it will help provide services for people financially strapped. When a family is faced with decisions involving cancer treatment, it is important to have as many choices as possible. Because we are a rural county, it is important (i.e. transportation services). Without this service, we would lose a choice.

**2. MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

- a. **Resolution: Authorization for Renewal of Professional Consultant Contract – Unity of Cayuga County, Inc. Unity Employment Services**

Diane Johnston presented the resolution authorizing the renewal of the contract for the time frame of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Fafinski, seconded by Supervisor Cowley and carried.

- b. **Resolution: Authorization for Renewal of Professional Consultant Contract – Lakeview Mental Health Services, Inc.** – Diane Johnston presented the resolution to renew the professional consultant service contract for professional services related to the provision of Community Support Services. The time frame of the contract is January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. This contract is funded by pass-through funds from the State. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Champlin, seconded by Supervisor Angelo and carried.
- c. **Resolution: Authorization for Renewal of Professional Consultant Contract – Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic** - Diane Johnston presented the resolution to renew the contract with Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic for professional services related to the provision of Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program Service for the time frame of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. This contract is funded by pass-through funds from the State. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Champlin and carried
- d. **Resolution: Authority to Cancel Uncollectible Debts – Ontario County Mental Health- 2013** – Diane Johnston presented the resolution authorizing the discharge of uncollectible accounts totaling \$62,756.90 for the period covering 2007-2013. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Fafinski, seconded by Supervisor Angelo and carried.
- e. **Resolution: Ontario County Dept. of Substance Abuse Services – Office of the Medicaid Inspector General Repayment** - Cathy Bentzoni distributed the revised resolution reflecting accounting changes. She advised a billing discrepancy was recognized by Turnings (Substance Abuse Services). An internal audit was performed and deficiencies were found. A self-disclosure was made to OMIG regarding overpayment and OMIG has requested repayment of \$30,530. A check will be issued after receipt of the official letter from OMIG. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Champlin, seconded by Supervisor Cowley and carried.
- f. **Update: OPWDD and OMH Facility Closures** – Diane Johnston provided an update in regards to Office of Mental Health (OMH) and Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) closures. She reviewed the facilities she is aware of that are closing. Impacts will be felt when these individuals are released back to the community. County Mental Health Departments have been advised to make plans, but reinvestment funds from the State are not known at this time.

There will be significant changes in the next couple of years. Discussion followed. Mr. Garvey voiced his displeasure with the continuing pattern set by the State in releasing mentally ill and developmentally disabled patients back into the community without support.

- g. **Mental Health RFP Recommendation** – Mary Beer advised one proposal was received from Rochester Rehabilitation in response to the Mental Health RFP. The review team met several times and reviewed the proposal. The proposal submitted proposed providing adult mental health services and subcontracting the children’s mental health services. At this point, the review team feels it needs more time for review/exploration before bringing forward a recommendation. In addition to the Community Services Board, Supervisor Cowley, who is on the review team, concurred that more time is needed.

### 3. HEALTH FACILITY

- a. **Informational: Full Time Occupational Therapist Position Request** – Greg Powers reviewed his request to create a full time Occupational Therapist position to be filled by the current part time therapist. The part time position would then be abolished. He explained that the full time Physical Therapist resigned and those services are being covered by contract personnel. The creation of this position will offer the residents more opportunities for therapy. He will be presenting the request to the Management Compensation and Personnel Committees. A motion to approve the position request was made by Supervisor Cowley, seconded by Supervisor Teed and carried.
- b. **Resolution: Authority to Renew Professional Contractor Service Contracts - 2014** – Greg Powers presented the resolution for the renewal of professional contractor services for 2014. He noted there are no increases for most of the contracts. ACM Medical Laboratory, Inc. is paid at the current Medicare/Medicaid rate. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Fafinski, seconded by Supervisor Teed and carried.
- c. **Resolution Authorization to Execute Purchase and Sale Contracts and Closing Documents with Ontario Operations Associates, LLC and Ontario Land Associates, LLC for Sale of Ontario County Health Facility** – Andrea Schoeneman presented the resolution to authorize the County Administrator to execute the documents for completing the sale of the Health Facility. She advised the contract is still being worked on, but will be in final form by Friday.

Mr. Garvey and Ms. Krause updated the committee regarding staff. The CFSC met with Mary Krause, the Director of Nursing and Greg Powers to review the FTE positions. Each position was reviewed. Offers will be made to each individual, subject to a background check. Ms. Krause advised they met with employees regarding retention incentives which will be presented to the Personnel Committee.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Fafinski, seconded by Supervisor Angelo and carried.

Cathy Bentzoni provided an update regarding Health Finance staffing. They are short staffed by three positions. Two of those positions have been abolished in anticipation of the sale of the Health Facility. Staff is challenged to keep up with the work. They have received proposals from two companies, as well as the Centers for Specialty Care for an administrative agreement for Health Facility billing and accounts receivable management. She will report back to the committee to discuss this in more detail.

Greg Powers provided a brief update on staffing at the Health Facility.

#### 4. PUBLIC HEALTH

- a. **Resolution: Ontario County Certified Home Health Agency – Long Term Home Health Care Program – Office of the Medicaid Inspector General Repayment** - Mary Beer presented the revised resolution with accounting changes. She stated that an audit was performed four years ago to review the Long Term Care Program for the years 2004-2007. As a result, Medicaid overpayments were identified. Ms. Beer explained the extensive documentation required for the Long Term Care Program. Based upon the extrapolation method, a repayment of \$78,940 is being requested from OMIG. Mr. Garvey added that the audit exit conference was completed in 2009 and the County just received the request for repayment last week. After discussion, a motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Fafinski, seconded by Supervisor Champlin and carried.
- b. **Resolution: Authority to Renew Contracts – Children with Special Needs Program (Preschool)** – Mary Beer presented the resolution to renew provider contracts for the Preschool program for the time period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015 per the State rate payment schedule. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Angelo, seconded by Supervisor Cowley and carried.
- c. **Resolution: Authority to Renew Contracts – Children with Special Health Care Needs Program – PHCP** - Mary Beer presented the resolution to renew contracts with providers for the Physically Handicapped Children's Program per the State rate payment schedule. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Fafinski and carried.
- d. **Resolution of Appreciation – Dr. Catherine Stiner, DVM** – Mary Beer presented the resolution of appreciation to recognize Dr. Stiner for 10 years of service to the Rabies Prevention Program. Through the years, Dr. Stiner has vaccinated 13,188 animals against rabies. She noted that the resolution will be corrected to read Dr. Stiner rather than Ms. Stiner. Supervisor Angelo moved the

resolution as amended, seconded by Supervisor Cowley and carried. The committee requested Dr. Stiner be invited to the December 5<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting.

- e. **Community Health Assessment presentation** – Mary Beer reviewed the Ontario County Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan for 2014-2017. The Community Health Assessment is completed every four years. Public Health has worked closely with hospitals, partners and stakeholders during the assessment process. A community survey was completed along with focus group meetings and stakeholder forums. After reviewing data, two topic areas for prevention were identified along with one disparity focus to align with the NYS DOH Prevention Agenda. The two priority areas chosen were:
- Preventing Chronic Disease: Reduce obesity in children and adults
  - Reduce hypertension rates

Reducing obesity in low-income population was chosen as the disparity focus.

The Community Health Improvement Plan – Ms. Beer also reviewed the CHIP and objectives of the plan.

The full Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan are posted on the Public Health website.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Marren stated that a year ago items that were non-mandated were reviewed and spoke of the need to take action. He applauded the committee and staff for taking action and thanked members of the committee and supporting staff for making this successful.

Being there was no further business to come before the committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Champlin and carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ernst  
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