

HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

**MINUTES
June 14, 2006**

Present:

R. Parete M. Sheeley
C. Busick J. Stoeckeler
P. Terpening

Excused:

J. Roberti

Absent:

P. Liepmann

UCMHD:

M. Beckman E. Brown

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parete at 5:30 PM.

1. The Committee approved a resolution authorizing the appointment of Andrea Raphael-Paskey to the Mental Health Subcommittee of the Community Services Board. The resolution was moved by P. Terpening, seconded by C. Busick and passed unanimously.
2. The Committee approved a resolution authorizing a transfer of funds from personnel accounts to temporary services to pay for temp services to fill in for vacant positions due to resignations and transfers. The resolution was moved by C. Busick, seconded by M. Sheeley and passed unanimously.
3. The Committee approved a resolution to reclassify four positions including the Fiscal Officer to Fiscal Unit Leader, a Receptionist, a Transcribing Typist and a Senior Typist to Account Clerk/Typists. The Fiscal Officer reclassification is necessary to accurately reflect the level of responsibility and accountability exercised by the incumbent of the position. The position functions at the Unit Leader level within the department and has broad responsibilities for the business operations of the department and financial oversight responsibilities for the LGU. The reclassification of the three clerical positions, two in Ellenville and one in Highland, is necessary to accurately reflect the duties required of these positions to ensure accountability for billing and revenue maximization. Increasing emphasis on managed care as a payment source requires that we have billing staff at each clinic location to ensure timely and accurate billing. The resolution was moved by M. Sheeley, seconded by C. Busick and passed unanimously.
4. The Committee approved a resolution to accept additional State Aid from OASAS to fund a comprehensive Substance Abuse Prevention Initiative. The funding is 100% State Aid and requires no County contribution. M. Beckman indicated that State and county funding remaining from the closure of the Student Assistance Program may be added later to the State aid amount in this resolution. The resolution was moved by J. Stoeckeler, seconded by C. Busick and passed unanimously.
5. The Committee approved 1. hiring of temporary services staff to cover vacancies, 2. filling of the positions reclassified in item 3 above pending passage by the County Legislature, and 3. funding for sex offender program training for a UCMHD employee who will be taking over this program from a retiring staff member in September. A motion approving these items was made by J. Stoeckeler, seconded by P. Terpening and passed unanimously.
6. Marshall Beckman advised the Committee that UCMHD is experiencing a significant salary compression issue with respect to the position of Program Supervisor. This is creating a serious structural problem in recruiting staff to the Program Supervisor position. Mr. Beckman advised the Committee that we will be bringing forth a resolution next month to correct this problem.
7. M. Beckman reported that the UCMHD is reviewing the provision of services for the MICA population in an effort to better serve this population with a continuum of services appropriate to

their needs. This effort has been disrupted due to the death of a key staff member at UCMHD and the impending retirement of the MICA staff person at the Pine Grove Center. As a result of this staffing shortage it may be necessary to develop a fees for service agreement to hire clinical staff to cover MICA cases in the two clinics until the planning is resolved and the appropriate staff can be hired (approximately two months). This will be addressed at next month's meeting, assuming one of the Student Assistance Program staff are not reassigned to this program.

The Mental Health portion of the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Brown, Ph. D.
Deputy Director