

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Community Mental Health Committee

DATE: February 11, 1992

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Mental Health Complex, Golden Hill

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Busick and Legislators Irwin, McConekey, Pecora, Sottile, Bertone, Husted

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS ATTENDING: Ernest J. Townsend, DPA, CSW, Director; Marshall Beckman, Deputy Director

The following items were discussed:

1. Dr. Townsend and Marshall Beckman provided orientation regarding the state funding and revenue sources for the Department. Reductions made by the Department in its county contribution for 1992 were also reviewed.
2. The Committee unanimously approved a resolution to modify the 1992 county budget regarding the Mentally Ill Chemical Abuser (MICA) Program. The purpose of the resolution is to relocate MICA expenses and funding from the Community Support Services (CSS) budget to the Alcohol budget. This will improve the Department's ability to monitor and check reimbursement for this program. Motion made by Ron Irwin, seconded by Eileen Sottile. Passed.
3. The Committee unanimously approved a housekeeping resolution concerning the following issues: overtime expenses for the Medicare retroactive billing project;

fees for service payments for psychiatry purchase of service; reassignment of the Senior Clinical Supervisor position for the Parental Recovery Intensive Diversion Effort (PRIDE) Program to the line item series with the other PRIDE positions; and movement of 10 hours per week of Psychologist I time from a line item to the part-time employment account. Motion made by Roscoe Pecora, seconded by Susan McConekey. Passed.

4. Marshall Beckman updated the Committee on the status of the computer project. He noted that there has been extremely good cooperation between the Mental Health and Information Services Departments on this project. The benefits of the new computer system are expected to be numerous, including increased cash flow.
5. Dr. Townsend reviewed the status of the certification reviews for the various Mental Health Department clinics and programs. He noted that, primarily due to the efforts of Barbara Miller, Standards Compliance Coordinator, our programs are receiving increasingly better certification reviews.
6. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 P.M. with a motion made by Ron Irwin, seconded by Roscoe Pecora.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Busick, Chairman  
Community Mental Health Committee