

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 31, 2019

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Idleman, Skellie, Middleton, Clary

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: LaPointe, Campbell, Ferguson

SUPERVISORS: Henke, Moore, Shaw, Hicks, O'Brien, Hogan

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Chris DeBolt, County Administrator

Al Nolette, County Treasurer

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Patty Hunt, Director Public Health

Kathy McIntyre, Asst. Dir. Public Health

Tammy DeLorme, Commissioner DSS

Mike Gray, Director Youth Bureau

Ken Marrwinchell, Veterans Director

Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, OFA/ADRC Director

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1) Call to Order

2) Accept Minutes – June 26, 2019

3) Department Reports/Requests:

A. LEAP/EOC

1) Request Approval/Chairman to Sign Infrastructure MOU for Workforce System

B. Mental Health

1) Program Updates

C. Youth Bureau

1) WAIT House Contracts – Request Permission to Sign

2) Request Permission for STSJP Program Purchases

3) Agency Updates

D. Veterans

1) Department Updates

E. OFA/ADRC

1) Personnel Request

2) Department Updates

F. Public Health

1) Request to Approve Contract Renewal – Durrin Transportation (Preschool 9/19 – 8/20)

2) Request Permission to Purchase Tick Kits/Use of County Logo

3) Miscellaneous

4) Other Business

5) Adjournment

In the absence of Chairman LaPointe, Ms. Idleman called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with Mr. Moore making the quorum.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting was moved by Mr. Middleton, seconded by Mr. Skellie and adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/REQUESTS:

MENTAL HEALTH – Rob York, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Program Updates: handout attached.
 - Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Services - \$60,000 State Aid – Washington County Jail is working with Glens Falls Hospital, who is already going in to do some mental health services, on developing a program for the use of this funding.
- Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran's Peer-to-Peer Support Program – Recently hired a coordinator for the program, Vanessa Taylor, MA, brief biography attached.

- Uplift is a new non-medical transportation program available, information included in handout. This program was created with DSRIP funding. Targeted towards individuals who have been released from a hospital or emergency room within the last thirty-days and provides general transportation for non-medical services; i.e. going to pharmacy, food market, support groups, etc. This is currently run through the Baywood Center. The goal of this is to prevent re-occurrence of emergency room visits or hospitalizations.
- Psychiatric Expense – Criminal – This was a high expense last year but have not received any chargebacks so far this year.
- Developed a Criminal Justice and Community Services Task Force – Carrie Wright, Program Analyst, addressed the committee. Twenty to twenty-five organizations/individuals are involved in this task force. They were formed to look at ways to communicate better between providers and it has opened up information exchange. They have also looked at diversion programs. She has located a grant opportunity through the Bureau of Justice Assistance and submitted a grant application, partnership to support data driven responses to emerging drug threats and should know if awarded grant by the end of August. This is a very competitive grant. She mentioned another new program, ABLE – Access to Better Living Experiences through Baywood Center and DSRIP funds. There was a need for a jail-based transition release coordinator to help integrate people back into the community and ensure they have the services they need. She mentioned several ABLE success stories.

Mrs. Clary joined meeting at 10:09 A.M., committee member.

YOUTH BUREAU – Mike Gray, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- WAIT House Contracts – Permission to Sign – The State allocated \$24,641 and another \$20,523 in funding. A motion to approve signature of contracts with WAIT House was moved by Mr. Middleton, seconded by Mrs. Clary and adopted.
- Permission for STSJP Program Purchases – Incentives for youth in juvenile justice program, rewards for positive change. STSJP funds are 62% state and 38% local. Requesting to purchase the following: movie tickets and food incentives – gift certificates, budgeted expense. A log is kept of who receives these, when they receive and why. A motion to approve use of STSJP program funds in the amount \$3500 for the purchase of incentives was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. Middleton and adopted.
- Agency Updates – Community service projects ongoing around the county. Thanked Board for allowing purchase of items to lend out to recreation programs.

VETERANS – Ken Marrwinchell, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Department Updates:
 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran's Peer-to-Peer Support Program – Starting to set up this joint program with Warren County. Vanessa Taylor has been hired as the Program Coordinator and she started last week. He plans to have her attend the next committee meeting.
 - The office this year has completed over 600 actions ranging from compensation cases to dependency indemnity compensations and pensions – 128 of those specifically. Last year those benefits through the VA brought into the County

approximately \$15M. One thing that keeps hampering them is that entire workload which keeps them from doing outreach to housebound veterans, nursing homes, etc. They have been continuing their outreach to the Washington County jail and the prisons – Great Meadow and Washington Correctional Facility.

- New Software - Looking at new veterans' software program to help with claims called VetPro and they currently have EVet Assist and it is ineffective and they have had many issues. He has asked for a quote. No money in his budget this year. The County Administrator stated this request would go in the IT budget for 2020. IT requests for 2020 were due by today and within the next two weeks the County Administrator and Budget Officer will be meeting with the IT CIO to go over the requests and prioritize projects. The VetPro software cost is about \$1,000 for setup fee plus \$1,000 per year per user and requesting three users. Possibly request a person in the future for outreach but plans to request in 2020 staff going from thirty-five to forty hours per week.
- Complimented Ken on the recent article in the Post Star on his military service.

OFA/ADRC – Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Personnel request to move a current part time Meal Site Manager to full time starting in the 2019 budget year. This position is the pop-up mobile congregate meal site position. In 2017, she made the decision to close the Salem meal site and implemented the pop-up mobile meal site program and this program has flourished. Finding it hard for the part time position to keep up with volume and the demand for the program. The part time position is budgeted and would use DSRIP funds (100%) to cover the increase cost through year-end. In 2020 and future years utilize any additional DSRIP funds and State and Federal funds which have a 75% reimbursement for the salary. Additional funds needed for salary going from part time to full time for 2019 is \$3,205.08 (proposing to use 100% DSRIP funds) and 2020 is \$6,597.16 (25% county) not including benefits. The Treasurer stated he feels these estimates are light and will work with Gina prior to the Personnel meeting. Mrs. Clary thanked Gina for this change over in the program stating it has been completely accepted and appreciated. A motion to forward to the Personnel Committee request to move part time Meal Site Manager to full time was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mrs. Clary and adopted.
- Department Updates:
 - Senior picnic held in July and served 320 individuals.
 - Planning Fall Health and Wellness Festival for Friday, October 4th from 10 AM to 3PM at the Kingsbury Firehouse – flyer attached.
 - Mrs. Clary suggested stickers for seniors to post the phone number for dispatch in the event the 911 system is down for some reason.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Patty Hunt, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Approve Contract Renewal – Durrin Transportation (Transportation Preschool Special Education 9/19-8/20). They are pleased with the service. The renewal increase is based on the CPI capped at 2% and this year CPI would not change; no increase based on the

CPI. A motion to renew Durrin Transportation contract for September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020 for preschool special education transportation was moved by Mr. Middleton, seconded by Mrs. Clary and adopted.

- Permission to Use County Logo on Tick Kits – Received approval last month to purchase tick kits and requesting the use of the County logo on those kits. A motion to approve use of County logo on tick kits was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. Middleton and adopted.
- Miscellaneous -
 - WIC requesting to restock educational materials and incentive items at a cost of around \$4,000. A motion to approve WIC request to purchase educational materials and incentive items was moved by Mr. Middleton, seconded by Mr. Skellie and adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Idleman stated she really appreciates the work the Department Heads do in these human services departments. They help people who are falling through the cracks and she encouraged Supervisors to bring questions to committee to ask these Department Heads. They provide services to people that live in our communities.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

*Debra Prehoda, Clerk
Washington County Board of Supervisors*

Washington County HHS Committee
July 31, 2019

Mental Health Program Updates

- Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services -
\$60,000 State Aid (NYS OASAS)
- Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran's Peer-to-Peer Support Program
- Uplift: new non-medical transportation program available
- Psychiatric Expense – Criminal – no NYS chargebacks to date for 2019
- Criminal Justice and Community Services Task Force
- Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant opportunity
- Jail-based Transition Release Coordination program:
Access to Better Living Experiences (ABLE)

Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran's Peer-to-Peer Coordinator
Warren and Washington Counties

Brief Biography

I grew up in Upstate New York, where I graduated and embarked on my first college adventure at SUNY Brockport. After two short years, I joined the military where I learned a great deal about myself. I served as a Radiology Technician and enjoyed working alongside my fellow comrades. After returning home, I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. In December of 2018 I completed my Master's Degree in Human Services Counseling and Criminal Justice from Liberty University.

While serving in the military I met my husband who is now a Retired Disabled Veteran. Millions of Veterans count on the VA for quality health care, and sometimes they just can't get there. With a deep understanding of their complex needs and the challenges they face, we are pushing ourselves to enhance peer to peer support services and expand access in a multitude of facilities. We believe it's up to all of us to make sure Veterans can enjoy the health and happiness they deserve. My goal is to start every day with a fresh commitment to making life better for the brave men and women who risk so much to protect our freedom and our country. I look forward to exploring my passion for working with, serving and providing assistance to my fellow Veterans. I am very excited to be part of such an amazing Veterans Services team whose core values of integrity, excellence and respect match my own.

I look forward to working with you all along with the community.

Vanessa Taylor, MA

UPLIFT

a ride back to health

upliftwarrenwashington@gmail.com
518-320-6692

Dear Partner,

I am reaching out to you to discuss the new program, Uplift which will help to provide transportation for individuals residing in Warren and Washington Counties. In order to qualify for this service a person has to be discharged from the hospital or the emergency room within 30 days. Transportation can be requested for a variety of non-medical services. A few types of services are: transportation to a pharmacy, food market, support groups, case management services, department of social service appointments, etc....

The hope is to allow for more access to services in order to prevent further emergency room visits or hospitalizations and promote preventative health. We will be providing transportation using different methods such as bus tokens, taxi vouchers, and gas cards depending on the individual's immediate need and best interest. When the program kicks off, a flow chart will accompany voucher request forms to explain the determination process. We will be looking to accept referrals from local community agencies and healthcare providers.

At this time, the tentative program "kick off" date is May 29, 2019 and the plan is to begin accepting referrals at that time. For further information and any questions, please feel free to contact me at 518-320-6692 or by email at upliftwarrenwashington@gmail.com.

Warm regards,

Cassandra Fleury
Transportation Coordinator



A.B.L.E Fact Sheet

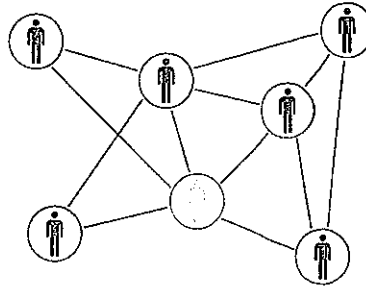
Who are we?

A.B.L.E (Access to a Better Living Experience) is a program set up to help those incarcerated or at risk of being incarcerated. The program offers case management services directed towards those with substance abuse and mental illness. A.B.L.E understands the desire for a better life is there but many struggle to navigate the services in the community that can help them get to a better life. A.B.L.E is partnership between the Baywood Center, Warren & Washington Association of Mental Health, Office of Community Services, and Adirondack Health Institute.

What do we do?

After referral, a needs assessment will be completed with the client to see what services they need that will help them be successful upon release from jail. Initial set up to these services will also begin in hopes to connect them as soon as possible after release. A.B.L.E firmly believes that helping clients connect quickly will help reduce the rate of relapse, decline in mental/emotional health, and repeat incarceration. A.B.L.E can help connect clients to many services including:

- Access to food
- Housing Options
- Treatment
- Transportation
- Employment
- Temporary Assistance
- Health Care



How to access A.B.L.E

Referral forms are preferred however if you do not have a referral form you can contact 518-798-4221. Anyone can refer a client to this program however most are referred through the jail staff, lawyers, or judges. Referrals must have a substance abuse or a mental health diagnosis, express a desire to work through substance abuse/mental health, and have a need to be connected to services that will help them be successful during the transition out of incarceration or while awaiting sentencing.

SAVE THE DATE

Washington County Office for Aging
and Disabilities Resource Center



Community



Fall Festival

Friday, October 4, 2019

10:00am to 3:00 pm

Kingsbury Firehouse

Burgoyne Avenue - Hudson Falls, NY



- Workshops
- Various Local Vendors
- Entertainment
- Medicare Insurance Options (Medicare Open Enrollment is October 15th to December 7th)

\$5.00 To-Go Meals

**Kielbasa with sauerkraut, German Potato
Salad, Perogies and Apple Crisp**

For More Information Please Call Our Office at: (518) 746-2420