

## Health & Human Services

May 28, 2013

### Minutes

**Members Present:** Committee Chair James Nabywaniec, Legislators Michael Docteur, Robert Thomas, Michael Montigelli, Michael Astafan, John Peck, Anthony Doldo, and Carolyn Fitzpatrick

**Others Present:** Legislators Philip Reed, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, County Attorney David Paulsen, Information Technologies Director Gregory Hudson, Public Health Director Ginger Hall, EMS Director Charlie Brenon, Social Services Commissioner Laura Cerow, Undersheriff Trudeau, Alcohol & Substance Abuse Council Prevention Program Director Anita Seefried-Brown, Alcohol & Substance Abuse Council Task Force Member Ron Cole, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Daniel Flatley, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Nabywaniec called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The Committee approved the minutes of the April Committee meeting as written.

Chairman Nabywaniec thanked Ms. Seefried-Brown for all her help on the synthetic drug issue the Board previously addressed. Chairman Nabywaniec explained that he and Legislator Doldo attended a meeting recently in which a presentation was made to provide education and information concerning the drug nalcron that can be used to reverse the affect of an overdose and how it can be used in the community. He felt it was important for the Committee to hear the presentation and discuss the possibility of using the drug in Jefferson County.

Charlie Brenon, Anita Seefried-Brown (also a representative of the Rapid Response Coalition), and Ron Cole made a presentation to the Committee concerning a law enforcement and overdose response program regarding the drug nalcron. Mr. Brenon outlined Jefferson County statistics of overdose (349 calls in 2012, 18 deaths in 2011 and 12 deaths in 2012), where in the County the calls are centered, and the various age groups that drug abuse most affects (not just addicts) and why. He said nalcron only works on opiates (i.e. heroin, morphine, oxycodone) by reversing the affect of the drugs, and while a person may experience withdrawal symptoms because the reversal is so fast, there are no side affects from the drug; the duration of its affect is about 20 minutes to an hour, and their preferred way to administer it is intra-nasally. Any end result would also be determined by how long the person was not breathing, etc. before the drug was administered; individuals will still need to go to the hospital after having the drug administered so they can be monitored until the opiate is out of their system. He advised that Suffolk County undertook a pilot program using this drug and it was very successful. Mr. Brenon advised that in order to administer the drug a short training exercise is required. He as well as the EMS Training Coordinator will receive instructional training so they can then provide necessary training to others in the community. He said the NYS DOH is the regulatory oversight agency for the use and administration of the drug. Ms. Seefried-Brown advised that each nalcron kit costs \$10.00 - \$12.00 and has two administrations, however the Harm Reduction Coalition, a

New York City based company, will provide the drug to Jefferson County free of charge for possibly 2 or 3 years. Mr. Cole was positive that the Sheriff's Department would participate in the program however he was unsure of participation by other law enforcement agencies. There was considerable discussion concerning the drug, the scope of the program, liability, and other topics related to the program.

Chairman Nabywaniec stated that the purpose tonight was to gain some knowledge into this drug, and it sounds like it will work for our community and the Sheriff's Department. He said no action by the Committee is expected at this time but with the concurrence of the Committee the matter would continue to move forward so that any legal and other questions can be answered. He said Legislator Doldo is the lead on this initiative as it was him, along with Charlie Brenon and Anita Seefried-Brown that brought it to the forefront. The Committee concurred with moving forward with this initiative.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution appointing member to the Jefferson County Long Term Care Advisory Council and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Docteur and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution authorizing agreements with NYS Department of Education approved agencies for the provision of special education services for preschool children with disabilities and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Docteur seconded by Legislator Astafan and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution authorizing agreements and establishing rates for provision of related services in connection with the Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Thomas and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution appointing Members to the Community Services Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Montigelli seconded by Legislator Peck and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution accepting funding and authorizing an agreement in connection with Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Montigelli seconded by Legislator Doldo and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution authorizing an amended agreement with ACC Technical Services and amending the 2013 County Budget relative to a clinic scheduling web-application and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by

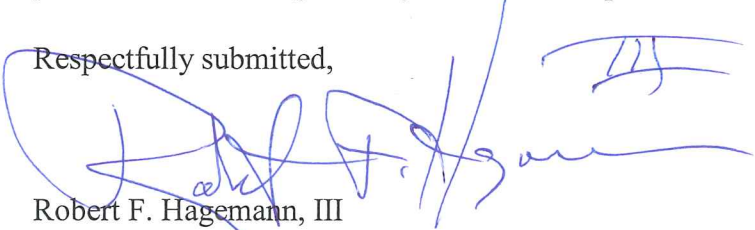
Legislator Astafan and seconded by Legislator Docteur. In response to questions Mrs. Hall advised that 11 counties use this system and it allows individuals to schedule appointments 24/7, but Public Health will always take walk-ins. The program helps Public Health to better plan for the staff and medications they will need for the scheduled appointments. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution authorizing an amended agreement with Erie County for toxicology testing services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Astafan and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution amending the 2013 County Budget in relation to the Department of Social Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Docteur seconded by Legislator Astafan and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Docteur and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board