



**MINUTES  
HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
March 2, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Todd Campbell  
Pamela Helming  
Margaret Hilton (Chair)  
Norman Teed  
Nathan VanBortel  
Frederick Wille  
\*n/a – necessarily absent

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mary Beer; Diane Johnston; Mary Krause; Mary Gates;  
Sandy Seeber; Lorrie Scarrott; Rev. McCaughey

Chairperson Hilton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 10, 2016** – A motion to approve the February 10, 2016 meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Helming, seconded by Supervisor Campbell; carried.

2. **MENTAL HEALTH**

Diane Johnston presented the following resolutions (a. and b.):

- a. **Resolution: Authorization for Professional Contract, Partnership for Ontario County, Mental Health 2016.** Diane Johnston presented a resolution for a contract with The Partnership for Ontario County. The Partnership was granted \$250,000 to develop clubhouses across the county. \$237,925 has been awarded for 2016. There will be another resolution for the remainder of the grant funds which will be available in 2017. These are pass-through funds which will not require a local share/county contribution. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Teed, seconded by Supervisor Campbell; carried.
- b. **Informational: Membership on the Behavioral Health Workforce Advisory Team.** Diane Johnston reported that she was asked to be on a sub-committee for the Behavioral Health Workforce Advisory Team to look at how we continue to address many DSRIP models pushing behavioral health into primary care offices as an alternative to sending behavioral health patients to a specialty mental health clinic. There are many problems that can be dealt with at the primary care level. This model helps primary care offices become more confident in dealing with depression and anxiety. Discussion followed.
- c. **Informational: Medical Marijuana (verbal update):** Diane Johnston shared that Dr. Norton will be taking a four hour course for physicians wishing to become certified to prescribe medical marijuana. She will not become certified to prescribe at this time; rather, Dr. Norton hopes to become more educated on the subject, especially the side effects medical marijuana users may experience.
- d. **Mental Health Updates:**

- Diane Johnston reported that the state has awarded two more supportive beds in our community due to the downsizing of psychiatric in-patient beds. These beds will be for individuals coming out of state psychiatric facilities or Article 28 hospitals. These RCE beds will receive some additional support.
  - Ms. Johnston also reported that managed care will begin reimbursing for additional services including crisis intervention beginning July 1.
  - She also shared that Rushville Health Center will be providing some minimal behavioral health services at their Rushville site for patients presenting for medical reasons who rate high for depression on the PHQ screening tool. A mental health case manager will be assigned, and although they won't be receiving therapy, there will be a psychiatric nurse practitioner on staff, and patients will receive a consult with a psychiatrist. Discussion followed.
- e. **Resolution: Recognizing March as Social Work Month** – Mary Krause presented a resolution to be drafted for filing on Friday recognizing March as Social Work Month. Supervisor Campbell motioned to present this motion to the full board, seconded by Supervisor Teed; carried.

### 3. PUBLIC HEALTH

Mary Beer presented resolutions (a. through c.):

- a. **Resolution: Authority to Renew Contract – Dr. William Dean, MD, Pathology Services, PLLC.** Mary Beer presented a resolution for contract renewal for autopsy services. This is a two year contract. There is no cost increase. Supervisor Campbell made a motion to approve, with the correction of a typographical error in the Schedule A, seconded by Supervisor Teed; carried.
- b. **Resolution: Public Health Week.** Mary Beer presented a resolution designating April 4-10, 2016 Public Health Week. The theme for National Public Health Week is "Healthiest Nation 2030," with the goals of building a nation of safe, healthy communities; help all young people graduate from high school; give everyone a choice of healthy food; provide quality healthcare for everyone; and strengthen public health infrastructure and capacity. Supervisor Helming made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Campbell; carried.
- c. **Addendum to Agenda Resolution: Public Health Community Recognition – Choose Health Ontario Award.** Mary Beer presented the resolution. The Choose Health Ontario Award recognizes a community organization for demonstrating outstanding achievement in promoting community health and wellness. The Partnership for Ontario County was selected as this year's award recipient for promoting community health and wellness, with particular focus on addressing the emerging public health epidemic of heroin and opiate addiction. The award will be presented at the Ontario County Safety Council awards dinner on March 22. The program will also recognize each of the nominees. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Supervisor VanBortel, seconded by Supervisor Campbell; carried. Discussion followed.

d. **E-Cigarettes – Discussion.** Mary Beer reported that she is waiting for feedback from the county attorney regarding how the county’s current tobacco free policy relates to e-cigarette use on county property. Discussion followed.

e. **Public Health Updates:**

- Mary Beer shared that Public Health will be hosting Trillium Health’s Narcan Education training scheduled for March 9. The training is open to the public.
- She also shared that recently, when Geneva Police Department contacted Public Health because their Narcan expired, the Sheriff’s department shared their supply. More Narcan has been ordered for the Sheriff’s office. Ms. Beer would like to recognize this example of collaboration between the departments. Discussion followed.
- Mary Beer also reported that she will be going to the Personnel Committee this afternoon, as Public Health’s new Immunization Nurse will be starting on March 14. She is coming to Public Health with 15 years of emergency room experience. Based on her experience she will be brought up to Step 4.
- Reverend McCaughey inquired about physicians and nurse practitioners undergoing training regarding new and more restrictive protocol for prescribing narcotics and pain killers. Ms. Beer explained that this is part of the STOP Program monitoring the frequency in which providers are prescribing. The program is offering feedback, however there are no mandates she is aware of at this time. Ms. Beer reports that there has been a 13% decrease in prescribing opiates in the initial month of the program implementation. Discussion followed.

Being there was no further business to come before the committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor VanBortel; carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole Tillotson  
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