

Regular Meeting of the
Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners
May 11, 2016
Bouchard Building, Goffstown, NH
Minutes of the Public Session
(Not Official until Approved by the Board and signed by the Clerk.)

Present: Comm. Ziehm, Comm. Pappas, D. Hogan, D. Dionne, G. Fisher, C. Kirby, M. Montminy, G. Wenger, C. Monier, M. Castonguay, and L. Stonner.

CALL TO ORDER

Comm. Ziehm called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

County Attorney Hogan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioner's Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2016. Motion by Comm. Pappas, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Supplemental Payroll

Motion:

To approve Supplemental Payroll Registers on the following dates for the following amounts:

- May 5, 2016 \$11,975.10
- May 9, 2016 \$ 4,416.70

The total Supplemental Payroll is \$16,391.80, subject to review and audit.

Motion by Comm. Pappas, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Regular Payroll

Motion:

To approve a Regular Payroll Register dated May 5, 2016 for the amount of \$1,095,270.55, subject to review and audit.

Motion by Comm. Pappas, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Motion:

To approve an Accounts Payable Register dated May 10, 2016 for the amount of \$6,587,967.11, subject to review and audit.

Motion by Comm. Pappas, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Transfer # 2016-13 – Delegation

Motion:

To approve Transfer # 2016-13 for the Delegation to transfer the amount of \$600 from Travel-In State, Line 4110-7700, and to transfer a like amount to Advertising, Line 4110-7670.
Motion by Comm. Pappas, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Transfer # 2016-14 – County Complex

Motion:

To approve Transfer # 2016-14 for the County Complex to transfer the amount of \$750 from Fuel, line 4198-7650, and to transfer a like amount to Trash Disposal, Line 4198-7830.
Motion by Comm. Pappas, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Transfer # 2016-15 – County Attorney

Motion:

To approve Transfer # 2016-15 for the County Attorney's Department to transfer the amount of \$1,000 from Health & Accident, line 4123-7120 and to transfer a like amount to Postage, line 4123-7380.
Motion by Comm. Pappas, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Transfer # 2016-16 – DOC

Motion:

To approve Transfer # 2016-16 for the Department of Corrections to transfer the amount of \$900 from Plowing, line 4230-7840 and to transfer a like amount to Auto Repairs, line 4230-7730.
Motion by Comm. Pappas, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Transfer # 2016-17 – DOC

Motion:

To approve Transfer # 2016-17 for the Department of Corrections to transfer the amount of \$1,500 from Other Fees/Services, line 4230-7290 and to transfer a like amount to Office Supplies, line 4230-7360.
Motion by Comm. Pappas, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Transfer # 2016-18 – DOC

Motion:

To approve Transfer # 2016-18 for the Department of Corrections to transfer the amount of \$30,000 from Workers Compensation/Liability, line 4230-7140 and to transfer a like amount to Food, line 4230-7500.
Motion by Comm. Pappas, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Transfer # 2016-19 – DOC

Motion:

To approve Transfer # 2016-19 for the Department of Corrections to transfer the amount of \$40,000 from Health & Accident, line 4230-7120 and to transfer a like amount to Pharmacy, line 4230-7330.
Motion by Comm. Pappas, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the Public Comment who wished to speak.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Census

Supt. Dionne presented the Department of Correction's (DOC's) Census; he noted that as of May 3, 2016, the total in custody was 463, which included 14 in the community. The Census included 359 men; 114 of the men had been sentenced and 245 were being held pre-trial. There were 104 women; 42 of the women had been sentenced and 62 were being held pre-trial. Supt. Dionne noted that the Department of Corrections was holding 33 female inmates from Rockingham County. He informed the Board that 159 individuals were diverted through the Mental Health Courts including 89 from Manchester and 70 from Nashua.

Overtime Impact Report

The DOC's Overtime Impact Report for the current Fiscal Year was included in the Board's packet. Supt. Dionne explained that the DOC has openings for 16 Correctional Officers and added they are in the process of hiring and will be starting an Academy in the near future.

NURSING HOME

Census

Mr. Moorehead noted that the Census at the Nursing Home was presented the previous week and he will provide an updated Census at the next meeting.

April Revenue

Mr. Moorehead presented the unaudited Revenue for April, 2016. He explained that the budgeted Revenue for Room & Board and ancillaries for April is \$1,978,031 while the actual is \$1,861,176, a deficit of \$116,855 for the month. He added that the deficit relates to April being a 30-day month, and the Nursing Home having to reduce revenue by approximately \$60,000 related to private-pay residents that were pending Medicaid approval that has since been approved.

Year to Date Revenue

Mr. Moorehead noted that the unaudited year-to-date budgeted Revenue through April for Room & Board and ancillaries was \$19,780,310 while the actual was \$19,734,313, a deficit of \$45,997. He added that the MQIP/Bed Tax budget for three quarters was \$2,512,500 while the actual revenue for three quarters was \$2,568,798, a positive variance of \$56,295. He noted that the total of all revenues received to date represent a positive variance of \$10,298, and added that the budget continues to be very tight.

Mr. Moorehead explained that the patient days for the month for Medicare, Part A was 35.66 with a budget of 34; the private were at 34 with a budget of 37, and the total patient days for the month was 282 with a budget of 280, thus each of those numbers is slightly above budget, but very, very close to budget. He added that the Nursing Home has not yet received ProShare revenue; it is expected in June.

Mr. Moorehead explained that he is expecting Alex Walker, Executive V. P. of Operations & Strategic Develop for Catholic Medical Center (CMC). He noted that CMC will be the lead Integrated Delivery Network (IDN) for Region 4. He added that he has previously met with Mr. Janell at CMC regarding the IDN.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wenger noted that he has had a conversation with a restaurateur who is interested in leasing County-owned space and has provided the County with a proposal to lease the “kennel” structure for \$2,400 per year. The plan involves storing equipment related to the individual’s business. The Board requested that Mr. Wenger explore the proposal further.

Mr. Wenger noted that the Sub Committee meetings are being held. Attorney Hogan noted that he had a discussion with Rep. Rouillard, who indicated that Justice Nadeau has said that the “Felonies First” program implementation in Hillsborough County will be postponed until September, 2017.

Mr. Wenger noted that the Sheriff’s AFSCME has asked to meet to start negotiations; ground rules will be the subject of discussion at the meeting that is tentatively scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on May 17th. Comm. Pappas will plan to attend the meeting.

1115 Waiver

Mr. Wenger introduced Alex Walker, Executive V. P. of Operations & Strategic Develop for Catholic Medical Center (CMC). Mr. Walker explained that he is here to provide information regarding the 1115 Transformation Waiver. He explained that CMC is applying to be the lead agency for the Integrated Delivery Network (IDN) project and added that he will be coordinating the project at CMC and encouraged the County to support the project; it will focus on mental illness and substance abuse, and will be under the umbrella of Behavioral Health. He added that the program, over the next five years, is intended to transform the manner in which mental illness and substance abuse services are delivered to the Medicaid population. He noted that it will require a significant commitment by all stakeholders; CMC feels that it is well-positioned to take on the role as the “lead agency” in this region. He added that this region will be the largest in the State with 20-25% of the Medicaid population. He noted that CMC’s main role is to be the point of contact with the State and stakeholders and be accountable for reporting on the different projects that the IDN will be involved with as well as being the fiscal agent for the delivery of the funds to the region. Mr. Walker added that the Draft Application is due on May 31st and they are moving very quickly. He noted that each region will have a lead agency. The State is requiring a letter of intent from those in each region who are interested in serving as a lead agency. He noted that CMC has allocated significant resources for the project, including a dedicated project manager and it will be meeting with all the stakeholders, and has hired an outside firm to help with drafting the application. He added that CMC has also brought in Peter Janell, former V.P. of Manchester Mental Health, to help lead the Integrated Delivery Network (IDN).

Mr. Walker explained that next steps include having letters of commitment from the various organizations that are interested in participating in the IDN. He added that with the jail and Nursing Home populations, it is very important for the County to participate in the program. He noted that some of the organizations that have indicated an interest in participating include Elliot Hospital, Dartmouth Hitchcock-Manchester, Manchester Community Health Center, Manchester Mental Health, Easter Seals, Farnum Center, Hope for NH Recovery, Serenity Place, Granite United Way, and many other organizations and healthcare providers that touch the population that they are intending to serve.

He added that a letter of commitment does not commit the County to anything but showing up at meetings and hopefully being a part of some of the projects that the IDN will undertake. He added that he would like to have the County at the meetings so that it has input and can be involved in the project.

In response to a question from Comm. Ziehm regarding how CMC will be paid, Mr. Walker responded that there will be funds allocated late in the year for some of the “capacity building” that will have to happen in order to get the program operational. He added that he expects that there will be funds to help with costs such as the outside firm that will be helping with the application and perhaps with having someone like Peter Janell to help administer the Integrated Delivery Network (IDN). He added that they are not looking for any additional funding beyond what the 1115 Waiver will provide directly or to other participants in the program.

Comm. Ziehm asked if the County has worked directly with CMC on projects in the past. It was noted that it had not worked with it on projects such as the one being proposed, but there have been contracts for inmates going to the facility for treatment in the past. Mr. Moorehead noted that the Nursing Home has contact with CMC almost daily and has an admission agreement with CMC and has worked with them on re-admission rates and other issues over the past sixteen years.

Mr. Wenger asked about opportunities and obligations for the County and whether the 77-page application will identify the projects. Mr. Walker responded that DHHS has described it as a fitness for duty application that indicates the applicant’s ability to act as the lead applicant and work successfully with other partners. The State is going to hire an independent assessor to review each of the applications and notify those applicants that are successful.

He added that the projects have not been selected at this time and offered that potential projects include:

- creating a mental health workforce development program to support access to behavioral health providers in under-served areas,
- establishing workforce development initiatives for substance abuse providers,
- increasing access to behavioral health community crisis intervention and stabilization services,
- developing evidence-based medication adherence programs in community based sites for beneficiaries with behavioral health issues.

He added that the State feels strongly about having the Counties involved because of the number of lives that it touches on a daily basis.

Mr. Wenger added that Commissioner Meyers told the NH Association of Counties that the IDN must include County representation. The Board agreed to consider the letter of support at its next Board meeting once it has been revised and the newly elected Commissioner is on board.

Mr. Walker noted that the focus to date has been on putting the right group together and filing the application. He added that there will be an opportunity for the County to be very helpful with its input as the programs are developed.

Mr. Moorehead noted that Sen. D’Allesandro wrote a summary regarding the 1115 Waiver, noting that “these funds are intended to increase capacity for delivering substance abuse disorder services and mental health services to promote integration of behavioral health and primary care and to provide better care and transition for people leaving County Jails and Nursing Homes.” He added that this Waiver is funded by a program titled *Certified Public Expenses*; it is a program offered by the Federal Government that considers the aggregate in losses for each County Nursing Home in the State and calculates what the matching Federal funds will be to generate \$150,000,000 over the five years that this program will be operating in New Hampshire.

Discussion ensued relative to the need for housing in the County. Mr. Moorehead noted that more of an issue for the Nursing Home residents who leave the Nursing Home is that they face difficulty in being able to access available services unless they have family support. Comm. Ziehm suggested that NH Housing be included in the network.

Mr. Moorehead noted that because of a CMS guideline that became effective approximately two years ago, County Nursing Homes are not allowed to have an assisted living facility on a Nursing Home campus, and if they do that, they will not get Medicaid funding for the assisted living residents.

In response to a question from Mr. Wenger regarding any possible costs for the County, Mr. Walker noted that they do not anticipate that any partner will be asked to contribute funds, and certainly not before the end of this calendar year.

Supt. Dionne noted that this is a delivery of service that is different and it will play a different role for the DOC. Mr. Walker responded that if an inmate has been getting assistance while in the jail, and that ends when he/she is released, this Waiver may provide an opportunity for funding for programs for five years to address situations that have not been funded previously.

The Board thanked Mr. Walker for his presentation today and he excused himself from the meeting.

The Board agreed that it will address a County letter of support for the 1115 Waiver at its next Board Meeting.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for May 25th at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. Castonguay provided the Board with a copy of the Legal Notice for the Candidates' Forum and Delegation Meeting that is scheduled for May 23, 2016.

Mr. Moorehead noted he heard from one of the Representatives that the only way that the MCO's will save money on Phase II of Managed Care, once implemented, is to keep patients out of the Nursing Home. He added that it is his belief that there may be a push to keep Medicaid residents out of Nursing Homes and divert them to assisted living or home care.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion:

To move into Non-Public Session consistent with RSA 91-A:3 II (c) relative to matters, if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of a person, and consistent with RSA 91-A:3 II (g), consideration of security-related issues.

Motion by Comm. Pappas, second by Comm. Ziehm. Pappas-yes, Ziehm-yes. Motion carried.

The Board moved into Non-Public Session at 10:35 a.m.

The Board met with Supt. Dionne, Attorney Kirby and Mr. Wenger

The Board move out of Non-Public Session at 11:18 a.m.

Motion:

To come out of Non-Public Session.

Motion by Comm. Pappas, second by Comm. Ziehm. Pappas-yes, Ziehm-yes. Motion carried

Motion:

To seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session.

Motion by Comm. Pappas, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was entertained.

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Comm. Pappas, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Approved on June 25, 2015

Comm. Toni Pappas, Clerk
Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners

Date