

**Health & Human Services Committee**  
**December 3, 2019**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Committee Chair John Peck, Legislators Allen Drake, James Nabywaniec, Jeremiah Maxon, Robert Ferris, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Anthony Doldo and Board Chair Scott Gray

**Others Present:** Legislators Robert Cantwell, William Johnson, Michael Montigelli, and Daniel McBride, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Community Services Director Tim Ruetten, Public Health Director Ginger Hall, Public Health Planner Steve Jennings, Veterans Service Agency Director Peter Fazio, Insurance Director Lisa Jock, Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Probation Director Marty Morrison, Probation Supervisor Kristine Maloney, WWN7 New Reporter Abby Buttacavoli, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Committee approved the minutes of the November Committee meeting, as written. Chairman Peck introduced Health Planner Steve Jennings for a presentation.

Health Planner Jennings provided the Committee with an overdose status update for Jefferson County (copy attached for file reference.) He advised that they are monitoring data on several fronts; patient data, fatality data, incident data and the data from the OD Response Team. They also track overdose types, emergency room visits and hospitalizations related to overdose illness, treatment program admissions, and reported naloxone administrations. He provided graphs that depicted overdose deaths and opioid lethal toxicology by drug class from 2010 - 2019.

For overdose deaths in 2019 in Jefferson County, Mr. Jennings said before October there were only 6 however and since October there have been 11, and provided demographics of the deaths. He said Jefferson County is considered a federally designated High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). A web-based, overdose detection mapping application (ODMAP) was developed by a HIDTA and is now being implemented in HIDTAs nationally. ODMAP provides near real-time suspected overdose data across jurisdictions to support public safety and public health efforts. It is free and is used by first responders for simple data entry at the scene. Unfortunately, he said only a few first responders in Jefferson County use ODMAP on a regular basis. He said it would be very helpful if more used it as it stimulates real-time response, real-time public awareness and strategic analysis across jurisdictions. He urged legislators to encourage first responder agencies in their districts to sign up for and use ODMAP.

Mr. Jennings, Community Services Director Tim Ruetten and legislators discussed the drug overdose epidemic and what is currently being done, as well as what can be done better to try to get a handle on the situation. All agreed that use of ODMAP would help to get real time

data to better immediately respond to overdose needs in particular areas. They also felt more outreach should be done to get information out in the community about the treatment programs and medications that are available to individuals who need it, in addition to recruitment and training for more treatment providers so more programs/treatment can be made available.

Chairman Peck offered privilege of the floor, however no one present wished to speak.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution Amending the 2019 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid from NYS OMH for the Community Services Department and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Fitzpatrick seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution Amending 2019 County Budget Relative to Mental Health Programs and Authorizing Amended Agreements in Relation Thereto. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Ferris and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution Amending the 2019 County Budget to Recognize Federal Medicaid Administration Reimbursement for the Community Services Department. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution Amending the 2019 County Budget Relative to Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program and Authorizing Agreements in Relation Thereto. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement for Provision of Related Services in Connection with the Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Ferris and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution Authorizing the Jefferson County Medical Examiner's Office to Accept Computers from the NYS DOH and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Fitzpatrick seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement for Provision of Certain Professional Services to the Medical Examiner's Office and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Drake and in answer to a question Mr. Hagemann advised that the rates will stay the same; with no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

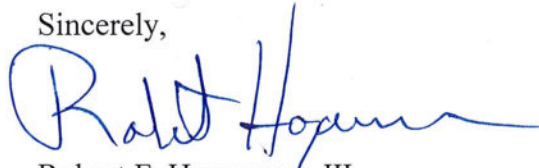
Chairman Peck introduced a resolution not listed on the agenda Authorizing Agreement and Establishing Rates for Transportation Service for Preschool Children with Disabilities and Early Intervention Infants and Toddlers with Delays and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Fitzpatrick and seconded by Legislator Doldo. Legislator Ferris said he understood the reason the County had to accept the next lowest bidder for this service, as the current contractor could no longer provide the service and he would support the resolution. Chairman Peck was thankful there was a provider to fall back on and that the service would go uninterrupted. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution.

Chairman Peck advised that the Jefferson County Department of Social Services was featured in the latest edition of the NYSAC News concerning an initiative that came out of the DSS Ad Hoc Committee. He said the article is about "Breaking the Burn Out" of CPS workers, Mr. Hagemann added that it is specifically about Jefferson County investing in technology so these workers can do reports and other office tasks out in the field instead of having to come back to the office and spend countless hours on computer work after their field work.

Chairman Peck recognized Veterans Service Director Pete Fazio for his 22 years of service with the County and his willingness to help out when needed with any task asked of him. Mr. Hagemann advised that Mr. Fazio has been helping out until the new Veterans Service Agency Director starts work and will be officially retiring next week.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Nabywaniec seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Hagemann". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board