I. COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes of a meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Chemung County Legislature held in the Hazlett Building, 5th Floor, 203 Lake Street, Elmira, New York on Monday, May 23, 2022.

Committee members present: Joseph Brennan (Chairman), Peggy Woodard, Scott Drake

Committee members excused: Christina Sonsire, Robert Briggs

Officials present: John Pastrick, David Manchester, L. Thomas Sweet, Mark Margeson, Brian Hyland, John Burin, Martin Chalk, William McCarthy, Michael Smith, Rodney Strange, Pete Buzzetti, Kevin Meindl, Brian Hart, Andy Avery

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the committee, Joseph Brennan.

II. RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS, AND NOTICES

1. Resolution authorizing agreement with Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Development Services on behalf of the Chemung County Departments of Social Services and Mental Hygiene

Motion made by Peggy Woodard, seconded by Scott Drake, and Passed with a vote of 3-0, authorizing agreement with Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Development Services on behalf of the Chemung County Departments of Social Services and Mental Hygiene.

2. Resolution authorizing agreement with Comet Informatics, LLC on behalf of the Chemung County Department of Social Services

Motion made by Scott Drake, seconded by Peggy Woodard, and Passed with a vote of 3-0, authorizing agreement with Comet Informatics, LLC on behalf of the Chemung County Department of Social Services.

3. Resolution authorizing agreement with Laboratory Corporation of America on behalf of the Chemung County Department of Social Services

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4. Resolution authorizing Memorandum of Understanding with the Southern Tier Assertive Community Treatment Team on behalf of the Chemung County Department of Mental Hygiene
Motion made by Peggy Woodard, seconded by Scott Drake, and Passed with a vote of 3-0, authorizing Memorandum of Understanding with the Southern Tier Assertive Community Treatment Team on behalf of the Chemung County Department of Mental Hygiene.

III. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation - Lead Poisoning - Peter Buzzetti, Chemung County Director of Public Health

   Pete Buzzetti, Director of Public Health, Sarah Mattison, Deputy Director of Public Health, Jonathon Keough, Director of Environmental Health, and Samantha White, Public Health Educator gave a presentation on Lead Poisoning.

V. ADJOURNMENT

   This meeting was adjourned on the motion made by Mrs. Woodard, seconded by Mr. Drake. Motion Carried.
Resolution authorizing agreement with Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Development Services on behalf of the Chemung County Departments of Social Services and Mental Hygiene

Resolution #: 
Slip Type: CONTRACT 
SEQRA status 
State Mandated False 

Explain action needed or Position requested (justification): 
Requesting a resolution authorizing an agreement with Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Development Services, Inc. on behalf of the Chemung County Departments of Social Services and Mental Hygiene.

Prior Resolution No. 21-310 (01/01/21 - 12/31/21)

Vendor/Provider Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Development Services, Inc.

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SCHEDULE IV

Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Developmental Services, Inc. (C.I.D.S.)
161 Sullivan Street
Elmira, New York 14901

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On behalf of the Chemung County Departments of Social Services and Mental Hygiene, please consider this correspondence as our request to renew the County contract with Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Developmental Services, Inc. (C.I.D.S.) for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

The NYS Office of Mental Health state aid award increased by $2,302 for a total Home-Based Crisis Intervention Program award of $309,367. This program is designed to prevent the unnecessary inpatient hospitalization of children and youth, ages 5-17. Further, this program provides for families in crisis due to the imminent risk of a child being placed in inpatient hospitalization. Funding will result in the reduction of need and length of costly psychiatric hospitalizations.

The Office for People with Developmental Disabilities state aid award for the Early Childhood Screening Program will remain $70,639 in 2022. The Early Childhood Screening program provides comprehensive screening services to pre-school children to assess developmental status and sensory functioning. The Early Childhood Screening Program administers approximately 3,500 Development Screening activities.

The Nurse Home Visiting program is requested to remain $278,842 in 2022. The Nurse Home Visiting Program will be 100% Federally reimbursed through our Flexible Funds for Family Services Plan. The Nurse Home Visiting Program is designed to provide our county’s children with every opportunity to arrive at kindergarten socially, emotionally, developmentally, and cognitively prepared to learn as well as focuses on information and referral to families to ensure the highest level of self-sufficiency.

If you have any questions, please contact Commissioner Brian Hart at 737-5501. Thank you.
Resolution authorizing agreement with Comet Informatics, LLC on behalf of the Chemung County Department of Social Services

Resolution #:
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Explain action needed or Position requested (justification):
Requesting a resolution authorizing an agreement with Comet Informatics LLC on behalf of the Chemung County Dept. of Social Services.

Prior Resolution No. 21-079 (01/01/21 - 12/31/21)

Vendor/Provider Comet Informatics LLC
Term 01/01/22 - 12/31/22 Total Amount $83,700 Prior Amount $86,000
Local Share $20,925 State Share $20,925 Federal Share $41,850
Project Budgeted? Yes Funds are in Account #

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642 Kreag Road, Suite 300  
Pittsford, NY 14534  

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CC: Brian Hart, Commissioner of Human Services / Noelle Gross, Director of Administrative Services

FROM: Christine O’Herron, Deputy Commissioner of Human Services

DATE: January 5, 2022

RE: 2022 COMET Informatics, LLC Contract

On behalf of the Chemung County Department of Social Services, please consider this correspondence as our request to renew our agreement with COMET Informatics, LLC.

In Chemung County, many Human Service providers assist the same children, youth, and families from childhood to adulthood. While services are necessary, the utilization of multiple providers hinders the ability to streamline and communicate needs among agencies. The purpose of COMET is to create a county-wide integrated information system for children and youth that will interact with many, if not all, the service providers.

In 2022, our request is to continue to support the development of the County-wide information system that will provide the technological infrastructure for service providers to interact. Community based agencies including CIDS, Chemung County Child Care Council, and the local school districts through a connection with BOCES will participate in the comprehensive longitudinal perspective on each child in the County, leveraging the technology to provide better, faster and continuously improved services.

The Department of Social Services is respectfully requesting the COMET Informatics, LLC contract budget not to exceed $83,700. As compared to 2021, this request is a decrease of $2,300. If you have any questions, please contact Commissioner Brian Hart at 737-5501. Thank you.
Resolution authorizing agreement with Laboratory Corporation of America on behalf of the Chemung County Department of Social Services

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Vendor/Provider Laboratory Corporation of America 
Term 01/01/22-12/31/23 
Total Amount $15,000/year 
Prior Amount $17,000/year 
Local Share $5,100 / year 
State Share 0 
Federal Share $9,900/year 
Project Budgeted? Yes 
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FROM: Christine O’Herron, Deputy Commissioner

CC: Brian Hart, Commissioner of Human Services / Noelle Gross, Director of Administrative Services / Neil Klinko, Child Support Coordinator

DATE: December 27, 2021

RE: 2022-2023 LabCorp Agreement

On behalf of the Chemung County Department of Social Services, please consider this correspondence as our request to renew the Laboratory Corporation of America (LabCorp) contract.

Laboratory Corporation of America is used for provision of DNA identification cases and determination in child support cases. LabCorp promotes parentage testing using the buccal swab specimen collection procedure. This collection procedure is non-invasive. Typically, four (4) swabs are collected from each individual in a case. Two (2) swabs are used for initial testing and the remaining two (2) swabs to be stored for seven (7) years for possible extended testing or, if submitted, testing with additional alleged fathers.

The Laboratory Corporation of America agreement is requested not to exceed $15,000 per year for the two-year term of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Hart at 737-5501. Thank you.
Resolution authorizing Memorandum of Understanding with the Southern Tier Assertive Community Treatment Team on behalf of the Chemung County Department of Mental Hygiene

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Prior Resolution No. 21-299 (01/01/21 - 12/31/21)

Mental Hygiene will continue to retain a 10% administrative fee.

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CC: Brian Hart, Commissioner of Human Services / Colleen Hetrick, Supervisor of Fiscal Services

FROM: Christine O’Herron, Deputy Commissioner of Human Services

DATE: October 18, 2021

RE: 2022 ACT Team Memorandum of Understanding

On behalf of the Department of Mental Hygiene, please consider this correspondence as our request to renew the Memorandum of Understanding with the Southern Tier Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team for 2022.

Per the August 23, 2021 state aid award letter, the Southern Tier ACT Team qualifies for $33,485 in OMH state funding. This is an increase of $249, as compared to 2021. Of the $33,485, Chemung County Mental Hygiene will retain a 10% administrative fee of $3,348. Therefore, $30,137 is available to the ACT Team in 2022.

The ACT Teams provide mobile intensive treatment and support to people with psychiatric disabilities. The focus is on the improvement of an individual’s quality of life in the community and reducing the need for inpatient care, by providing intense community-based treatment services by an interdisciplinary team of mental health professionals. The ACT program has low staff-outpatient ratios in a multi-discipline team approach; 24 hour, seven days per week availability; enrollment of consumers, and flexible service dollars. Treatment is focused on individuals who have been unsuccessful in traditional forms of treatment.

The Southern Tier ACT Team serves up to 48 individuals from the nine-county region at any given time, and of those they serve approximately 30 Chemung County residents annually. If you have any questions, please contact Commissioner Brian Hart at 737-5501. Thank you.
Presentation - Lead Poisoning - Peter Buzzetti, Chemung County Director of Public Health

Resolution #:
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LEAD POISONING IN CHEMUNG COUNTY

CHEMUNG COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION - 5-23-22
INTRODUCTION

- How do kids get lead poisoning?
  - Lead poisoning is a disease children catch from housing
  - Lead based paint/dust, and contaminated soil from deteriorated paint in housing built before 1978
  - Drinking water in the U.S. is typically not the major source of lead exposure
- Health and societal impacts
  - Hearing deficits
  - Developmental and behavioral problems
    - Cognitive impairment (as measured by decreased IQ)
    - Rage, inattention, hyperactivity, and aggression
    - Children with EBLL are at an increased risk for learning difficulties, low high school graduation rate, decreased lifetime earnings and later incarceration
      - High cost to society for social services programs
  - Pregnant women with lead poisoning can encounter:
    - Spontaneous miscarriages
    - Low birth weight
  - At very high levels, lead exposure can cause acute illness such as abdominal pain, vomiting, seizures, coma, and death.
IMPORTANT DATES

- Lead use in paint and gas
  - Lead-based paints were banned for residential use in 1978
  - Phase-out of lead in gas began in 1973, banned completely in 1996

- Other important lead use dates
  - 1992: Federal Title X (Residential Lead-based Paint Hazard Reduction Acts)
    - Comprehensive lead poisoning prevention legislation
    - Focus on hazards (no longer presence of lead paint)
    - Training and certification for workers, inspectors required
  - October 2019: NYSDOH lowered EBL action level from 15 to 5 µg/dL
    - Requires both care coordination & environmental management
Until 2012, children were identified as having a blood lead “level of concern” if the test result was 10 or more micrograms per deciliter (µg/dL) of lead in blood. CDC is no longer using this term and is instead using the blood lead reference value to identify children who have more lead in their blood than most children.

2012, the blood lead reference value (BLRV) for children corresponding to the 97.5 percentile was established to be 5 micrograms per deciliter (µg/dL) based NHANES data from 2007-2010.

October 2021, CDC updated the blood lead reference value to 3.5 µg/dL, which means that more children could be identified as having lead exposure allowing parents, doctors, public health officials, and communities to act earlier to reduce the child’s future exposure to lead.
As of October 2019, NYSDOH lowered EBL action level from 15 to 5 µg/dL.
IMPACT TO CHILDREN - CHEMUNG COUNTY
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EBLL by Age Group 2016

- 9-<18mo: 47%
- 18-<36mo: 6%
- 36-<48mo: 6%
- 72+: 41%

EBLL by Age Group 2017

- 9-<18mo: 56%
- 18-<36mo: 44%
IMPACT TO CHILDREN - CHEMUNG COUNTY

EBLL by Age Group 2018

- 9-<18mo: 8%
- 18-<36mo: 8%
- 36-<48mo: 8%
- 48-<60mo: 8%
- 72+: 34%

EBLL by Age Group 2019

- 9-<18mo: 7%
- 18-<36mo: 13%
- 48-<60mo: 40%
- 72+: 40%
IMPACT TO CHILDREN - CHEMUNG COUNTY

EBLL By Age Group 2020

- 0-<18mo: 7%
- 18-<36mo: 2%
- 36-<48mo: 44%
- 48-<60mo: 47%

EBLL By Age Group 2021

- <9 mo: 0%
- 9-<18mo: 3%
- 18-<36mo: 3%
- 36-<48mo: 5%
- 48-<60mo: 2%
- 60-<72 mo: 2%
- 72+: 40%
- 9-<18mo: 47%
LOCAL LEAD LANDSCAPE – HOUSING, CITY OF ELMIRA (2019 DATA)

- Housing built before 1978
  - Elmira 97% Chemung 84% NY 78.4%
- High poverty rate
  - Elmira 31.7% Chemung 15.2% NY 14.7%
- Property values under $100k
  - Elmira 84% Chemung 49% NY 17%
- Property values under $50k
  - Elmira 24% Chemung 11.5% NY 5.5%
- High rates of rental housing (often in poor neighborhoods)
  - Elmira 56% Chemung 31.7% NY 46.4% renters
- Highly mobile impoverished population with few resources
LEAD RULES FOR PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS

- New York State Public Health Law requires providers to:
  - Test all children at age 1, and again at age 2 with a blood lead test
  - Assess all children ages 6 months to 6 years at every well child visit for risk of lead exposure
    - This includes counselling families on risk reduction, as well as obtaining a blood lead test if risks are identified.

- Both venous and capillary (finger stick) lead results are reported to the Electronic Clinical Lab Reporting System, and retrieved by local health department staff through Leadweb.

- Local health department staff follow up on EBLL received in Leadweb
  - Conduct basic intake, counsel parent/guardian, provide education, create referral to environmental health for home inspection
LEAD HOMES INSPECTION STANDARDS

- EHS staff perform “risk assessment” at home of child with EBLL ≥5 µg/dL
  - Evaluate painted surfaces for presence of lead in hazardous condition (chipping, flaking, etc.)
    - Check furniture, dishware, jewelry, etc.
  - Evaluation is performed using an XRF machine (seen at right)
  - Provide information and guidance for hazard correction
  - Issue notice and demand to owner to correct (interior and exterior) hazards with TTOCs
  - Verify correction completed
**TYPICAL EBLL WORKFLOW**

**Public Health**

- Initial Elevated Venous Blood Lead test is retrieved from Leadweb and added to their electronic chart
- Parent/Guardian is contacted via phone to confirm address, provide general education, counseling, and instructions regarding follow-up testing and home inspection
- Referral is created and sent over to Environmental Health

**Environmental Health**

- Environmental Health coordinates home inspection with owner/landlord/parent/guardian
- Home inspection is conducted, education provided, hazard report is provided to the owner and parent/guardian
- Environmental health re-assesses to verify correction of hazards

- Child’s lead tests are followed until they have two venous blood draws below 5 μg/dL at least 3 months apart. Then, they qualify for discharge.
- If hazards are adequately addressed, the environmental case is closed
CHEMUNG COUNTY LEAD COALITION

2007
- Get the Lead Out Program
  - Program funding due to suit brought against Kennedy Valve by NYS
- $1.5 million allocated to region in settlement
- Provided testing for children and homes and funds for home mitigation/remediation
- Funds expended by 2009 and lead coalition stopped meeting
- Missed opportunity

2017
- The Health Department rebuilt the lead coalition with engagement from local groups, community partners, and government agencies
- The Coalition’s mission is “to work with community partners, leaders, agencies and residents to reduce lead poisoning in families of Chemung County.”
- Housing is the largest contributor to elevated blood lead levels in the children of Chemung County.
- HUD lead grant awarded to the City of Elmira in 2019
HOW OTHER COMMUNITIES HANDLE LEAD POISONING

- How many and what counties have the primary prevention grant?
  - Western Region - Chautauqua, Erie, Monroe, Niagara
  - Central Region - Broome, Cayuga, Jefferson, Oneida, Onondaga
  - Capital Region - Albany, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Schenectady
  - MARO Region - Dutchess, New York City, Orange, Rockland, Ulster, Westchester

- Which communities have a local law?
  - City of Rochester

- Collaboration with:
  - Code Enforcement
  - Foster Care, Section 8
  - DSS, Early Intervention
  - Local businesses (hardware stores/paint shops) to provide incentives
HUD LEAD GRANT, ADMINISTERED BY THE CITY OF ELMIRA

UNITS COMPLETED THIS GRANT CYCLE TO DATE

- Grant Period is January 2020 - October 30th, 2023
- 27 Units Completed/9 in progress/18 pending application review and approval
- 6 Units Completed to clear Lead Orders, 6 Units Currently in Process with Lead Orders, many more referrals but they didn’t result in a project
- Work is a mix of interim controls & lead abatement due to some houses being Historic & work scope
- 11 Units were Historic & 4 Units (houses) Owner Occupied
- Money spent to date: $651,911.00 with average of $11,000 per unit
HUD LEAD GRANT, ADMINISTERED BY THE CITY OF ELMIRA

- Feedback from landlords/homeowners
  - Overwhelmingly Grateful
  - ‘Is this a bait and switch?’
  - Do I really have to keep the tenant once they have gone to the hotel? Can’t they just leave?
  - Relief that they are not alone in this process & that there is help to navigate the process
  - Ghosting (silence) while they hope the whole thing just goes away!
  - It’s taken me my whole life to get into this part of the city and now I have a lead order? I want to raise my kids in this neighborhood, I’ll do whatever it takes to stay here and even help do the work myself
  - Now that we have this done, let’s do all the rest of my rental units!
EXPANDED GRANT

- The Childhood Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention Program (CLPPP+) is a comprehensive, community-centered approach to preventing lead poisoning, focused on:
  - Building meaningful partnerships
  - Enhancing identification and enforcement strategies
  - Promoting community leadership
  - Highlighting the value of lead-safe housing
- What does it enable us to do?
  - Ability to inspect units without an elevated blood lead level
  - Target inspection of all units within a multifamily home where a child with an EBL is identified
- What does the funding cover?
  - Staff
  - Equipment and supplies
  - Training
- Goals:
  - Lead hazards in the community are identified and controlled BEFORE children become lead poisoned
HOW WE WILL USE IT: PHASED APPROACH

- Phase 1
  - Identify partners
    - Elmira HUD Lead Grant will be key partner
  - Onboarding and training of staff
  - Kick-start community engagement

- Phase 2
  - Make connections/build relationships
  - Generate referrals
  - Enhance community involvement
  - Engage local construction and contractors
BENEFITS

- For Our Children
  - Children will no longer be used as a measure for lead detection. We will seize the opportunity to **prevent** lead exposure before it happens.
  - Primary prevention is the most effective way to ensure that children do not experience the harmful long-term effects of lead exposure.

- For Our Community
  - Highlight and proactively address the root cause of lead poisoning in children: housing. **Every person in our community deserves the chance to live in safe housing**.
  - Money spent from the grant will stay local – purchasing supplies and jobs for contractors.
  - Free training for contractors to become HUD Lead Certified for remediation.

- For Property Owners
  - Increase in property values through remediation.
  - Advertise rentals as “Lead Safe Housing”.
  - Reduced neighborhood blight.
UPCOMING REQUEST FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- The Health Department is requesting approval to accept this expanded grant opportunity.
- If approved, a request will be made for staffing for this grant (2 positions to start).
- All costs are covered 100% including salary, fringe, equipment, and materials. Staff positions are contingent on continued federal funding.
  - The Chemung County Board of Health approved the grant expansion and positions creation on 5-19-22.