

Health and Human Services Committee
Budget and Capital
December 18, 2007

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Scott Heyman Conference Room**

Health and Human
Services Committee

Present: N. Shinagawa, Chair; M. Sigler, Vice Chair, F. Proto, M. Robertson, M. Koplinka-Loehr

Budget and
Capital Committee

Present: M. Koplinka-Loehr, Chair; M. Hattery, N. Shinagawa

Excused: K. Luz-Herrera

Staff: J. Wood, County Attorney, A. Cole, B. Crosby, L. Cameron, Health Department; S. Whicher, County
Administrator

Call to Order

Mr. Shinagawa called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Additions to and Deletions from the Agenda

There were no additions to or deletions from the agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. - AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT AND ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNITY WATER
SYSTEM FEES FOR 2007 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Robertson, for the Health and Human Services Committee, to recommend the following resolution to the full Legislature for consideration.

It was MOVED by Mr. Hattery, seconded by Mr. Shinagawa, for the Budget and Capital Committee, to recommend the following resolution to the full Legislature for consideration.

A brief discussion occurred during which it was noted the resolution is a result of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department #502852 Memorandum and Order. The resolution only applies to 2007 fees; 2008 fees will be reevaluated in early 2008 determine an appropriate amount. Mr. Wood noted the 2007 fees had been included in the budget, however, facilities were not billed pending the outcome of the court decision. Ms. Cameron said the \$130 represents a \$10 increase over the 2006 fees for the systems serving the smallest populations. Mr. Proto asked what would the total be in 2007 at the \$130 if everyone paid versus what it would have been had the County been successful with the lawsuit. Ms. Crosby explained that the \$130 fee for 99 facilities would total \$12,870, versus \$43,795 that would have been collected. Partial billings were issued for 2006 fees. Billings were halted due to the suit, and neither Bolton Point, Cornell, nor Ithaca were billed in 2006. The decision requires that payment be made to the County for 2004 and 2005.

A voice vote by the Health and Human Services Committee Resulted as follows: Ayes – 3 (Koplinka-Loehr, Sigler, Shinagawa); Noes – 2 (Proto, Robertson). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

A voice vote by the Budget and Capital Committee Resulted as follows: Ayes – 3 (Koplinka-Loehr, Hattery, Shinagawa); Noes – 0; Excused – 1 (Herrera); Vacant – 1 District 3. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has received a decision regarding the Community System Water Fees from the State of New York, Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department, and

WHEREAS, the adopted fees for 2007 (which have not been billed) would not be sustained because of this ruling, and

WHEREAS, it is fair and desirable to collect some fee for the services provided, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Tompkins County Board of Health, Health and Human Services and Budget and Capital Committee, That the Tompkins County Health Department implement a fee of one hundred and thirty dollars (\$130.00) for the year 2007 for all Community Water Systems.

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Reference: Memorandum and Order November 29, 2007, State of New York, Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department # 502852.

On Motion the joint meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. - AUTHORIZING CHANGES IN CHARGE STRUCTURE - TOMPKINS COUNTY HOME HEALTH CARE - HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Proto, and unanimously adopted by voice vote to recommend approval of the following resolution to the full Legislature. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County's accounting consultant, Michael McCarthy, CPA, of McCarthy & Conlon, LLP, has recommended changes in the Certified Home Health Agency fee structure to maximize Medicaid and Medicare revenues, and

WHEREAS, New York State currently promulgates rates on the day the County Legislature approves them and it is therefore desirable for Tompkins County to adopt the 2008 rates in December 2007, for implementation on January 1, 2008, and

WHEREAS, all changes proposed were made to align charges with actual costs per unit of service as determined during Mr. McCarthy's most recent review of our financial and statistical data, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services and the Budget and Capital Committees, That the Tompkins County Health Department implements the charge structure below, as recommended by Michael McCarthy, CPA, in order to maximize Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party revenues:

2008 Tompkins County Home Health Care Fee Schedule

	<u>2004/2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Skilled Nursing	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$165.00	\$175.00
High Tech Nursing	\$165.00	\$185.00	\$190.00	\$200.00
Physical Therapy	\$105.00	\$110.00	\$112.00	\$115.00
Speech Therapy	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$120.00
Occupational Therapy	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$115.00
Medical Social Work	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00	
Home Health Aide	\$ 45.00/hr	\$ 45.00/hr	\$ 45.00/hr	\$ 45.00/hr
	\$ 90.00/visit	\$ 90.00/visit	\$ 90.00/visit	\$ 90.00/visit

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On Motion the joint meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Fuller, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature