



# DELAWARE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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## Health Services Committee Minutes

<b>Meeting Date/Time:</b>	August 12, 2020 12:35pm	
<b>Attendees/Title:</b>		
Eugene Pigford, Town of Sidney Supervisor	Wayne Marshfield, Town of Hamden Supervisor	
Arthur Merrill, Town of Colchester Supervisor	Amanda Walsh, Public Health Director	
Joseph Cetta, Town of Walton Supervisor	Christina Gardner, Accounting Supervisor	

<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Discussion:</b>	<b>Action:</b>
Transportation Costs	<p>Our transportation companies have indicated that they will require a rate increase to accommodate the necessary changes required for transporting children during the COVID pandemic and be ready to transport children in the fall.</p> <p>Our current transportation contracts end August 31, 2020 but we plan to extend the option to renew for another year with each of our transportation companies. We will need to reach an agreement on an appropriate rate increase to be included in a COVID amendment to the current contract. If an agreement cannot be reached and they refuse to transport, we can seek legal action for breach of contract but we will also need to do an emergency bid to have transportation this fall. With all of the uncertainty at this time we have no idea what rates we would receive with an emergency bid.</p> <p>A survey of all parents was done to see if any would prefer to transport their children to school. Only one parent preferred to transport themselves over county provided transportation. A few parents said they could manage to self-transport for a period of time but the majority of parents needed the county provided transportation.</p> <p>There are two options to put into a COVID amendment to the current transportation contracts. A surcharge would be add to all current rates to compensate transporters for the extra</p>	



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	<p>precautions that are necessary at this time. A base-rate which would be paid when a school is cancelled due to COVID.</p> <p>One transportation company has asked for a 20% surcharge. VMC will perform all negotiations for the contract amendment but needs guidelines and limits from this committee as to what the county is willing and able to offer.</p> <p>The transportation COVID surcharge and base rate projections summary was reviewed and discussed. (see attached) The committee approved allowing VMC to negotiate a COVID contract amendment including a base rate of 25% and a surcharge up to 5%.</p> <p>VMC has asked for an amendment to their consultation contract with us as they have been working with us and our transportation companies during this period and this is not covered in their original contract. Mandy indicated that VMC's work has been very helpful and necessary at this time. The committee approved an addendum to VMC's contract to cover these COVID negotiations.</p>	
Resolution	Public Health has been awarded another COVID grant to cover increased staffing to enhance COVID detection. This grant is \$253,688 for a two-year period beginning July 1, 2020. It is intended to hire or contract with new staff. The committee approved this resolution.	
Fiscal	Due to budgetary issues NYS has begun to pay 80% of payments due to the county. They are placing 20% of payments on hold. There is no indication as to when the remaining 20% will be received. Preschool AVL payments have already been reduced we have only received 80% of the last two payments. State Aid is our largest funding source and it is anticipated that our upcoming payments will be paid at 80%.	
Meeting Adjourned at: 1:10pm		

Respectfully Submitted By,

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Public Health Director

Transportation COVID Surcharge and Base Rate Projections Summary

**Total Projected Costs  
with No Changes  
(100% Open)**  
\$ 811,833.01

		5% Surcharge	10% Surcharge	15% Surcharge	20% Surcharge
With 25% Base Rate	100% Open	\$857,539.21	\$898,374.41	\$939,209.61	\$980,044.80
	Cost Difference	\$45,706.20	\$86,541.40	\$127,376.60	\$168,211.79
	75% Open	\$694,198.41	\$724,824.81	\$755,451.21	\$786,057.61
	Cost Difference	(\$117,634.60)	(\$87,008.20)	(\$56,381.80)	(\$25,775.40)
	50% Open	\$530,857.61	\$551,275.20	\$571,692.81	\$592,110.40
	Cost Difference	(\$280,975.40)	(\$260,557.81)	(\$240,140.20)	(\$219,722.61)
With 35% Base Rate	100% Open	\$857,539.21	\$898,374.41	\$939,209.61	\$980,044.80
	Cost Difference	\$45,706.20	\$86,541.40	\$127,376.60	\$168,211.79
	75% Open	\$714,616.00	\$745,242.41	\$775,868.81	\$806,495.21
	Cost Difference	(\$97,217.01)	(\$66,590.60)	(\$35,964.20)	(\$5,337.80)
	50% Open	\$571,692.81	\$592,110.40	\$612,528.01	\$632,945.61
	Cost Difference	(\$240,140.20)	(\$219,722.61)	(\$199,305.00)	(\$178,887.40)