

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
January 3, 2023

Committee members: Carlie Chilson, Terry Button, Ed Bronson, Jesse Jayne, Dick Harper

Others present: Bonnie Percy, Mark Morris, Doug Paddock, Leslie Church, Tim Cutler (Zoom), Nonie Flynn, Emilee Miller, George Roets, Sara Christensen, Amy Miller, Phil Rouin, Becky Bennett-Tears

Carlie & Dick will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steve Hampsey

Steve was not present, but the Committee reviewed his Grant Status Report and his Statistic Report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: George Roets

George reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. After discussion/edits the Committee approved.

- Authorize Legislature to enter into Volunteer Services Agreements with Participants in Connection with the INSYGHT: Family and Youth Program through the Community Services Department

George reported that there were 4 reports received and investigations in regards for the SAFE act. There were 2 reported to DCJS.

George reported that Year-End Budget adjustments have been made.

George reviewed program updates.

George reviewed the status of his 2022 Goals and his proposed 2023 Goals.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Becky Bennett-Tears

Becky reviewed program updates highlighting: Legal Assistance, Information and Assistance, HIICAP, Transportation, Special Event Dinner, Personal Emergency Response System, Senior Nutrition, and EISEP Case Management.

Becky provided an update on the parking situation for their fleet. Last Thursday they were contacted by the County Barns, where they had their 5 vehicles parked, saying that they needed them temporarily moved while they did some renovations. And long term they would need to secure different parking. They moved their vehicles to the Medical Arts Building. They offered spaces for all of their vehicles right in the parking lot. They said that there's no time limit of how long they can park there so hopefully that'll be their long term location. It is actually going to be beneficial to their office because it is closer, it'll be less mileage that they have to pay drivers to go get the office vehicles, and also that site has security, so their vehicles will be monitored.

Becky reported that in regards to Fiscal and Contract Updates, they await the release of the 2023 AU.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

Amy reported that as of December 29, 2022, a new law raises the lower age of Juvenile Delinquency from 7 to 12 years of age, with the exception of alleged homicide offenses. It also raises the lower age for youth in secure detention from 10 to 13 years of age.

Amy reported HEAP updates:

| <u>Benefit Type</u> | <u>Benefit Amount</u> |
|--|-----------------------|
| Oil, Kerosene, Propane | \$900 |
| Wood, Wood Pellets, Corn, Coal or other deliverables | \$635 |
| Natural Gas (Heat Only) | \$400 |
| Natural Gas Heat with Domestic Electric | \$585 |
| Electric Heat | \$585 |
| Heat Related Electric | \$185 |

Amy reported that the Office of Children and Family Services is changing the Program Year for Youth Development Program funding starting in January 2023.

Amy reviewed the Unemployment Rates:

| | November 2022 | November 2021 | November 2020 |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Ontario | 2.5 | 3.2 | 4.6 |
| Seneca | 2.5 | 3.5 | 4.9 |
| Wayne | 2.5 | 3.2 | 4.8 |
| Yates | 2.5 | 2.8 | 4.1 |
| Monroe | 2.9 | 3.9 | 6.0 |

Amy reviewed the status of her 2022 Goals and her proposed 2023 Goals.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Sara Christensen

Sara reported that the 2022-2024 Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan were completed in partnership with Finger Lakes Health and Common Ground Health. The priority areas chosen for Yates County were 1.) Prevent Chronic Diseases with the focus on healthy eating and food security and 2.) Promote Well Being and Prevent Mental and Substance Abuse Disorders with the focus on prevent mental and substance use disorders.

Sara reviewed Prevention Program Updates, highlighting: Injury Prevention, Health Education, Maternal Child Health, and Communicable Disease Control.

Sara reviewed the status of her 2022 Goals and her proposed 2023 Goals.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Phil reviewed the status of his 2022 Goals and his proposed 2023 Goals.

Phil reviewed the Veterans' Service Projects, Personnel, Training & Conference Updates, Statistics, Upcoming Veteran-Related Training, Meetings and Community Events.

Phil reported that for December 249 services were provided, to include coordinated services for a homeless Veteran, the VSA director and VSO made arrangements for a 15 Veteran transports during the month of December. VSA volunteers, using county vehicles, provided 13 Veterans transports to medical appointments and transportation was provided for 2 additional Veteran

where a volunteer used their own vehicle. Yates County Veterans transported = 10; VSA Volunteer Transport Trips = 15

Phil reported that the monthly total compensation for VA claims settled in the last month were \$53,174.83. Total compensation and disbursements year-to-date was \$1,275,495.48.

Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.