

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

January 6, 2020

Committee members: Leslie Church, Ed Bronson, Terry Button, Carlie Chilson, Dick Harper, Bonnie Percy

Others present: Deb Minor, Amy Miller, Phil Rouin, Diane Lovejoy, Jim Multer, Rick Willson, Doug Paddock Earle Gleason, Tim Cutler, Pat Killen, Dan Banach, Nonie Flynn,

Leslie and Ed will sign the audit this month

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth

Zach could not attend the meeting, Becky Bennett-Tears reported in his absence.

Becky reported over 200 individuals were counseled on Health Insurance during open enrollment.

Becky reported on Data Validation. NYSOFA released the forms for Data Validation and they were returned to NYSOFA prior to the 12/13 due date. There have been no follow up requests from NYSOFA. The work issues that were reported with the Data Validation last year, had one section with an issue. NYSOFA added a zero onto all of the units of service numbers. This was written out in the narrative for them so it should be correct on future reports.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

Amy reviewed the following resolutions that are needed. The Committee approved.

- Contract renewal with Scott Steele
- Contract renewal with Chris Clinton
- Contract renewal with FLACRA
- Authorize contract with Dundee Children's Center
- Authorize Contract with Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes

Amy reviewed a position review form for a temporary Fiscal Administrative Officer position. The Committee approved.

Amy updated the Committee on Able Bodied Adult without Dependents (ABAWD) and new regulations that will be coming as of April 1, 2020. Amy estimates that the number of cases qualifying for ABAWD is 18 which is less than 1% of our total cases of 1934. Amy stated that the department is routinely referring individuals to Workforce Development for ABAWD. The change for Yates County will be in tracking the client requirements and adjusting their benefits accordingly.

Amy updated the Committee on HEAP. As of 12/31/19 there were 851 applications. There are 64 applications pending. DSS has issued \$221,794 in benefits. In Social Services, HEAP is administered by the food stamp unit and a contract staff member from ProAction to process applications and one part time staff member to conduct outreach.

Amy updated the Committee on Children Services. Amy explained that changes were made to Article 7 of the Family Court Act (FCA) to enact Person In Need of Supervision (PINS) reform effective January 1, 2020. All state reimbursement funding for PINS placements is eliminated as of January 1, 2020. The requirements described by the PINS reform legislation will limit both

the allowable reasons for placement and length of stay in any foster or congregate care setting. There are currently no PINS placements. The two most recent placements were in 2016.

Amy reported the deadline for submission for the Governors Youth Council was extended to 12/23. Currently there are no applications that have been submitted.

Amy reviewed her 2020 Goals.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Deb Minor

Deb reported an offer of employment was made to a candidate for the part-time Account Clerk Typist position. This individual will have a start date of January 13, 2020.

Deb reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- RESOLUTION: Reappoint Medical Director

Deb reported the Yates Transit Service Inc. Board meeting was held on December 10th. Discussion took place on the merger of the ARC of Yates with Seneca Cayuga ARC and implications for Yates Transit, including the transition of Yates Transit Services employees to become employees of Mozaic. The next board meeting is scheduled to occur on March 10, 2020. The Department of Public Health continues to serve as Secretary of the Board for 2020.

Deb reported the Community Health Assessment, and the Community Services Plan and Community Health Improvement Plan were submitted on December 26, 2019. These reports will be available to our community partners and residents through the County website. We are also awaiting a small number of bound copies of the report from Common Ground Health and will provide those to the Committee once available.

Deb reported Influenza-Flu activity in New York State and across the Nation continues to increase and is now declared widespread, with Influenza B being the predominant strain seen thus far.

Deb reported all private schools have been visited for completion of the Annual School Immunization Survey and submitted to NYSDOH. Once data is analyzed she will report the current level of compliance with school based immunization requirements.

Deb reported the annual oversight visit with Finger Lakes Community Health has been completed. Finger Lakes Community Health is the provider of free STD testing and treatment services for residents through a contract with the county. This year the review was completed in conjunction with Ontario County and Seneca County Public Health Departments as they also contract with this agency for services. No concerns or deficiencies in processes were noted.

Deb reported Narcan training events were held at Keuka College for the student government and library staff with a total of 11 trained and provided with free Narcan kits. During 2020 Public Health will be looking for additional opportunities with a goal of 1 or more trainings held each quarter.

Deb reported they continue to offer education and free radon kits through a grant with NYSDOH which extends into 2020. During 2019 a total of 104 kits were distributed.

Deb reviewed her 2020 Goals.

Deb reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- RESOLUTION: Authorize contract with Evalumetrics
- RESOLUTION: Authorize Contract Renewals

Deb reported there were 4 reports for the SAFE Act and 2 reported to DCJS.

Deb reported with the Changing the Culture Project. An agreement was reached with Keuka College to provide Youth Mental Health First Aid for higher learning institutions. Training undertaken to be approved for the new 6-hour Youth Mental Health First Aid approach.

Deb reported with regards to the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Yates, the Coalition has been meeting with other community organizations regarding the possibility of affiliation. A planning meeting will be set early in January 2020.

Deb reviewed program updates for Systems of Care, Crisis Intervention Training, Outpatient mental health services for children and the CHASE Research Grant.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Phil reported he and Carrie will be attending the American Legion Department of New York's Veterans Service's Committee meeting.

Phil reported every year the American recognizes a Top Veterans Service Officer. Phil will be nominating Carrie Ahearn.

Phil reviewed the current projects he is working on.

Phil reviewed his statistical report which showed 213 services were provided and 22 veterans were transported to various medical appointments.

Phil reviewed upcoming veteran events.

Phil reviewed the Claims settled.

Phil reviewed his 2020 Goals.

CONFLICT DEFENDER: Tiffany Sorgen

Tiffany could not attend the meeting her statistical report was reviewed which showed as of December 2019 there were 52 total active cases.

ASSIGNED COUNCIL: Diane Lovejoy

Diane reviewed her statistical reported. There were 234 cases added in 2019. After subtracting the cases that were closed after vouchering, the cases pending on December 31, 2019 were 345. The total at the end of 2018 was 220. The net increase in pending cases was 125.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Katie Gosper

Katie could not attend the meeting her statistical report showed year to date there are 208 active cases and 20 arraignments for December.

A reported on Grants was also submitted along with her goals.

ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn

Nonie reviewed the County Project status review as it relates to Human Services

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.