

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

February 1, 2021

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

Others present: Jim Multer, Rick Willson, Connie Hayes, Nonie Flynn, Tim Cutler, Earle Gleason, Dan Banach, Doug Paddock, Tim Groth, Pat Killen, Deb Minor, Annmarie Flannigan, Amy Miller, Phil Rouin, Steve Hampsey.

Leslie and Carlie will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Deb Minor

Deb updated the committee on COVID-19. Deb reported there were 23 new cases over the weekend and 6 are hospitalized. There are 261 in isolation or quarantine. There have been 1,024 positive tests and almost 26,000 negative tests. There were 3 more cases received today and the 7 day rolling average is 4.7%.

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

- RESOLUTION: Authorize agreement with Todd A. Torrance DBA/Zero Point Aerial
- RESOLUTION: Appoint A. Flanagan as Early Intervention Official
- RESOLUTION: Appoint S. Stefkovich as County Designee to the Committee for PreSchool Special Education
- Sign Memorandum of Understanding for Point of Dispensing (POD) Site at the Penn Yan Flying Club

Deb reviewed the proposed 2021-22 SFY Executive Budget.

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

- RESOLUTION: Authorize Director of Public Health to fill Public Health Nurse Position

Annmarie reviewed her 2021 Goals.

Deb reported there were 3 reports received & investigated for the SAFE ACT and 0 reported to DCJS.

Deb updated the Committee on the Suicide prevention Coalition of Yates, Yates INSYGHT, Outpatient Mental Health Services, Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), Columbia University HEALing Communities Study (HCS), Yates County Crisis Services Plan.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

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

- Recognition of Mrs. Carrie L. Ahearn for Outstanding Veterans' Service in Yates County and Recognizing Her as the Department of New York the American Legion Veteran Service Officer of the Year for 2019

Phil reported the office received \$8,000 in state revenue.

Phil reported he now has an intern working in his office.

Phil reported on the various meetings and trainings attended.

Phil reviewed his statistics which showed 322 services were provided and 12 veterans were transported to medical appointments.

Phil reviewed the upcoming Veteran related training, meetings and Community Events.

Phil reviewed the claims settled.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth

Zach could not attend the meeting but did submit a written report which no one had questions on.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steve Hampsey

Steve reviewed his statistical report which showed a total of 323 active cases.

Steve updated the Committee on various grants.

Nonie questioned if Steve could report to the committee meeting on a quarterly basis. The Committee agreed.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

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

- Enter into contract with Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes
- Enter into contract with Richard Hoyt
- Enter into residential service contract
- Amend Resolution 465-20
- Workforce Development Budget Transfer
- Recognize Distinguished Youth Award

Amy reported the moratorium on utility shut offs has been extended. However, per regulation in order to get emergency HEAP, a shut off notice must be issued. Amy explained this will become a bigger problem as time goes on household debt will increase, and energy programs will not receive the revenue they are entitled to.

Amy reported the unemployment rates for Yates County for December 2020 were 5% and in 2019 it was at 4.4% in 2020. Amy stated that there are 862 people in Yates County receiving unemployment benefits.

Amy explained under current law, unemployed New Yorkers weekly benefits are reduced by 25 percent for each day an individual works, regardless of the hours worked, unfairly penalizing those who accept part-time jobs. This meant that anyone who worked four or more days even if they only worked one hour per day would have to forfeit their entire weekly benefit. The Department of Labor has implemented emergency measures that base partial unemployment benefits on the number of hours worked over the course of a week. Under this new system, unemployed New Yorkers can work up to seven days per week and still receive some unemployment benefits if they work fewer than 30 hours and earn no more than \$504 in gross pay.

Amy reviewed the proposed executive budget and how it will affect the department.

Amy reviewed a position review form for a Social Welfare Examiner. The Committee approved.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn

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

- Resolution – Recognize Deborah A. Minor for Outstanding Public Health Service in Yates County

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.