

# HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

February 4, 2019

Committee members: Ed Bronson Chair, Leslie Church, Vice Chair, Terry Button, Carlie Chilson, Bonnie Percy

Others present: Bill Holgate, Jim Multer, Tim Dennis, Rick Willson, Connie Hayes, Nonie Flynn, Elden Morrison, Tim Cutler, Doug Paddock, Earle Gleason, Dan Banach, Zach Housworth, Amy Miller, Deb Minor, Phil Rouin, Katie Martens-Henderson, Diane Lovejoy, Tiffany Sorgen.

Ed and Bonnie will sign the audit this month.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented.

## Public Comment:

Valerie Brechko addressed the Committee regarding the possible closing of the mental health unit at Soldiers and Sailors without any input from the public. Valerie would like to see the Legislature get involved by writing a resolution requesting the New York State Department of Health to require a comprehensive study of local needs and a full, open discussion with the communities that will be impacted before allowing this to move forward.

Michele Van Coppenel, John Cooley and Laura Salamendra also addressed the Committee regarding the proposed closing of the facility.

## **OFFICE FOR THE AGING:** Zachary Housworth

Zach reported AARP is starting their tax preparation appointments tomorrow.

Zach reported for ESIP in home care program is now up to 10 people on the wait list. Zach is hoping that new funding will be available in April so those individuals can come off the list. It is possible that some funding may be available before the end of March to get a couple of the people of the list sooner.

Zach reported Pam Swarhout has been certified as a Peer Leader for the Chronic Pain Self-Management Program. She will be offering 1 Chronic Disease Self-Management Program class and 1 Chronic Pain Self-Management Program class annually.

Zach reported on the Special Needs Disaster registry. Zach explained the office was able to utilize the registry on the 18<sup>th</sup> to warn the individuals about the impending storm. The registry also allows Office for the Aging to share the names of individuals with Emergency Service Personnel in the event that there is a countywide emergency or other natural disaster.

## **SOCIAL SERVICES:** Amy Miller

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

- Authorize Workforce Development Budget Transfer
- Recognize Seth Williams as a Distinguished Youth Award Recipient
- Amend Resolution 382-18 (Contract Renewals with agencies)

Amy reported that the DSS attorney has resigned and reviewed a position review form. The Committee approved the refilling of the position.

Amy reviewed how the Federal Government shut down would affect certain DSS programs.

Amy reviewed how the proposed Executive Budget would affect DSS programs if passed as proposed.

Amy reported Workforce Development has enrolled 10 of 18 new youth for Program Year 2018-2019 and continue to promote services to potential partners and referral sources around the county.

Amy reported the employment staff are now taking direct referrals from the Support Collection Unit and Probation.

Amy reported the Life skills classes are planned for the first quarter of 2019.

Amy reported with regards to the Youth Bureau, all vouchers have been signed by the Treasurer and sent to NYS for reimbursement. Also, all programs have been sent to the Program Annual Assessment (PAA) and are due back February 12<sup>th</sup>. Contract renewals will be sent out once the PAA's are received.

**PUBLIC HEALTH: Deb Minor**

Deb reported that the annual sliding fee schedules are updated when the Federal Poverty Levels are released. Deb has prepared a resolution.

Deb reviewed how the 2019-2020 proposed Executive Budget would impact Public Health Programs.

Deb reviewed the 2018 Communicable Disease report which showed there were 136 influenza A cases and 83 influenza B cases.

Deb reviewed position review forms for a Principal Account Clerk Typist and a Public Health Nurse. The Committee approved the refilling of the positions.

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

- Authorize Director Of Public Health To Fill Position (Principal Account Clerk Typist)
- Authorize Director of Public Health To Fill Position (Public Health Nurse)
- Adopt Sliding Fee Schedules

**Community Services**

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

- Resolution to amend Resolution 3-19 (Authorize renewal of contracts)

Deb reported there were 5 reports for the Safe Act and 1 was reported to DCJS.

Deb reported there is currently 1 AOT. Midlakes ACT team is managing the case and reporting frequently.

Deb reported YMHFA and MHFA courses are being planned for the 2019 Changing the Culture Project. Applications for the Train the Trainer have been provided to three individuals who expressed interested in the YMHFA training offered through a Performance Provider System grant. A Yates County team has been assembled representing law enforcement, behavioral health and community advocacy.

Deb reported the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Yates has initiated the planning for the “Out of Darkness Walk” for 2019. The “Talk Saves Lives” programs have been scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Penn Yan Library and on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Our Town Rocks Community Meeting and then on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:00 in the Co. Auditorium. The suicide awareness and prevention training, and planning for future Train the Trainer sessions are in the process of being setup.

Deb reviewed the Transitional Case Management program. The TCM is an outreach service operated out of the Lakeview Health Services Drop In Center in Penn Yan. It provides education to residents in the use of Primary Care, provides short term support of individuals with health care issues, linkage with community services with the goal to make individuals become connected with their community.

Tim Dennis questioned the mental health issues with S&S Memorial. Tim expressed concerns with the understanding that there is not much that the Legislature can do.

George Roets explained what the process is that S&S Hospital has to go through to close their mental health facility and steps that he has taken as he does not agree with the closure. George felt that a resolution from the Legislature would ring a bell. Deb and George will put a resolution together for Monday’s meeting.

**VETERANS:** Philip Rouin

Phil reported Rachael Restivo a Keuka College social work student is interning in the office.

Phil updated the Committee on projects and Veteran Outreach that has been done and is ongoing.

Phil reviewed the statistics for the month which showed 287 services were provides to Veterans and 22 transports to various medical appointments were done.

Phil reviewed upcoming Veteran Events.

**CONFLICT DEFENDER:** Tiffany Sorgen

Tiffany reviewed her statistical report which showed as of December 2018 there were 36 active cases.

**ASSIGNED COUNCIL ADM.:** Diane Lovejoy

Diane reviewed her statistical report which showed 220 active cases as of the end of December.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER:** Katie Martens-Henderson

Katie reviewed her statistical report which showed 189 active cases for January.

Katie reported she has hired a second assistant who will start February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Katie updated the Committee on arraignments and grants.

**ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:** Nonie Flynn

Nonie reviewed various projects that she is working on related to Human Services.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.