

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

March 2, 2020

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

Others present: Jim Multer, Bonnie Percy, Rick Willson, Connie Hayes, Nonie Flynn, Pat Killen, Tim Cutler, Earle Gleason, Doug Paddock, Dan Banach, Deb Minor, Amy Miller, Zach Housworth, Phil Rouin, Steve Hampsey, Sara Christensen, and Chelsea Bailey.

Leslie and Terry will sign the audit this month.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Deb Minor

Deb reviewed the following resolutions that she would need. The Committee approved.

- RESOLUTION: Adopt 2020 sliding fee schedules
- RESOLUTION: Proclaim April 6-12 as National Public Health Week
- RESOLUTION: Support for increased funding for local Public Health programs

Deb reported the Professional Advisory Committee met on February 19th for review of the 2019 4th Quarter Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement activities and reports. There were no incidents, accidents or complaints during this quarter.

Deb reported with regards to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus. Staff continue to keep abreast of the situation through conference calls and review or guidance documents released by NYSDOH and the CDC.

Deb reported the next Rabies Clinic is March 7th from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Dundee Village Barns located on Spring Street.

Deb reported the required County Staging Site exercise was held on February 19, 2020. The exercise was designed to test the opening of a shared County Staging Site in Dundee with Schuyler County for receipt of assets necessary to open and conduct a point of distribution. The exercise went well.

Sarah Christensen and Chelsea Bailey gave a presentation on a proposal by the Finger Lakes Sexual Health Coalition to address Sexually Transmitted Infections through having condoms available in public restrooms. Sara explained the dispensers would cost approximately \$100 each, which is reimbursed by the State, and the condoms would be provided through the New York State Department of Health. The consensus of the Committee was to have Public Health continue the education that they are doing, and obtain more data and bring back the issue later in the year. After further discussion a dispenser will be available in Public Health, DSS and Workforce Development lobbies.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

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

- RESOLUTION: Authorize agreement with FLACRA

Deb reported there were 3 reports for the SAFE Act and 1 was reported to DCJS.

Deb reported with regards to the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Yates, discussion between the Coalition and the Living Well have moved forward with the selection of a community member as chair of the coordinating committee for the coalition and added to the Living Well Board as a nonvoting member.

Deb updated the Committee on Systems of Care, Crisis Intervention Training and Outpatient mental health services for children.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Phil reported on trainings that he and Carrie will be going to.

Phil reported on various projects and Veteran outreach.

Phil reported on his statistics which showed 275 services and 20 Veterans were transported to various medical appointments.

Phil reported on upcoming veteran related events.

Phil reported on claims settled for the month which totaled \$78,410.58. Phil was asked to add a year to date figure for the claims.

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

- Proclaiming March 29th as Vietnam Veterans Day in Yates County
- Request Funding For The Establishment of a PFC Joseph Dwyer Peer-To-Peer Support Program in Yates County
- Supporting New York State Senate Bill S109 Amending Executive Law 359 to Increase Annual Funding to County Veteran Services Agencies in New York State
- Urging the Governor and State Legislature to Make Investments in Veterans Services

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth

Zach reported he had to do a second budget modification for unmet needs funding due to the lack of available aides.

Zach reported as of February 28th, 35 Office for the Aging's across the state have received their questionnaires and corrects from the NYS Office for the Aging. Zach reach out to NYSOFA and they stated that the 7 OFA's that have returned forms should receive their notice of grant awards by the end of April. Zach explained that this would allow him to be able to claim on time this year.

Zach reported he is working on a grant for an 11 passenger bus with a wheel chair lift. If OFA is successful in being awarded the grant they will be selling the two current buses they have at auction and use the funds from the sale towards the purchase of a new van.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steve Hampsey

Steve stated that he is working on getting settled into the office and hopes to have his secretary in place by the middle of next week.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

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

- Calling on the Governor and New York State Legislature to Preserve the Zero percent Medicaid Growth Cap

- Calling on the Governor and the State Legislature to Not Shift More Costs to Counties and New York City for State Controlled Non-health Care Related Social Services Programs
- Amend Resolution 65-2020 Workforce Development Budget Transfer
- Enter Into Contract With LabCorp for Paternity Testing

Amy reported a new fiscal administrator has started and is training and a new caseworker will be starting at the end of the week.

Amy reviewed the proposed Medicaid changes. Amy explained that she does have a power point presentation on Medicaid Local Processes and Procedures. Amy was asked to give the presentation at the next Human Service meeting.

Amy reported on the Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents. The SNAP (Food Stamp) employment program is up and running. All individuals who are employable now receive 4 weeks of classes and 4 weeks of supervised job search each time they apply for SNAP and/or recertify for SNAP. Amy explained that a plan had to be provided to OTDS showing how they would use their exceptions to the rule. Amy decided to save the exceptions in case there were errors.

Amy reported Workforce Investment has enrolled 28 of their targeted of 30 out of school youth and 17 out of their targeted 20 training customers through 8 months of Program Year 19-20.

Amy reported the Youth Bureau is making changes to the requirements for programs receiving Youth Development Funds. During the current year, all programs must participate in Darkness to Light training. This is a 3 hour training built off the foundation of The 5 Steps to Protecting Children. The training is led by an authorized facilitator from Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes.

ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn

Nonie reviewed vacancy review forms for the Confidential Secretary to Public Defender and the Assistant Public Defender. The Committee approved.

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

- Authorize Public Defender to Fill Position (Confidential Secretary to Public Defender)
- Authorize Public Defender to Fill Position (Assistant Public Defender)

Nonie reviewed the project status report as it relates to Human Services.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.