

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

June 3, 2019

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

Others present: Deb Minor, Amy Miller, Connie Hayes, Zach Housworth, Phil Rouin, Bill Holgate, Jim Multer, Tim Dennis, Rick Willson, Elden Morrison, Tim Cutler, Doug Paddock, Dan Banach, Katie Gosper.

Ed and Bonnie will sign the audit this month.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as presented.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth

Zach reported some additional help is now available to help with implementing a 4 year plan. NYSOFA is hosting a training in Albany on October 8th regarding the 4 year plan and this year's Annual update for both fiscal and program management. There is also a NYSOFA training day on June 10th where Zach will receive information on a variety of topics to help move the plan forward.

Also, Matt Bull, ProAction COO and Zach asked focus group questions to several customers at the Dundee Mobile Food Pantry and the May Banquet Dinner. The answers will be used as part of both the ProAction Community Needs Assessment as well as the Yates OFA 4 Year Plan Needs Assessment.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

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

- Adopt Workforce Development Budget
- Authorize Contract for WIOA funding
- Allocate Budget
- Amend Resolution
- Budget Transfer

Amy reported the vacant Social Welfare Examiner position has been filled. All of the caseworkers are fully trained and will begin to carry their own caseloads shortly.

Amy reported Code Blue emergency housing regulation has ended for this year. During the required time period \$40,053 was spent on housing and transportation for homeless individuals who would not have been otherwise eligible. There were 30 cases with 23 of those cases being single individuals. There were 4 single night stays and one stay each for 68, 70, and 72 nights.

Amy explained that currently the State Legislature is considering legislation to change the burden of proof to indicate child protective cases from "some credible evidence" to a "fair preponderance of evidence". The effect of this is that the standard for indicating a report would be the same standard that the state uses when a person appeals the results of that report to the state.

Also being considered is a bill that would allow the court to order post adoption contact for children who have been freed and adopted. If this bill should go through it would allow the court to have involvement in the child's life, even after adoption, lasting an entire childhood. It would also allow the birth parent the ability to repeatedly bring the matter back into court with no

limitation of any kind. The New York Public Welfare Association issued a memo in opposition to this bill.

Amy reported on May 7th Workforce Development held a Job Fair serving 10 business, with 30 job seekers attending. This was open to all industries but primarily served the Health and Human Service Fields. Two recruitments held at Penn Yan Academy served 8 businesses, with 40 job seeking students attending. A similar recruitment was held at Dundee High School on May 30th.

Amy reported the Summer Youth Employment Program is recruiting for about 40 slots for Summer 19.

Amy reported all Youth Bureau contract programs have submitted updated insurance information. She continue to wait on the finalization of the Youth Development Budget so that the allocations can be approved and contracts can be sent out. Also, the Lifeguard MOU's have been sent out.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Katie Gosper

Katie reviewed her statistical report which showed ongoing total active cases are 15.

Katie updated the Committee on arraignments. There were 16 arraignments for May of those, bail was set on 11 cases and 2 were no bail, 3 were released on their own recognizance. Four of the 16 arraignments were AUO's.

Katie updated the Committee on the status of the Grants.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Deb Minor

Deb reported the Professional Advisory Committee met on May 15, 2019 for the review of the 1st quarter quality Assurance/Quality Improvement activities and reports.

Deb reported on the Community Health Assessment/ Community Health Improvement Plan. A meeting was held on May 8th to determine the two priorities for the 2019-2021 Community Health Improvement Plan. The priorities selected are Prevent Chronic Diseases with a focus on Preventive Care and Management and Prevent Mental and Substance Use Disorders.

Deb reported a Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Wednesday June 5th at the County Buildings and Grounds Garage from 7-8 PM, weather permitting. The next Rabies clinic will be conducted on August 28th at the Potter Fire House.

Deb reported the NYSDOH Commissioner has declared that influenza is no longer prevalent in New York State.

Deb reported the NYS Public Health Association and the NYS Association of County Health Officials were present in Albany on May 17th to speak regarding State budget priorities and pending legislation on behalf of local health departments. Support was voiced for an ACT to repeal subdivision 9 of section 2164 of the public health law, relating to exemption from vaccination due to religious beliefs. If enacted, the only exemption permitted in NY would be medical.

Deb reported the NYSPHA an NYSACHO also advocated for the passage of proposed legislation aimed to prohibit the sale and distribution of flavored e-liquid for use in e-cigarettes, to enact the "tobacco-free pharmacies act", to prohibit smoking in certain outdoor areas and to

prohibit the use of coupons or use of a “price reduction instrument” to lower the price of certain tobacco products.

Deb reported NYSPHA and NYSACHO voiced their concerns and recommendations regarding the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act, stating that “Our members have serious concerns related to the adverse impact an adult-use regulated cannabis program will have on public health. If this legislation is passed, it is imperative that adequate resources and safeguards are provided, to ensure that public health professionals on the front lines will have the tools needed to best protect the public from a variety of serious risks.

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

- RESOLUTION: Authorize signature of MOU (CSEA)
- RESOLUTION: Amend Resolution 40-19

Deb reported there were 7 reports received for the SAFE Act, of those 3 were reported DCJS.

Deb reported there is 1 Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) case.

Deb reported Youth Mental Health First Aid training was provided at Our Town Rocks in Dundee. Two more are scheduled for June and one more for July.

Deb reported the Suicide Prevention Coalition is planning the “Out of Darkness Walk” which will be held on September 29, 2019 at the Penn Yan Village Boat Launch & Keuka Outlet. Check in is at noon and the walk starts at 1:00 p.m.

Deb reported on the Systems of Care Planning. Deb explained the intent of the planning is to develop a comprehensive plan for children’s services in Yates County focused on effective coordination, collaboration, communication and integration of services and support for children and families.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Phil reported on activities of the Veteran’s Services Officers, and the interns that were done last month.

Phil reported on June 6th the new VA Mission Act of 2018 will take effect. This ACT is working to ensure delivery of better care for Veterans.

Phil reported he is currently drafting a departmental policy for the Volunteer Transportation Network Policy. This will ensure proper training of volunteer drivers and the efficient utilization of county vehicle assets.

Phil reviewed his monthly statistics which showed 289 services were provided and 23 veterans were transported to various medical appointments.

Phil reviewed the upcoming Veteran Events.

ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.