

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

June 6, 2022

Committee members: Carlie Chilson, Terry Button, Ed Bronson, Jesse Jayne (Zoom), Dick Harper

Others present: Bonnie Percy, Leslie Church, Mark Morris, Pat Killen, Emilee Miller, Doug Paddock, Steve Hampsey, George Roets, Phil Rouin, Amy Miller, Sara Christensen

Carlie & Terry will to do the audit this month.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as presented.

### **PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steve Hampsey**

Steve reviewed the Statistical Report and Grant Status Report.

Steve reported that they have an intern that just finished her first year of Law School in Boston. She is going to be working with them this summer, trying to learn the ropes a little bit. She doesn't get compensated from the County, but does from her University.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES: George Roets**

The Committee asked George how they are addressing the mental health issues that are driving these gun/shooting issues. George noted that just because someone has a mental illness doesn't mean that they are the cause of the eruption of gun violence. It is an easy blame and its part of the stigma which exists around mental illness.

George reported that they have received approval of a County wide anti-stigma program proposal under the NYS Tax Check-Off program. They will be doing some anti-stigma "training" this year, it's something that needs to needs to happen, people need to have a reality view of what the mentally ill look like and what everyone else looks like. It's going to be a program rather than training and it will be focused on the entire Community.

George reported that they received 2 reports and investigated under the SAFE Act, 1 reports were reported to DCJS.

George reported on the following Program Updates: Yates INSYGHT, Crisis Intervention Training, Columbia University HEALing Communities Study, Yates County Crisis Services Plan, Transitional Care Management, Children's Single Point of Accountability, and Mozaic/Catholic Charities Developmental Services (Services/Residential).

George reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. After discussion/edits the Committee approved.

- Authorize Chairwoman to sign Contract with Finger Lakes Addictions Counseling and Referral Agency (FLACRA)

### **VETERANS: Philip Rouin**

The Committee recommended that next year, before the parade, Phil bring information or a resolution to the legislature, so people will be more informed of it and more may attend.

Phil reported that they are working towards negotiating a service contract agreement in the next month for PFC Joseph Dwyer Veteran Peer-To-Peer Support Program.

Phil reported that as a result of A4TD regional funding cut, the VSA Admin Clerk is no longer working for the department, effective May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Phil reported that Kyle Bills will be undertaking the initial Veteran Service Officer training.

Phil reported that their monthly services report for May shows 277 services were provided and VSA staff and volunteers, using County vehicles, transported 31 Veterans to medical appointments.

Phil reviewed the summary of statistical data.

Carlie shared the Letter of Appreciation that Nonie received regarding Phil and the hard work he has done.

Phil reviewed upcoming Veteran-Related Trainings, Meetings, and Community Events. He will not be able to attend the conference in Texas.

The Committee questioned the uptick of Veteran burials. Phil reported that they aren't the actual deaths, it is filing applications through the VA which is no cost to the veteran or helping with an application.

#### **OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Becky Bennett-Tears**

Becky reported that they have a basic directory of their services, which is just their main programs, and on that list there's something called the private care registry. The private care registry is individuals that are not background checked by them and they're not endorsed by them, but that's where they would find that type of stuff. People that would mow the lawn, clean the house, or do home repairs. If people call their office looking for home repairs they typically link them with Keuka Housing because they have grant funding for that.

Becky reviewed where the deliveries occur for Senior Nutrition and defined what bulk means in this instance.

Becky reported that regarding their annual update, he will be sending the annual update request and signature page to Leslie this week, and it will come through DocuSign, and once they get that back they'll be able to submit their annual update.

Becky reported that halfway through March, they were given an Unmet Needs Supplement of \$85,000 that needed to be spent by the end of March. They were given a very short time frame to spend it, but also it was listed as unapproved, so they couldn't feasibly spend it. But since that time, those funds have been now marked as approved and they got an extension on the funding. So, they were able to utilize it to purchase a wheelchair accessible vehicle, for about \$67,000, which will allow them to transport six ambulatory passengers and two individuals utilizing wheelchairs, replacing their current 2017 dodge caravan. The remaining funds will be used to update six or seven staff computers that are old or out of warranty.

Becky reported that there are robotic voice operated care companions that will be available. These companions are best suited for individuals that are home alone, more than five hours a day. They are hoping to get some of these for their seniors.

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller**

Amy reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. After discussion/edits the Committee approved.

- Authorize Chair to Electronically sign Child and Family Services Plan Update
- Authorize Contract with the Workforce Investment Board
- Allocate funding for Summer Youth Employment Program and Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act funding
- Authorize Youth Bureau Contracts
- Authorize Chair to sign Youth Bureau Resource Allocation Plan

Amy requested authorization to purchase a monitor to hang in the lobby that would have Department of Social Services messages on it. She would be open to putting messages from other departments on it too. The Committee agreed this was a good idea and that Amy should go ahead and apply for it.

Amy reviewed the following chart that shows Medicaid eligibility:

Household Size	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven
Disabled	934	1,367	1,572	1,777	1,982	2,187	2,392
100%	1,133	1,526	1,920	2,313	2,706	3,100	3,493
110%	1,246	1,679	2,112	2,544	2,977	3,410	3,842
120%	1,359	1,831					
133%	1,507	2,030	2,553	3,076	3,599	4,122	4,646
135%	1,529	2,060					
138%	1,563	2,106	2,649	3,192	3,735	4,277	4,820
150%	1,699	2,289	2,879	3,469	4,059	4,649	5,239
154%	1,745	2,350	2,956	3,562	4,167	4,773	5,379
155%	1,756	2,366	2,975	3,585	4,195	4,804	5,414
185%	2,096	2,823	3,551	4,279	5,006	5,734	6,462
200%	2,265	3,052	3,839	4,625	5,412	6,199	6,985
223%	2,526	3,403	4,280	5,157	6,035	6,912	7,789
250%	2,832	3,815					
Resource limit	16,800	24,600	25,013	28,275	31,538	34,800	38,063

Amy reported how to qualify for cooling assistance under the amended guidelines. Applicants must meet HEAP eligibility criteria and income thresholds, which vary by household.

Applicants are no longer required to have a medical condition. The program covers the cost of an air conditioning unit and installation. The Committee questioned if they have to send someone to take the air conditioning unit out for the winter. Amy had not considered that and was unsure, but would try to find out.

Amy reported that each municipal Youth Bureau has received an allocation for the Sports Opportunity Funding to serve children and youth ages 6-17 based on the population of eligible youth in the County. This funding is from the New State Tax on Mobile Sports Wagering. No county will receive less than \$5,000. The Yates County allocation is \$6,023.

**PUBLIC HEALTH: Sara Christensen**

Sara reported on Communicable Disease Control highlighting the Flu, COVID-19, Monkey Pox, and Rabies.

The Committee questioned how long a person who contracted COVID should wait to get their boosters since they would have some natural immunity. Sara indicated that it is individually specific and it's not something that they can officially give guidance on because they're not healthcare providers, in that aspect. They encourage people to talk to their health care provider, but most wait until they are at least fully recovered. Some choose to wait, 30-60 days, they do know that the person would have some natural immunity response built-up after having natural infection.

Sara reported that they had 65 individuals who have RSVP'd to the Yates County volunteer luncheon.

Sara reported that they are still currently recruiting for our open Public Health Nurse/Registered Nurse position. The Committee questioned if Sara had any suggestions as far as the challenge to fill these positions. Sara indicated that there is a nursing shortage all over and that the people are being enticed by pay and the other benefits of being a County employee just isn't what people are looking for.

Sara reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. After discussion/edits the Committee approved.

- Sign Amendment to the Agreement with Health Research Inc. (HRI) (ELC Schools Grant)
- Authorize Chairwoman to sign Agreement with Ontario County Public Health
- Authorize Chairwoman to sign Agreement with Lara Olney, Speech Language Pathologist

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Carlie Chilson**

Carlie reported that the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be June 9<sup>th</sup> at the fireman's field.

Carlie reported that NYS Executive Order 18 requires counties to develop a plan to identify and confront threats of domestic terrorism. This must be submitted to the NYS Department of Homeland Security Office of Counterterrorism by December 31, 2022. They are awaiting requirements from NYS.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.