

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 2, 2021

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

Others present: Jim Multer, Rick Willson, Connie Hayes, Nonie Flynn, Pat Killen, Tim Cutler, Earle Gleason, Doug Paddock, Dan Banach, Steve Hampsey, Philip Rouin, Zachary Housworth, Besty Russel Orr, Annmarie Flanagan, George Roets.

Leslie and Terry will sign the audit this month.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steve Hampsey

Steve reviewed a vacancy review form for an Assistant Public Defender due to a resignation. The Committee approved.

Steve reviewed his statistical report which showed 355 active cases at this time.

Steve updated the Committee on various grants.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

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

- Resolution – Special recognition of Yates County World War II Veteran's 100th Birthday

Phil reported there were 166 services provided last month and 27 veterans were transported to medical appointments.

Phil reviewed upcoming Veteran related Training, Meetings, and Community Events.

Phil reviewed the Claims settled.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth

Zack reported the annual senior picnic was held July 21st as a drive thru event. There were 52 attendees and 6 volunteers from Kan Pak assisted with the event. Zack stated that OFA works closely with Kan Pak on events.

Zack reported NYSOFA and its partner organizations from other states have pressed hard for the current flexibility between federal funding lines to be made permanent. The emergency guidelines allow the funding to be used interchangeably which is very helpful. Normally, each pot of money has its own line item and can only be used for very specific purposes. Traditionally there are other programs that may fall short during the year and if the funding were to remain flexible then funds could be moved to other areas that need it.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

Amy could not attend the meeting, Betsy Russell Orr reported in her absence.

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

- Authorize Youth Bureau Contract
- Authorize Chairman to Sign Resource Allocation Plan

- WIOA budget transfer
- Allocate WIOA funding

Carlie asked Betsy to report on the rent assistance. Betsy explained that as of 7/28 NYS has received completed applications for 40 rental arrears, 26 perspective arrears and 9 utility arrears from Yates County. Up until last Thursday Social Services was receiving daily reports about the numbers of applications received. However, the system has a glitch so no reports have been received for a couple of days.

Betsy reported for the 2020-2021 Code Blue season, \$29,362 was spent. This is down from the previous year which was \$81,217 likely because tenants were unable to be evicted. There are currently 15 homeless cases being housed, 2 of which are families with children and as of the end of June \$106,494 has been spent.

Betsy reported the extra unemployment funding will be ending as of September 5th.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Annmarie Flanagan

Annmarie reported there was a fox in the Dundee area that attacked an adult and child over the weekend.

Annmarie updated the Committee on COVID-19. Annmarie reported the counties around us are seeing a significant upswing in COVID-19 cases. At this point the COVID tracker coming out of the CDC puts Yates County at a low transmission rate, Ontario and Seneca County are at a substantial transmission rate, Schuyler is at a moderate transmission rate, and Tompkins is also at a substantial transmission rate.

Annmarie explained that the other county legislatures in the counties surrounding us are in discussions on how they would like to move forward, if the numbers get to a certain level do they want to ask if masking be mandatory within the buildings or suggest to the community that they go back to masking. Annmarie stated that she does not feel that Yates County needs to do that at this point in time. The consensus of the Committee was to take a wait and see approach.

Doug stated related to whether the county masks or not. This legislature would like a recommendation from a health stand point not a political statement, what are the thoughts, what are the facts that drives the decision to put on masks again or not. It should not be politicalized, it should be what is best for the people that work in the buildings and the people that are coming in to do business within the buildings.

Annmarie reported the clinics will be moving out of the Gordman's building as of 8/31/21 and renting the old Pre Emption Family Health building located at 1930 Pre Emption Rd. in Penn Yan. The cost to rent the building is less than the Gordman's building. Annmarie explained that although the number of cases have decreased and people getting vaccinated have also decreased she expects there will be a surge by October or November.

Annmarie reviewed the transportation bids. There were two bidders and the low bidder was Mozaic.

Annmarie reported on the Fellow Program from New York State. NYS has awarded Yates County \$548,752.00 to hire personnel to assist in the COVID pandemic and to help build the infrastructure of Public Health Departments. The funding is there for two years and Annmarie does not feel the need to keep the individuals on over the two year mark as the funding would be

gone. Annmarie recommends going forward with grant. Committee supports her recommendation.

Annmarie reported a meeting was held with local Mennonites and community members to discuss the problem of the horse and buggy Accidents. Meetings will continue to hopefully come up with some solutions.

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

- Authorize Chairman to Sign Rental Agreement
- Adopt LED Sign Usage Policy
- Authorize Chairman to Sign Contract with the S²AY Rural Health Network, Inc. (Finger Lakes Public Health Alliance)
- Award Bid for the Transportation of Preschool Children with Disabilities
- Authorize Chairman to Sign Contract with Finger Lakes Addictions Counseling and Referral Agency
- Amendment to Resolution 491-20

COMMUNITY SERVICES – George Roets

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

- Appoint Community Services Board Mental Health subcommittee member
- Authorize Director of Community Services to Create and Fill Single Point of Accountability Coordinator position

George reported there were 3 reports for the SAFE ACT and 1 was reported to DCJS.

George updated the Committee on the Yates Suicide Prevention Coalition program, the Yates INSYGHT program, the Crisis Intervention Training, the Columbia University HEALing Communities Study, the Yates County Crisis Services Plan, the Transitional Care Management Adult Single Point of Accountability, the Children's Single Point of Accountability, Yates Substance Abuse Coalition, and Mozaic.

Ed moved to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons with committee members, legislators and the county administrator present. Seconded by Carlie.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.