

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

September 4, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Deb Minor, Amy Miller, Zach Housworth, Katie Gosper, Phil Rouin, Connie Hayes, Dan Banach, Elden Morrison, Jim Multer, Tim Dennis, Earle Gleason.

Ed and Leslie will sign the audit this month.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Katie Gosper

Katie reviewed the statistical report which showed there are 41 ongoing active cases.

Katie reported there were 19 arraignments for the month of August. Bail was set on 12 of those cases and 7 were released on their own recognizance.

Katie updated the Committee on outstanding grants.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Phil reported he will be attending the New York State Division of Veterans' Services annual refresher training September 18th and 19th.

Phil updated the Committee on various projects.

Phil reported on what is being done for Veteran's outreach.

Phil reviewed his statistical report which showed 222 services provided to veterans in August and 26 veterans were transported to various medical appointments.

Phil reviewed upcoming events and the claims settled for the month.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth

Zach reported the new van was picked up on August 16th. Yates County OFA provided 248 medical as well as 257 non-medical rides in August.

Zach reported so far 400 Farmers Market Coupons have been distributed.

Zach reported there has been delays for the in home care because the aide that was hired is not starting training until mid-September.

Zach reported Yates Office for the Aging will be taking part in a Falls Prevention Program at Clinton Crest in conjunction with YC Public Health on 9/24/19.

Zach reported all 170 of the new PERS units have arrived and staff have been working toward getting them programed with each customer's profile for each client using CPE's forms.

Zach reported the Dundee Mobile Food Pantry that was held on August 23rd served 103 households, 63 seniors, 160 adults, and 12 Children.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

Amy reviewed the follow resolutions and appointments that will be needed. The Committee approved.

- Enter into a contract with Foster Care Agency
- Reappoint Maria Fischer and Robert Nye to the Workforce Investment Board
- Appoint Vicky Ramos to fill the unexpired term of Scott Bischooping on the Workforce Investment Board
- Reappoint Samantha Trank to the Yates County Youth Board

Amy reported she has had a caseworker resign effective this Friday. There will be a special Human Services meeting at 12:45 pm on Monday, September 9th to review a position review form.

Amy reported with regards to Raise the Age/Juvenile Delinquents, the consultant costs for Raise the Age have been approved. She is now reporting expenditures to the state in order to receive 100% reimbursement. The costs for 2018 were \$3,464.52 and so far for 2019, \$8,396.00 has been spent. There is a Raise the Age Planning meeting scheduled for September 17th.

Amy reviewed some circumstances that they see pertaining to the Systems of Care and troubled teens/children.

Amy reported as part of recently implemented regulations the Department of Social Services is required to inspect any hotels/motels in the county that we use to house homeless individuals. The boarding houses we use are inspected by Keuka Housing Council and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. The regulation is particularly cumbersome as DSS has not received any training in how to inspect hotels and motels.

Amy reported Workforce will be holding a career day on October 10th.

Amy reported with regards to Public Charge. New York Attorney General Letitia James filed a lawsuit this week to challenge the Trump administration's new "public charge" rule that would facilitate the federal government's effort to deny green cards to low-income legal immigrants who may rely on public assistance. New York State joins Connecticut and Vermont in opposing the rule which is set to take effect on October 15th, 2019. Immigrants seeking to change their legal immigration status and who are enrolled in publicly funded programs (i.e., SNAP, WIC etc) could be deemed a public charge.

Amy reported all Youth Bureau contracts have been submitted to the County Attorney for approval. Site visits for all summer programs were completed.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Deb Minor

Deb reported the Professional Advisory Committee met on August 21st to review the 2nd quarter QI/QA reports.

Deb reported the Flu Clinics will be held in the County Auditorium on September 24th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and 3:30 to 5:00pm and again on October 22nd for the same times.

Deb reported on the Vaccine for Children Program. This is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of an inability to pay. NYSDOH conducts on site reviews of offices receiving the vaccines to ensure compliance with all regulations. Public Health's on site visit was conducted on August 16th. There were no findings or need for corrective action.

Deb reported Rabies Clinics were held on March 6th in Dundee, June 12th in Penn Yan and August 29th at the Potter Fire House. Attendance has been higher this year than in 2018 so far. The next clinic will be held on September 16th at the Italy Highway Barn, September 28th at the Dundee Village Barn and November 2nd at the Benton Fire Department.

Deb reported Ann Murphy, LPN collaborated with the NYSOH Cancer Screening Partnership out of Rochester Regional Health to bring the Mobile Mammography unit to Benton on August 19th. Those qualifying were eligible for both a mammogram and colorectal cancer screening at no cost to the patient. Ann will be working to bring the unit to other locations in the county to increase the availability of free screening to those that are uninsured.

Deb reported beach closures have occurred for Red Jacket, Indian Pines and Camp Cory as a result of suspected Harmful Algal Blooms. There have also been reports of suspected HABs on Seneca Lake near Dresden and on Canandaigua Lake. The Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association is currently working to post signage around Canandaigua Lake that informs recreationers about HABs in an effort to prevent exposure to humans and their pets. This information has been shared with a representative from the Keuka Lake Association, should they choose to replicate.

Community Services

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

- Proclaim September as Suicide Prevention Month
- Authorization for Agreement with C-PEP

Deb reported there were 6 SAFE ACT reports received with one being sent to DCJS.

Deb reported the 2020 budget has been developed with additional reviews under way seeking funding in support of Systems of Care Planning for Children and Families.

Deb reported with regards to the Changing the Culture Project, two YMHFA training events took place at "Our Town Rocks" in Dundee and one training in Penn Yan.

Deb reported the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Yates County continues to do community education, awareness activities and trainings. The 2nd annual "Out of Darkness Walk" continues to grow, with more walkers, volunteers and donations, but more is needed.

Deb reviewed Program updates for Systems of Care, Crisis Intervention Training and CHASE Research Grant.

ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.