

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

October 7, 2019

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

Others present: Jim Multer, Doug Paddock, Rick Willson, Connie Hayes, Nonie Flynn, Tim Cutler, Earle Gleason, Dan Banach, Elden Morrison, Zach Housworth, Amy Miller, Deb Minor, Phil Rouin, Diane Lovejoy, Katie Gosper.

Ed and Bonnie will sign the audit this month.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as presented.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth

Zach reported the new van has been delivered and has been very well received.

Zach reported 494 of the 540 Farmers Market Coupon books were distributed to income eligible seniors.

Zach reported he and Amy met with Touching Hearts at Home which is a PCI provider that is expanding into Yates County. They have agreed to use the same rates as our other contractors and are willing to be flexible with hours assigned. Finger Lakes Homecare let Zach know that neither of their Yates specific candidates completed the training process so they will not be able to provide services anytime in the near future. There are currently 28 on the waiting list.

Zach reported the 2019 funds have been exhausted for the legal aid programming. New customers will be referred to other programs that can potentially help and we will also be adding names to a waiting list.

Zach reported the PERS installations were not completed by 9/30 due to several seniors not being home at the scheduled installation time, being in the hospital or being out of the area.

Zach reported the Dundee Mobile Food Pantry that was held on 9/27 served 90 households, 54 seniors, 160 adults and 79 children.

Zach updated the Committee on fiscal and contract updates, and the 4 year plan.

Zach reported the final report of the Nutrition Program audit was received. There were 3 findings. Zach has completed a corrective Action Plan.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

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

- Enter into contract with Yates County Sheriff's Office
- Enter into contract with Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes
- Enter into a contract with Rainbow Junction
- Appointment to the Workforce Investment Board

Amy reviewed her budget summary.

Amy reported a worker in Child Support Collection has been promoted to fill the Principal Social Welfare Examiner position in the Temporary Assistance Unit. Interviews have been held and Amy expects to make and offer within the next few days.

Amy reported she has made an offer to fill the Senior Account Clerk Typist position that became vacant due to a retirement.

Amy reported a Career Day will be held for all 10th graders in the Penn Yan and Dundee School District on October 10th, 2019. There will be an increased amount of traffic in the County Office Building that day.

Amy reported she expects to be awarded another grant for the Exploitation of Youth. This grant is used to help prevent engage and create awareness of exploited youth in our community. 2020 will be the first year of full funding and the allocation will increase to \$43,000.

Amy reported at the request of the New York Public Welfare Association, OCFS has organized a workgroup to address staff recruitment and retention. The goal is NYS Department of Civil Service will partner with OCFS and local districts to explore opportunities to expand the recruitment pool.

Amy reported she attended the Social Services Leadership and Policy Forum that was held October 2nd and 3rd. The workshop provided information about trends, proactive and crisis media management, messaging to target audience and tools for communication.

Amy reported currently there are 18 out of school youth Workforce Development is serving as well as 13 training customers.

Amy reported nearly all Youth Bureau contracts have been finalized and returned from the County Attorney with the exception of Dundee and Safe Harbors which are still under review. Alicia has not received a signed copy of the contract with the Town of Middlesex so that contract has not progressed at all.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Deb Minor

Deb reported the NYSDOH Bureau of Immunization completed a voucher trace for the Immunization Action Plan grant. A voucher trace is completed periodically to ensure fiscal integrity and compliance with program, state and federal guidelines and directives. All documentation submitted, supported all expenses and no additional action was required.

Deb reported on the HPV Vaccine QI Project. Quality Improvement efforts are ongoing at both the local level and regionally with our SAY partner counties. A newsletter has been drafted to highlight a regional QI project aimed at increasing HPV vaccination rates in our counties.

Deb reported on September 17th, NY State became the first state in the Nation to implement emergency orders banning the sale of flavored e-cigarettes and nicotine e-liquids for 90 days.

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

- Designating Oct 20-26 as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

Deb reviewed the 2020 requested budget summary.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

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

- Request to amend resolution 263-19

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

Deb reported the Initial Funding letter received from Columbia University for HEALing Communities Research Grant was received. Closeouts from state agencies are nearing completion.

Deb reviewed the 2020 requested budget summary.

Deb reported one individual from Yates County was selected to attend the conference of Mental Hygiene Directors Youth Mental Health First Aid Train the Trainer in the fall. Planning is underway to provide 2 or three additional YMFA trainings during 2019.

Deb reported the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Yates County “Out of Darkness Walk” took place September 29th. There were 265 participants and raised more than \$14,000 which goes to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Deb reported updates for Systems of Care, Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), and CHASE Research Grant.

CONFLICT DEFENDER: Tiffany Sorgen

Tiffany could not attend the meeting but did submit her statistical report which showed as of September there were 49 active cases.

The Conflict Defender’s budget request was reviewed.

ASSIGNED COUNCIL: Diane Lovejoy

Diane reviewed her statistical report which showed as of August there were 300 active cases.

Diane reviewed her budget summary request.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Katie Gosper

Katie reviewed her statistical report which showed as of September there are 140 active cases.

Katie reported there were 18 arraignments for September. Bail was set on 13 of those cases, 2 were no bail and 3 were released on their own recognizance.

Katie updated the Committee on the outstanding grants.

Katie reviewed her budget summary.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Phil reviewed the application for Indigent Veteran Burial Standard Administrative Procedures and the draft Veteran Transportation program proposed policy.

Phil reviewed his budget summary for 2020.

Phil reviewed his statistical report which showed 194 services were provided and there were 20 veterans transported to various medical appointments.

Phil reviewed upcoming veteran related events.

ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn
Nonie reviewed the project status report as it relates to Human Services

Meeting adjourned at 5:20