

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

January 4, 2016

Present: Leslie Church, Tim Dennis, Doug Paddock, Gary Montgomery, Ed Bronson, Elden Morrison, Bonnie Percy, Jim Multer, Bill Holgate, Dan Banach, Earle Gleason, Mark Morris, Jim Smith, Connie Hayes, Phil Rouin, Amy Miller, George Roets, Deb Minor, Katie Smeenck

Leslie and Doug will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH:** Deb Minor

Deb reported she sent a revised invoice to Seneca County for expenses incurred for Public Health's assistance in their response to Hepatitis A cases in 2 food handlers. The revised invoice totaled \$5,713.85 and payment has been received.

Deb reported the Commissioner's Order of October 16, 2014 regarding Ebola Virus Disease was updated on December 18, 2015. Deb explained that rather than having to drill monthly and train monthly for Ebola it is now required every 12 months.

Deb reported she has been working with the SAY Network to have Public Health Accredited. Deb explained that at this time in New York State accreditation is voluntary but it is strongly encouraged by the New York State Department of Health.

Deb reported New York State implemented an annual cost-based settlement and reconciliation process for its Medicaid Pre-School and School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP) as a provider of Pre-School services municipalities are required to submit these annual cost reports, along with all other local education agencies including school districts. The State then must submit a certified public expenditure (CPE) claim to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid for the entirety of New York. NYS at the onset informed that "if the provider's federal-share costs exceed the provider's interim Medicaid payments, the provider will receive the difference in a lump sum payment. If the provider's cost are less the provider is required to repay the difference either with a lump sum recoupment payment or through deductions from future payments. Those excess payments will be sent back to CMS. It is uncertain at this time if NY will be providing distribution of funds to the providers. Conference calls are scheduled the first week of January for further explanation to providers and Deb expects to be able to report in February if the County will be receiving any funding.

Deb reviewed the history and summary of services for the S<sup>2</sup>AY rural Health Network.

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

- RESOLUTION: Authorize creation and filling of position (Principal Account Clerk)

### **OFFICE FOR THE AGING:** Katie Smeenck

Katie reported Terri Becker has started as the new Transportation and Home Safety Coordinator. Mary Henderson has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant, and Donna O'Connell has been hired as the new receptionist.

Katie reported she visited the Jamestown Meals on Wheel Program to review their operations. The program uses a chilled meal for home delivered meals and has found success and cost savings with this model. Katie explained beginning in 2016, they will be reducing the home delivered meals to one meal per person per day. Currently they offer a second meal (cold/sandwich meal) to customers. However, with the increase in minimum wage, an increase in the agency indirect/administrative rate and increases in food costs they will need to reduce the meal offering to one meal per day to remain within the budget. This change will effect 12 customers.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:** George Roets

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

- Resolution to appoint member to the Yates County Community Services Board (Hoyt)
- Resolution to appoint member to the Yates County Community Services Board Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee (Penepent)
- Resolution to appropriate carryover of Mental Health Grant (Community Services )
- Resolution to appoint member to the Yates County Community Services Board Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee ( Schreiner)

George reported there were 7 reports related to the SAFE ACT and none were reported to the State.

George reported the first quarter payment has been received.

George reviewed the services and programs provided by the Council on Alcoholism. George explained that the Council on Alcoholism is designated by the State of New York as a community-based prevention/education and information/referral agency, dedicated to the prevention of alcohol/drug abuse within the central five county Finger Lakes Region of Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Wayne and Yates County.

**VETERANS:** Philip Rouin

Phil reported the Regional Economic Development Council identified two Veteran Task Force awards. The funds will take workforce development training to nine counties and allow funds to purchase case management software that allows the Veterans Task force to coordinate service deliveries across the region.

Phil reviewed the statistics for the month which showed 250 contacts and 280 services provided with 15 veterans being transported to various medical appointments.

Phil reviewed the upcoming events and meetings he will be attending.

Phil reviewed the claims settled for the month.

**SOCIAL SERVICES:** Amy Miller

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

- Appointment to the Youth Board (Yonge)
- Resolution for appointments to the Workforce Investment Board (McGregor, Hamm)
- Resolution to enter into a contract with Dundee Children's Center
- Resolution to enter into a contract with Arnie Bagchi and Family Counseling of the Finger Lakes

Amy reported she has interviewed candidates for the Youth Bureau Director position and expects to have an appointment in the near future.

Amy submitted the following information to update the Committee on Homelessness.

**LOCAL DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES** - Local districts have certain responsibilities to provide services and assistance in an effort to prevent homelessness, to meet the temporary housing and other immediate needs of eligible homeless persons, and to assist homeless persons to secure permanent housing. Eligible homeless persons are those persons who are both homeless and eligible for Temporary Assistance. (Temporary Assistance Source Book)

**DEFINITION OF HOMELESS** - A homeless person is an individual or family that is undomiciled, has no fixed address, lacks a fixed regular nighttime residence, resides in a place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (such as a hallway, bus station, lobby or similar place), resides in a homeless shelter, resides in a residential program for victims of domestic violence, or resides in a hotel/motel on a temporary basis.

A person living in the home of a legally responsible relative (i.e., the parent of a child under the age of 21 years and a spouse) is not considered homeless, even if the residency is temporary.

In the case of a spouse, or child under 21 years of age who alleges physical, sexual or emotional abuse, the district must investigate the suitability of the home before denying temporary housing. (Temporary Assistance Source Book)

Date	1/14-12/14	1/15-12/15
# Safety Net Cases	54	69
Cost of Safety Net	\$59,288	\$182,919
#Family Assistance Cases	24	29
Cost of Family Assistance	\$33,238	93,485

Homeless are most frequently housed in the Miller House (Keuka Housing Council), The Letts House (Keuka Housing Council), America's Best Value Inn, and the Colonial Motel.

June to December 2015				
Miller House	23 cases	All Safety Net	4 females/19 males	824 nights used
Letts House	3 cases	All Family Assistance	3 females	
Colonial Motel	19 cases	13 Safety Net/6 Family Assistance	1 females/12 males	252 nights used
America's Best Value Inn	24 cases	17 Safety Nets/7 Family Assistance	5 females /12 males	732 nights used

Reimbursement for Family Assistance Housing is 100 %

Reimbursement for Safety Net is 29%

Amy reported the Governor issued an executive order on January 3<sup>rd</sup> as he is concerned about homelessness during inclement weather. Amy participated in a conference call today, and was told that for people who are homeless and on the streets during inclement weather, they are to waive the normal criteria used in homeless cases. It is unclear if the State is going to reimburse the counties for the additional costs at this time.

Amy reported New York has lost its waiver from the federal government and now requires all Able Bodied Adults without Dependents ABAWD SNAP (Food Stamp) recipients to participate in work activities. This is similar to the requirements for receiving Temporary Assistance. Workforce has contracted with ProAction for a job coach to track and plan activities for these clients. The last estimation is that there are around 93 of these cases.

Amy reported the job placements for the quarter were 28.

Amy reported the Youth Bureau continues to seek nominations for the quarterly Distinguished Youth Award.

Amy reported preparations for the upcoming season of Girls on the Run will start in January. They are in need of three coaches for the Penn Yan team and three coaches for the new Dundee Heart and Sole Team.

Doug moved to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person with the Legislature and Amy present, seconded by Bill.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50p.m.