

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

January 4, 2017

Committee member: Leslie Church, Doug Paddock, Ed Bronson, Terry Button, Taylor Fitch

Others in attendance: Robert Lawton, Elden Morrison, Bonnie Percy, Jim Multer, Bill Holgate, Dan Banach, Tim Dennis, Earle Gleason, Mark Morris, Terry Button, Jim Smith, Connie Hayes, Becky Bonsignore, Deb Minor, George Roets, Phil Rouin, Amy Miller.

Leslie and Doug will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

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

- Resolution to enter into a contract with Arnie Bagchi
- Resolution to amend resolution 430-16

Amy reviewed a position review form to refill the typist position with an account clerk typist. The Committee approved.

Amy reported the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance issued emergency regulations on 12/16/16 that were effective immediately. The emergency regulation is substantially similar to Executive Order 151 issued in January 2016. The Executive Order and the regulation advised Amy to disregard all current policy and eligibility standards for people who may be homeless. Social Service Districts are required to submit a program plan, a budget worksheet and a budget narrative. Last year DSS spent \$1,934 on this order and it was all reimbursed. Amy expects she will spend more this year as it is going into effect sooner and has already been a colder winter.

Amy reported emergency HEAP began on January 3rd.

Amy reported the employment rate for Yates County was 4.3% for November 2016 down from 4.5% in November 2015.

Amy reported Workforce Development received seven new laptops which will be kept in a locked cart and can be signed out to be used in their conference room for employment related purposes.

Amy reported she is still working on filling the vacant job coach position.

Amy reported all vouchers for youth programming and lifeguard services have been submitted to the county and approved for payment.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Deb Minor

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

- Resolution: Amendment to contract with Eleanor DeWitt, MD

Deb reported the Clinic relocation is now complete. The first actual clinic to be held in the new space was today, January 4th.

Deb reported the 2016 Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan has been completed in collaboration with Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital and other community partners. The 2016 to 2018 Community Health Plan is in place.

Deb reported that the Yates Transit Services started running yesterday and Deb is currently serving as a Board Member for the Yates Transit Services.

Deb reported the part-time position of Public Health Program Coordinator will become vacant at the end of January. Chris Warriner, EMS Coordinator will be assuming some of the duties for the immediate future.

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

- Resolution: Sign contract with Jason Johnson and David Harrington for EMS Training with general liability insurance waived 1/1/17 to 12/21/18

Deb reported each fall all schools, both public and private must submit a report to the NYSDOH indemnifying the vaccination status of every enrolled student PreK through 12th grade. Also all day care centers and preschool providers must submit the same information on the children served. The Supervising Public Health Nurse visits each of the Mennonite Schools. The audits for the 2016 – 2017 school year have been completed.

Deb reported the NYSDOH reports rising numbers of flu cases across the state, with a 65% increase in hospitalization for the week of Dec 17th over the previous week. Public Health continues to remind the public about the importance of flu vaccination.

Deb reported discounted gym memberships are now offered to county employees thru the work of the Personnel Officer and the Worksite Wellness Committee

Deb reported the Keuka Lake School lost their physical therapist. Public Health is working with the other NYSDOH approved EI providers and contracted Preschool Providers to avoid a lapse in services for children, however due to their current caseloads some lapses will be unavoidable.

Deb reported the Public Health Specialist position has been filled and the individual will start on January 17th.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Rebecca Bonsignore

Becky reported she has received the final written report from the NYS Office for the Aging on the site Nutrition Program Review. A Corrective Action Plan is due 1/19/17 to address modifications that need to occur to their Client Registration Form and Contribution letter, as well as procedures for managing congregate site donations.

Becki reported the Office for the Aging along with youth from Freedom Village put on a holiday meal at the First Baptist Church on December 20th.

Becky reported she is still waiting feedback and questions from NYS Office for the Aging on the policies and procedures submitted regarding private pay for PERS and Project Lifesaver.

Becky reported staff continues to work on the 2017-2018 Annual Implementation Plan and Budget which she anticipates will be electronically submitted to NYSOFA the week of January 9th.

Becky reported she is still waiting for the final report from the NYSOFA Annual Evaluation which took place November 17th.

Becky reported the Yates OFA Advisory Council met and provided recommendations on how to increase the PERS and Project lifesaver customer base.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: George Roets

George reported there were 4 reports received under the SAFE ACT and none were reported to the DCJS.

George reported six Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) courses have been offered to 61 participants with one course completed in Dundee and five completed in Penn Yan. Recruitment is under way for two individuals to sponsor for the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) instructor course. MHFA courses will be offered beginning in January and the YMHFA course will continue to be offered monthly in 2017.

George updated the Committee on the programs that are offered by Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes. George explained Safe Harbors provides services at no charge, for individuals, children, and families who have experienced sexual assault, sexual abuse, and interpersonal violence in Ontario, Seneca and Yates Counties.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Phil reported he has hired Nico Hammond to fill the Veteran Service Officer Position. Workforce Development continues to provide assistance along with a Keuka College student doing an internship.

Phil reviewed monthly statistics for December which showed 110 contacts and 190 services were provided to veterans and 26 veterans were transported to various medical appointments.

Phil reviewed upcoming veteran trainings, events and conferences.

Phil reported the Veteran's Administration announced that a contract had been signed to construct a new Rochester Outpatient Clinic with enhanced services for patrons.

Phil reported effective 12/1/16 the rate for pensions, disability compensation and death/indemnity pension each increased by 3%.

Phil reported the office has received \$8,529 in revenue from New York State.

Phil reviewed the claims settled for the month.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm