

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

October 3, 2016

Present: Leslie Church, Robert Lawton, Doug Paddock, Ed Bronson, Elden Morrison, Bonnie Percy, Dan Banach, Tim Dennis, Earle Gleason, Mark Morris, Terry Button, Connie Hayes, Amy Miller, Deb Minor, George Roets, Phil Rouin, Katie Smeenck.

Leslie and Terry will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as presented.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES:** George Roets

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

- Suicide Prevention Coalition Month Recognition in Yates County

George reported there were 5 reports for the SAFE ACT 1 was reported to DCJS.

George reported the expenditures are on target.

George reviewed programs that Soldiers and Sailors Hospital (Finger Lakes Health) provides for Yates County.

### **VETERANS:** Philip Rouin

Phil reviewed the position review form for the Administrative Assistant position. The consensus of the Committee was to refill the position with a preference to refill with a veteran.

Phil reviewed the contracts for the month which showed 274 contacts and 318 services provided to veterans along with 16 veterans transported to medical appointments.

Phil reviewed upcoming trainings/conferences/meetings that he will be attending.

Phil reviewed upcoming Veteran related community events and meetings along with the claims settled for the month.

### **SOCIAL SERVICES:** Amy Miller

Amy reported on the Appointment to the Youth Bureau (Alexander). The Committee approved.

Amy reviewed 3 and 5 year averages for the Social Services Budget.

Amy reviewed information pertaining to poverty. The ACT Rochester and the Community Foundation released a new report: Poverty and Self-Sufficiency in the Nine County Greater Rochester Area. The full report can be obtained by going to <http://www.actrochester.org>.

Amy reported on the Family First Preventive Services Act. The House of Representatives passed the bill in June but the Senate had not yet acted on the bill. Now the Senate is no longer in session so this issue is dead for the time being.

Amy reported Joe Davis has started as the new Supervisor for the Employment/WFD Unit. Also, Lisa Principio started as the new Employment Counselor.

Amy reported HSE classes through FLCC have started up with approximately 9 regular attendees. Also, there were 6 job placements from 8/31/16 through 9/12/16.

Amy reported the Youth Bureau received a letter of approval for the 2016 Resource Allocation Plan, Agency/Municipal vouchers can now be submitted for payment.

Amy reported all contracts and MOU's have been returned and finalized except for Middlesex. Also, the Director is still waiting for contracts from the Village of Penn Yan and the Town of Middlesex for Lifeguard Services.

**PUBLIC HEALTH: Deb Minor**

Deb reviewed the progress on relocating the clinic.

Deb reviewed presentations done by staff on Conservation Field Days, and drill that was recently done with one of the closed POD's with St. Mark's terrace.

Deb reported NYSDOH has appropriated \$1 million annually for performance incentive awards to the local health departments (LHD). For the Year 4 LHD performance incentive initiative, NYSDOH has chosen to focus on chronic disease prevention. NYSDOH is also linking the performance incentive to encourage PHAB accreditation. Goals cited by NYSDOH are to strengthen LHD efforts in chronic disease prevention to demonstrate the alignment of LHD efforts with Article 6 state aid regulation and to expose the local health department's to the process of submitting appropriate documentation to encourage pursuit of full PHAB accreditation by NYS LHDs.

Deb reported both Dundee Central School and Penn Yan Central School have completed the mandated lead testing of portable water which is found to be within acceptable limits.

Deb reported the Yates Substance Abuse Coalition will give a presentation at the December 12<sup>th</sup> legislative meeting.

Deb reported she continues to have a PHN position available with no qualified applications submitted since the last reporting. Deb reached out to other counties to see what they were doing and many are hiring Public Health Specialists. Deb would like to work with Personnel and advertise for a PHN or a Public Health Specialists. The Committee approved.

**OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Katie Smeenk**

Katie reported she has received the budget allocations for next year which will be the same as 2016.

Katie reported there is a waiting for the EISP services due to the shortage of aides.

Katie reported recruitment efforts are underway to fill her position and interviews will be conducted by mid-October.

Katie reported the Client Data System Conversion went live and they continue to learn how to navigate and enter data.

Katie reported the NYSOFA will be conducting a nutrition services program review on October 18-19.

Katie reported they have changed to a chilled meals program. Meals will be delivered cold and ready to be heated. Also in September the nutrition program went to a single menu that meets the needs of all seniors.

Katie reported the Yates OFA Advisory Council met on 9/28 and will be meeting again on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Katie reported the Medicare Open Enrollment period began and staff attended a two day training to prepare for it. Group educational sessions are being setup along with one on one counseling and education.

Leslie reviewed a letter from Public Defender with regards to the Indigent Legal Services and potential costs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m.