

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

May 2, 2017

Committee members: Leslie Church, Doug Paddock, Ed Bronson, Taylor Fitch

Committee members absent: Terry Button

Others present: Earle Gleason, Mark Morris, Connie Hayes, Bonnie Percy, Jim Multer, Deb Minor, Becky Bonsignore, George Roets, Phil Rouin, Nico Hammond, Elden Morrison, Tim Dennis, Amy Miler, Robert Lawton,

Leslie and Doug will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as presented.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Phil reported training continues for the new Veteran Service Officer, Nico Hammond.

Phil reported the Keuka College social work intern's last day is coming up due to graduation. Phil hopes to work with another intern over the summer.

Phil reviewed changes to Veterans Choice Program.

Phil reviewed the upcoming trainings and projects.

Phil reviewed upcoming Veteran Related Community Events and Meetings

Phil reviewed the statistics for the month which showed 234 contacts were made and 316 services provided and 33 veterans were provided transportation to various medical appointments.

Phil reviewed the claims settled.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

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

- Reappointment of Amy Miller to the Yates County Youth Board
- Reappointment of Jessica Kenneda to the Yates County Youth Board
- Reappointment Mike Rusinko, Lynn Fried, Lina Brennan, Ann Scheetz and Carol Framer to the WIB
- Workforce Development Budget Transfer
- Enter into a contract with ProAction for the Summer Youth Employment Program
- Enter into a contract with Mark Reynolds, Ph.D. for Psychological Evaluations.

Amy reviewed a position review form for the position of DSS Attorney due to a retirement. The consensus of the Committee was to refill the position with a part-time individual.

Amy reported on how the enacted State Budget will affect her department.

Amy report the Adult Protective Services Program is one of the most misunderstood programs they have and gave the following brief summary. Eligibility for Protective Services for adults (PSA) is available, without regard to income, to adults 18 years of age and older who:

- Have a physical or mental impairment, and

- Are in need of protection from actual or threatened harm due to an inability to meet their essential needs for food, shelter, clothing or medical care, secure entitlements due them or protect themselves from physical, sexual or emotional abuse, active, passive or self-neglect or financial exploitation, and
- Have no one available who is willing and able to assist them responsibly

To assess for services, there are three principles we use:

- Right to self-determination- Adults have the right to exercise free choice in making decisions, even of some of those decisions may seem harmful.
- Least-Restrictive Interventions- Interventions should be limited in scope to address the identified risks.
- Authority to intervene- PSA has an obligation, under Social Services Law and regulations to provide services involuntarily if there is an imminent risk to the safety and well-being of an adult who is incapable of making choices on their own behalf.

Referral forms for Adult Protective Services can be found on our website. Intake and disposition must be completed within 3 working days of the referral. Then we have an initial 60-day assessment period where we continue to further assess needs to determine if there are ongoing service needs.

Amy updated the Committee on Workforce Development activities. The unemployment rate for Yates County is 4.7% down 2% from last year.

There have been 12 job placements in April.

Amy updated the Committee on Youth Bureau activities. MOU's have been sent to Penn Yan, Middlesex and Torrey for lifeguard services.

The Administrative Summary has been sent to the state and is awaiting approval. In addition the Allocation Committee held a meeting on 4/24/17 and the allocations are awaiting board approval as well as final budget figures from the State.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Deb Minor

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

- Resolution: adopting 2017 sliding fee schedules

Deb reviewed how the NYS 2017-2018 Budget will impact Public Health.

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

- Resolution: sign agreement with HRI for PHEPR grant 7/1/17-6/30/18 (\$52,096)
- Resolution: Amend Resolution #126-17 (contract with HRI for the SMBP Pilot Project) to \$20,000
- Resolution: sign agreement with NYSDOH for the CSHCN Program grant 10/1/17-9/30/20 (\$16,983 annually)

Deb reviewed her 2017 goals.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Rebecca Bonsignore

Becky reported customer satisfaction surveys for the home delivered and congregate meals programs, along with expanded in-home services for Elderly have been mailed out.

Becky reported Guy Crofoot has been hired as the System Technician that is being vacated by John Welsh's retirement.

Terri Becker will be conducting a PERS/PL presentation at the Public Library in May in hopes of further expanding the Project Lifesaver and Personal Emergency Response system.

Becky reported the Tax program has wrapped up. Preliminary numbers suggest that over 489 taxes were completed through the end of March. Becky expects the final number to be over 500.

Becky reported the Yates Office for the Aging's NY Connects representative has been working closely with representatives from iCircle and others to bring together the County's first Professional Elder Networking event to Penn Yan and was held at Saint Marks and was attended by a number of professionals.

Becky reported the Non Medicaid, Medical Transportation Program has been finding that there are a number of Yates seniors requiring routine transportation to the hospital in Geneva for dialysis and like treatments. This is typically not something that OFA has gotten into. OFA worked with the Social Work department to coordinate schedules so that Yates seniors can travel in a group to and from Geneva three days a week via OFA transportation program. Becky will be bringing this up at the next YTS meeting.

Becky reviewed fiscal and contractual updates.

Becky reported on various changes within the Yates OFA suite and personnel changes.

Becky reported May is Community Action Month. Also the Yates OFA Advisory Council will be meeting 5/18/17.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: George Roets

George reviewed the following resolution that will be brought out of Finance. The Committee approved.

- Resolution to authorize additional grant funds for suicide prevention coalition

George reported there is a possibility there may be additional funding available to help address the ongoing heroin epidemic. George hopes to know more within the next month. There is also a regional effort for the possibility of creating a center or space within Yates County for after hour evaluations and referrals.

George reported with regards to the Changing the Culture Project. There was 1 Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) program offered in April. Efforts to work directly with agencies and institutions have resulted in a Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) group in May for 25 and June for 26 at Keuka College. An YMHFA for 30 at Penn Yan Central School in early August and 4 YMHFA groups and 115 staff at Dundee Central School at the end of August. Programming will continue in May.

George updated the Committee on the closing of the Children and Family Mental Health Clinic in Penn Yan.

Taylor moved to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation, and the employment history of an individual with Legislators, County Attorney and County Administrator present, seconded by Ed.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.