

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

June 6, 2016

Present: Doug Paddock, Tim Dennis, Ed Bronson, Elden Morrison, Bonnie Percy, Jim Multer, Dan Banach, Earle Gleason, Mark Morris, Terry Button, Connie Hayes, Lori Martin, Amy Miller, Deb Minor, George Roets, Laura Rossman, Katie Smeenk, Phil Rouin.

Leslie and Ed will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as presented.

Laura Rossman, Executive Director of Pro Action updated the Committee on the activities and programs that ProAction provides.

The July committee meeting will be July 5th at 6:00 p.m. and the Finance meeting will be July 6th at 6:00 p.m.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Phil reviewed the statistics for the month which showed 285 contacts and 341 services provided with 12 veterans transported to various appointments.

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

Phil reviewed the claims settled for the month.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

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

- Workforce Development Transfer (2)
- Enter into contract with Workforce Investment Board
- Allocate Summer Youth Employment TANF Funding
- Renew contracts with Foster Care Agencies
- Enter into Contract for Youth Bureau Funding
- Adopt Workforce Development Budget
- WIB Reappointments

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

- Enter into contract with ProAction for assistance with the summer youth employment program

Amy reviewed position review forms for the vacancy of a caseworker and an employment and training counselor and any subsequent positions that will become vacant upon the filling of these positions. The Committee approved.

- Authorize Commissioner Of DSS To Fill Vacancy (Caseworker)
- Authorize Commissioner Of DSS To Fill Vacancy (Employment And Training Counselor)

Amy reviewed a survey done by the New York Public Welfare Association on security that was completed by local districts.

Amy reviewed her 2016 goals.

Amy reported a recent NYSAC publication reported on the impact of the recently adopted budget in Yates County. One item mentioned was reforms regarding the cost of youth in the custody of the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). The problems that were addressed with the reforms are the skyrocketing costs of youth placed in this care and the fact that the bills do not come in a timely manner. On 3/24/16 Amy received a bill from OCFS from 2013 and 2014 for a youth in OCFS custody for \$55,341. If the reforms are implemented according to plan, she should receive a bill in January of 2017 for the youth in OCFS custody from 4/15 – 3/16, which she has encumbered what she believes this bill will be at the close of the 2015 budget.

Amy reported the unemployment rate for Yates County for the month of April was 4.3% down from 5.2% last April.

Amy reported there were 25 job placements for the month of May.

Amy reported for the month of May, Workforce Development placed 16 clients in Community Service/Work Experiences in Yates County. Also, 15 job seekers attended and completed trainings, 3 completed National Certificate in Gold Guest Services

Amy reported due to the “add-on” for Youth Bureaus which was included in the NYS Budget that was adopted April 1st, allocations for agencies and municipalities were revised.

Amy reported the agency will be working with ProAction Yates Youth Services to assist them in providing the Learn, Serve, and Earn program to Penn Yan area youth this summer. The program runs from July 5th through August 3rd.

Amy reported Girls on The Run was held on June 5th at the Dundee School campus. Thirty-five girls participated in the program this year. Registration for the 2017 season will begin in February.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Deb Minor

Deb reported the Professional Advisory Committee met on May 18th a copy of the minutes and reports is available in the Legislative Office.

Deb reported she has received notification of the annual Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs). Awards for the Rabies (\$778), Lead (\$1,9410 AND Immunization (\$2,472) grants will be used to offset salary, fringe and advertising cost beyond that currently covered in these 3 grants.

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

- RESOLUTION: Authorize a Letter of support for application

Deb reported the June 24th meeting of the Yates Health Planning Council will be used to review health data, focus group input and public health system assessment survey responses and to choose the 2 county health priorities for the upcoming 2017-2019 Community Health Improvement plan. Members of the Legislature, other agencies/departments and interested members of the public are welcome to attend. The meeting will begin at 8:30 in the County Auditorium and will be facilitated by S²AY.

Deb reported the NYSDOH Bureau of Immunization has implemented a process of desk reviews of vouchers submitted by the local health departments for grant expenses and reimbursements.

Documentation for the Voucher Trace Checklist of the 2015-2016 IAP 4th quarter ending December 31, 2015 was submitted as requested. Deb was notified there were no findings.

Deb reported the next Rabies Clinic will be June 8th from 7-8 pm at the County Buildings & Grounds facility.

Deb reported she received notice that the funding for the emergency preparedness grant, which is a 5 year grant, will be level this year. Deb had anticipated a decrease in funding.

Deb reported the NYS DEC filed a Notice of Emergency Adoption and Proposed Rule Making to classify PFOA-acid, PFOA-salt, PFOS-acid and PFOS-salt as hazardous substances. Facilities storing fire-fighting foam containing one of the substances will be permitted to use the foam for fire-fighting only until April 25, 2017. Deb has spoken with Brian Winslow, Emergency Management Director.

Deb reported she has researched opportunities for Yates County residents and possible funding opportunities for the disposal of waste tires. Currently all tire service centers must collect a waste tire management and recycling fee of \$2.50 per new tire sold. The centers must also accept used tires from customers in approximately the same size and in a quantity equal to the number of new tires purchased or installed. Deb has found no upcoming grants as of this time.

Terry stated there is a business as you are going out of Seneca Falls that recycles tires. Deb will check with the Seneca County Health Department.

Dan thought Trombley's Automotive use to take tires for a fee.

Connie stated that Cardinal Disposal did take them at one point and Deb might want to check with them. They were also accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste event.

Deb reported she and Sheriff Spike attended Congressman Reed's Roundtable regarding Heroin and Opioid use on May 20th.

Deb reported every year it is difficult to know what to budget for the pre-school program and feels she may have budgeted more than was needed because there is a smaller number of children at the end of the school year and a smaller number of children starting in the summer program. Deb explained at the close of the 2015-2016 school year we are noting a decrease both in the number of children served and in the number of children that will be receiving services thru the summer in the Preschool Program. Some of this may be attributed to a gradual change in the percentage of births to non-Mennonite versus Mennonite families in the county.

Deb reported the S²AY Rural Health Network sent a letter to the NYS Representatives on behalf of all the County Public Health Directors which addresses the concerns about E-Cigarettes and asked for consideration in support of legislation amending public health law.

Deb reported the deadline for the applications for the Public Health Nurse position is June 12th. Deb hopes to begin interviews the week of June 20th.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Katie Smeenck

Katie reported Amy Canfield has been promoted to Supervising Case manager and she is currently recruiting for Amy's replacement.

Katie reported she is still waiting for approval of the 2016-2017 Annual Implementation Plan and Budget.

Katie reported she would like to have the new Nutrition Program Director attend the August committee meeting to update the Committee on the program.

Katie reported her staff met with the Once Again Shoppe Board of Directors in May to discuss purchasing a minivan to replace an aging fleet. The board had a number of questions and Yates staff are in the process of responding to the questions. The board asked that Katie seek funding from other local civic and foundations so that others in the community can help support this need. Katie will be reapplying to the Greater Rochester Health Foundation for funding for the vehicle.

Katie reported the agency supports the ARC of Yates Transportation plan and if the plan is approved the agency will meet with them and coordinate services.

Katie reported on the Farmers Market Coupon Program. This year there has been an increase in the number of booklets that she will be receiving. They work like cash at a farmers market. There has been a change in the requirements and multiple family members from the same household that qualify can receive the coupons. There are 4 farmers markets that they can be used at, Penn Yan, the Windmill and there are 2 listed in Branchport this year.

Katie stated she is very pleased with how the transition for the new county phone system went. The staff and contractors have been very helpful and she is very pleased.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: George Roets

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

- Resolution to amend contract with Lakeview Health Services, Inc.
- Resolution to accept funding to develop a suicide prevention coalition

George reported there were 10 reports received with regards to the SAFE ACT, 1 was reported to DCJS.

George reported funding for additional supportive beds has been received from the Office of Mental Health. Funding has also been received from the Suicide Prevention Bureau to support the development of a Suicide Prevention Coalition in Yates County.

George reported he was experiencing some issues in obtaining information from the Dundee Youth Drop In Center. He finally did receive the information needed but the Center has since closed. George is promoting a community dialogue to look at what Youth Service alternatives could be developed for Dundee Youth.

George stated with regards to transportation. Earlier you heard about mental illness and drug abuse being issues. If people can't get to treatment for either of those that's an issue. He absolutely supports public transportation.

Ed moved to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual with Amy and legislators present, seconded by Terry.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.