

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

September 7, 2016

Present: Leslie Church, Doug Paddock, Ed Bronson, Terry Button, Elden Morrison, Bonnie Percy, Dan Banach, Mark Morris, Earle Morris, Jim Smith, Tim Dennis, Amy Miller, Phil Rouin, George Roets, Katie Smeenk, Rob Gosper, Ed Brockman, Betsy Russel-Orr, Deb Minor.

Leslie and Doug will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the August meeting approved as presented.

PUBLIC DEFENDER/ CONFLICT DEFENDER

Robert Gosper, Conflict Defender, updated the committee on the number of cases that have been assigned to him explaining that because of time constraints and conflicts some cases have had to be given to assigned council. Rob explained that because of the change in eligibility guidelines, which will increase the number of people who are eligible to use a public defender, the committee may want to look at various options such as expanding hours, or hiring another conflict defender. It is estimated that the Conflict Defender has saved the county approximately \$21,500 so far this year.

Ed Brockman, Public Defender reviewed the criteria that has been placed on public defenders by the State with the changing of the guidelines for eligibility for assigned counsel.

Ed reviewed what changes he is proposing to the 2017 budget.

Ed updated the Committee on how council having to be present for first arraignment is affecting the office.

The following resolution was reviewed and the Committee approved.

- Resolution Urging Governor Cuomo To Sign Into Law Public Defense Mandate Relief Act (S.8114/ A.10706)

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Katie Smeenk

Katie reviewed the 2017 budget request.

Katie explained that the office currently has a waiting list for EISEP services due to a shortage of aides with the agencies they contract with.

Katie reported an onsite nutrition review has been set up for October 18 and 19th. This is required every 3 years.

Katie reported recruitment for her successor has begun.

Katie updated the Committee on the progress of Client Data System conversion to the new Peerplace System.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: George Roets

George reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. There was a question regarding the dates. George will double check the dates.

- Resolution Recognizing September 8 thru September 14, 2016 As Suicide Prevention Week.

George reported there were 7 reports for the SAFE ACT and 2 were submitted to DCJS.

George reviewed the proposed 2017 budget.

George reported Lakeview Health Services will begin to provide adult Single Point of Entry (SPOE) services on September 1st.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Phil reviewed the monthly statistics which showed 266 contacts and 305 services provided with 12 transports done for medical appointments.

Phil reported the 49th Honor Flight mission is scheduled for September 10th from the Rochester International Airport. There were 14 Veterans and their guardians registered for the trip.

Phil reported on various meetings and trainings he attended along with reporting on upcoming Veteran related community events and meetings and the claims settled for the month.

Phil reviewed the proposed 2017 budget.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

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

- Enter into Contract with ProAction for the provision of HEAP administration

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

- Amend Resolution 243-16 (Allocating WOIA Funding)
- Renew Contract with Rainbow Junction
- Establish Rate of Pay

Amy reviewed the proposed 2017 budgets for Social Services, and the Youth Bureau.

Amy reported on a webinar that she attended on the Family First Preventive Services Act. If this is passed the intention is to increase prevention services and move children in foster care out of residential settings like group homes and congregate care. The bill would all but eliminate Title IV-E foster care payments for children in congregate foster care except in limited federally allowable programs.

Amy reported the unemployment rates for the month of July were 4.0% down from 4.7% in July 2015. Also, Workforce Development had 24 job placements last month.

Amy reported the Summer Youth Employment Programs have ended for this year with 35 youth participating for a total of 2,713 hours this summer. There were 16 educational workshops held by Workforce during the month.

Amy reported the Summer Recreation Program is over for the Youth Bureau, all programs were visited at least twice by the Youth Bureau Director.

Discussion took place on a Proclamation to Declare September Hunger Action Month. The Committee approved the proclamation.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Deb Minor

Deb reported the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) met on August 17th the PAC binder is available for review in the Legislative office. Also, work continues on completion of the 2015 LHCSA Statistical report required by NYSDOH.

Deb reported the following Rabies Clinics for remainder of 2016.

Wednesday August 31st 7pm-8pm at the Potter Fire House

Monday September 19th 7pm-8pm at the Italy Highway Barn (\$5 cost for those who are not a Town of Italy resident)

Saturday October 1st 9am-10:30am at the Dundee Village Barns

Saturday November 5th 9am-10:30am at the Yates County Maintenance Garage

Deb reported the Blue Green-Algae blooms have been reported in Seneca Lake. Alerts have been put out through Facebook and the County Website and to providers to be alert for patients presenting with symptoms.

Deb reported Flu Clinics for county employees, family members, retirees and general public have been scheduled to be held September 19th from 11:30-1:00 and 3:30-5:00 and October 13th from 11:30-1:00 and 3:30 -5:00 in the county auditorium.

Deb reported staff continues to work on updating the isolation and quarantine policy as required by the State Health Department.

Deb reported at the last Yates Substance Abuse Coalition meeting there was discussion as to whether the Legislature would like them to report on some of the activities that have been happening. The consensus of the Committee was to have an update. Deb will check with the Coalition as to when they would be available.

Deb reviewed her proposed 2017 budget.

Deb reported she is struggling to fill a Public Nurse position and continues to work with Personnel.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm