

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
January 29, 2015

Present: Leslie Church, Sarah Purdy, Doug Paddock, Gary Montgomery, Margaret Dunn, Elden Morrison, Bonnie Percy, Jim Multer, Bill Holgate, Dan Banach, Tim Dennis, Lee Sacket, Mark Morris, Bob Clark, Jim Smith, Connie Hayes, Amy Miller, Deb Minor, George Roets, Stephanie Bates.

Leslie and Doug will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Deb Minor

Deb reported the Affordable Care Act established a requirement for all enrolled Medicaid providers and suppliers to revalidate their enrollment information under new enrollment screening criteria. This applies to each National Provider Identifier (NPI) which Yates County has 5 of. The revalidations cannot be done until you are requested by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services to do so. So far Public Health has completed 2 revalidations associated with Article 28 Clinic and EI Service Coordination and anticipate the other requests soon.

Deb reported there may be additional funding available from the Federal Government because of emergency funding targeted toward Ebola efforts. Deb explained anticipated uses for the funding include personal protective equipment, waste containers, training, exercise and plan development, and media campaigns.

Deb reported Jennifer Green, Communicable Disease Nurse, will be attending a 2 day training for local health department staff regarding Tick-Borne Diseases including Lyme disease.

Deb reported in 2014 the New York State Department Of Health Bureau of Early Intervention implemented a staggered takeover of the Assistive Technology Device and Services component of the Early Intervention Program by the State Fiscal Agent. Effective February 1st this change will be implemented in all Finger Lakes counties.

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

- Authorize signature of renewal agreement with NYSDOH for Early Intervention Administrative Contract
- Authorize signature of amendments with Penn Yan Central School and with ProAction of Steuben and Yates
- Authorizing signature of an amendment to an agreement with UCP Finger Lakes, acting as Happiness House to include the related service of Assistive Technology for preschool children

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Katie Smeenk

Katie could not attend the meeting, Stephanie Bates reported in her absence.

Stephanie explained that Yates Christmas for the Needy has changed their name to Yates Christmas Program.

Stephanie explained the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly (EISEP) continues to have a waiting list but only has two customers waiting for traditional EISEP agency provided aide services. All others are in the process of enrolling in the consumer directed program.

Stephanie reported Katie and Bobby Jo are working with the Red Cross to do more of the Disaster Preparedness training. These are being held at the senior meal events and will be March 16th, 19th and 24th.

Stephanie reported The Alzheimer's Association has received a grant from the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation to provide outreach and education on Alzheimer's and Dementia to the Mennonite and Amish families in the Finger Lakes Region.

Stephanie reported OFA sent a letter to senior households in Yates County promoting Keuka Housing Council grants that are or will be available for eligible senior homeowners.

Stephanie reported Katie attended the Yates County Housing Committee meeting on January 21st. Yates County participates in the Finger Lakes Housing Consortium, and the Yates County Housing Committee will meet quarterly to talk about trends in regards to housing or brainstorm ideas on how to help with housing in the area.

Stephanie reported she is now working out of the Bath office and will continue working with Yates County. Stephanie is still running Poverty Simulations. Offers have been made to Penn Yan and Dundee Central Schools and Marcus Whitman Central School will be holding a simulation. Oneonta City School has contacted her and wants a simulation. Stephanie will also be working with Keuka College, Bath, and GSC BOCES.

Stephanie reported the McGowan CHAMP funds have been fully expended. The remainder balance was given to the Yates Christmas Program, where 99% of the funds were spent in Yates County.

Stephanie reported they have a Family Development Case Workers that works out of their office and has been working with at risk kids. She has also added adults to her existing caseload of children to help adults at risk.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: George Roets

George reported there was 1 report received under the SAFE ACT and it was not submitted to DCJS.

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

- Declare Surplus Property
- Authorization To Appropriate Funds
- Authorize Chairman To Sign Contract
- Amend 2015 Contract With Finger Lakes Addiction Counseling And Referral Agency (FLACRA), Inc.
- Amend 2015 Contract With Council On Alcoholism And Other Chemical Dependencies Of The Finger Lakes, Inc.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Philip could not attend the meeting, his report showed there were 209 contacts and 240 services provided with 10 veterans being transported to various medical appointments.

The agency is designating two days a week that will be appointment only. The appointment only days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Monday, Wednesday and Friday will continue to be both appointment and walk in.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

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

- Resolution to Allocate DSS/KKP Budgets for Workforce Development
- Amend Resolution No. 179-14 Renew Residential Services Contracts

Amy reviewed highlights from the proposed executive budget as to how it would affect Social Services funding.

Amy gave the following report on the raising of the age of Juvenile Jurisdiction.

In 2014, the Governor established the Commission on Youth, Public Safety and Justice to make recommendations on how best to raise the age of juvenile jurisdiction to age 18, improve outcomes for youth, and promote community safety. The 2015-16 Executive Budget reflects the first steps to implement the Commission's recommendations with an investment of \$25 million to plan, create and expand services. This will include diversion and probation services for 16 and 17 year old youth who will be involved in the juvenile justice system and placing newly sentenced 16 and

17 year old youth with OCFS, rather than in adult correctional facilities beginning December 1, 2015. The age of juvenile jurisdiction will be raised to age 17 on January 1, 2017 and to age 18 on January 1, 2018. *(from the report summary on the Governor's Website)*

There are 38 recommendations from this task force. The recommendations that DSS relate to the provision of human services are as follows:

1. Raise the age of Juvenile Jurisdiction to 18, consistent with other states.
2. Mandate diversion attempts for low-risk (per risk assessment) misdemeanor cases except where probation finds no substantial likelihood that youth will benefit from diversion in the time remaining for adjustment or if time for diversion has expired and the youth has not benefited from diversion services.
3. Expand categories of cases eligible for adjustment to allow for adjustment in designated felony cases and Juvenile Offender cases removed to Family Court, with a requirement for court approval for all Juvenile Offender cases and if the youth is accused of causing physical injury in a designated felony case. Revise the criteria for determining suitability for adjustment to include risk level and the extent of physical injury to the victim.
4. Establish a continuum of diversion services that range from minimal intervention for low risk youth to evidence-based services for high-risk youth.
5. Establish family engagement specialists to facilitate adjustment.
6. Provide juvenile probation case planning and services for cases pending in criminal court.
7. Prohibit confinement of any minor in an adult jail or prison and, to the extent funding and operational considerations allow, permit youth to remain in youth settings until age 21.
8. Reduce unnecessary use of detention and placement through:
 - a. Prohibition of detention and placement for youth adjudicated for first-time or second-time misdemeanors that do not involve harm to another person, and who are low-risk, except where the court finds a specific imminent threat to public safety.
 - b. Prohibition of placement for technical probation violations alone, except where 1) the court finds a specific imminent threat to public safety or 2) the youth is on probation for a violent felony offense and the use of graduated sanctions have been exhausted without successful compliance.
 - c. Implementation of weekend arraignment for Family Court cases statewide where adult arraignment already occurs.
9. Establish family Support Centers in high-PINS referral localities to provide more robust community-based PINS services, and then eliminate detention and placement of PINS.
10. Require that youth sentenced in the criminal courts and released from an OCFS facility receive post-release supervision from OCFS, instead of DOCCS, to facilitate better reentry planning and implementation.
11. Replicate the Monroe County juvenile reentry task force in counties with highest juvenile case volume.
12. Require reasonable efforts to establish at least one connection between placed youth and a supportive adult in the home community before leaving placement.

For the other recommendations that will have an effect on Probation, the Sherriff's Office and the District Attorney you can see the report at - <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/ExecutiveSummaryofCommissiononYouthPublicSafetyandJusticeRecommendations.pdf>

Amy reported Yates County Workforce Development had the second highest increase in the state of percentage of Public Assistance applicants and recipients entering employment between September 2013 and August 2014.

Amy reported half of the Workforce Development Office is funded by Social Services directly with the temporary assistance, the other half is by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). The WIA expired a while ago and they have finally reauthorized a new Act called The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Amy explained it is unknown at this time if procurement of Career Center Operator status will occur using a competitive bid process. It is also unclear if existing contracts for Youth services will be grandfathered in or also be put up for competitive bid. Youth services are currently operating in year two of a three year contract. It is possible for the consortium model to enter into the competitive process as a single entity.

Karen Springmeier, Executive Director of the Finger Lakes WIB is anticipating a meeting with chief elected officials from the four county area to explain the new legislation and associated requirements once that information is made available.

Amy reported Workforce Development has been collecting surveys designed to assess how lack of transportation impacts employment in the county. To date 70 unduplicated responses have been collected and of those individuals:

91 % are unemployed

49% indicate that a lack of transportation has prevented them for applying for a job

30% indicate that they have lost a job due to lack of transportation

83% say they would access public transportation if it were available.

Workforce plans to collect and compile survey information and report quarterly

Amy reported the number of youth that participated in programs funded with Youth Bureau funding for 2014 was 3,020.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

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

- Authorize Chairman To Enter Into A Lease With Dianne S. Lovejoy For The Rental Of Office Space
- Authorize Chairman To Enter Into A Written Agreement With Dianne S. Lovejoy For The Administration Of Indigent Person Conflict Assignments

Meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.