

HUMAN SERVICES
JANUARY 5, 2015

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

Leslie and Gary will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented.

Social Services

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

- Renew contract with Crestwood Children's Center for Counseling Services
- Enter into contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schuyler County for the provision of Parent Education Services
- Amend Resolution No. 401-14 to add fee of \$150 initial session for Colleen Johnston
- Workforce Development budget transfer
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- Distinguished Youth Award
- Authorize the Chairman to sign memorandums of understanding for 2015
- Appointment/reappointment to the Yates County Youth Board (not a resolution, this is a letter)

Amy reported on the homeless numbers trough 12/15/14. There were 68 Safety Net Cases, 11 Family Assistance Cases, and a total of \$152,710 was spent.

Amy reported the HEAP season started on November 17th. As of 12/26/14 there have been 584 applications submitted. This does not included categorically eligible and do not need to fill out separate applications. Amy explained there is one full time person and one contractor (15 hours per week) working on HEAP. Amy is concerned as there is not enough staff to process cases in a timely manner along with the administrative funding being cut. By regulation DSS has 30 days to determine eligibility.

Amy updated the Committee on unemployment rates, which for November was 4.9% and in November 2013 it was at 5.2%.

Amy explained Workforce is still collecting surveys pertaining to employment and transportation and will report more next month.

Amy reported Shelia Smoker is the recipient of the Distinguished Youth Award.

Public Health

Deb reported she is still waiting for notification of the 2014-2015 Medical Reserve Corps capacity Building Award. If Deb receives notification this week she will have a resolution for Monday's meeting.

Deb reported on the influenza. Geneva General is on a diversion because of the number of patients they have along with Schuyler. Deb stated a press release has been done and will be out this week.

Deb reported she is waiting on updating the sliding fee scales until the poverty levels come out.

Deb reported the second Community Forum on Heroin Prevention has been scheduled for January 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Dundee Central School auditorium.

Deb reported Ann Murphy, Chronic Disease Nurse accepted on behalf of Yates County Public Health and the Local Cancer Assistance Program, \$20,000 from Friendly Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Ram, Inc. of Penn Yan and Friendly Ford, Inc. The funds are to be used to support local families afflicted with a diagnosis of cancer through the Local Cancer Assistance Program.

Office for the Aging

Katie reported the waiting list for EISEP continues but is down to 2 individuals, others are being assessed for Direct Consumer Care.

Katie reported Christmas for the Needy served just over 2,000 individuals.

Katie reported Stephanie Bates has taken a new position as Manager of Special Projects and will be relocating to the Bath office effective January 5th. Katie has asked Stephaine and Laura Rossman to come to next Human Services meeting.

Community Services

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

- Re-appoint Member To The Yates County Community Services Board Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee (Coon)
- Re-appoint Member To The Yates County Community Services Board Substance Abuse Subcommittee(Dawes)
- Re-appoint Member To The Yates County Community Services Board Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee (Simmons)
- Appoint Member To The Yates County Community Services Board Mental Health Subcommittee (Woodford)
- Appoint Member To The Yates County Community Services Board Mental Health Subcommittee (Youngs)

Pam reported there were 6 reports made under the SAFE ACT, only 1 was forwarded to DCJS.

Pam reported the 1st quarter 2015 funding has been received from the NYS Office of Mental Health and NYS Office of Mental Health Substance Abuse.

Pam reported Schuyler ARC and Yates ARC have decided to pull back on their merger.

Veterans

The veterans report was reviewed.

Sarah explained the effective date of the new director will be January 20th.

Doug questions the resolution for the re-appointment of George Roets in that it's not a renewal. The resolution will be changed to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract.

Lee move to go back into executive session to continue discussion from the Government Operations executive session, that being for employee compensation, seconded by Doug.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35p.m.