

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

November 2, 2015

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

Leslie and Lee will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented.

### **VETERANS:** Philip Rouin

Phil reported he received his VA PIV card which he can use to access information and services on behalf of Veterans and the VA. Phil explained this will increase efficiency of submitting Veteran claims and reviewing claim status.

Phil reviewed the statistic report which showed 209 contacts and 257 services provided with 27 veterans transported to various medical appointments.

Phil reported he attended a meeting with the director of the Syracuse Medical Center and VA Management staff. Information was provided on the Home Based Primary Care Program organized by the Syracuse VA in which home bound veterans are visited by a team of health care providers as an intervention to prevent hospitalization and improve quality of life for the service members.

Phil reviewed the upcoming veteran related community events and meetings that will take place in the community in observance of Veterans Day.

Phil reported there will be a Veteran Employment Workshop in Geneva on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Phil reviewed the claims settled this month.

### **SOCIAL SERVICES:** Amy Miller

Amy reported she was informed last Thursday of an individual that is currently in OCFS custody. Amy explained the budget will be fine for this year but will add approximately \$115,000 to the 2016 budget.

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

- Recognizing November 2015 as hire a Veteran's Month
- Resolution to renew a contract with Rainbow Junction
- Safety Net Resolution
- Resolution approving time without pay
- Resolution honoring the Distinguished Youth Award

Amy reviewed the following information on Safety Net program:

The statistics regarding costs, reimbursement and caseloads follow.

Year	Average Monthly Caseload	Gross Expenditures	Net County Cost
2010	28	266,533	112,437 (50%)
2011	32	285,543	191,089 (50% and 29%-switch in April)
2012	50	399,362	292,722 (29%)
2013	61	479,679	304,652 (29%)
2014	56	572,957	366,684 (29%)

2015 to date	57	496,072	
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**Eligibility Program**

	September 2015	September 2014
Food Stamps	82 applications/1,335 open cases	90 applications/1,337 open cases
Temporary Assistance	87 applications/143 open cases	89 applications /144 open cases
Medicaid	45 applications/2,179 open cases	48 applications/2,412 open cases

Amy reported the unemployment rate for September 2015 was 4.35 compared to September of 2014 which was 4.7%.

Amy reported the Summer Youth Employment program has wrapped up. A total of 45 youth completed 5 weeks of paid work experience with an average of 15 hours per week. There were 16 Yates County agencies and/or businesses that elected to be worksites and mentors for these youth. Twenty five of these youth attended a two day training on Guest Services/Customer Service skills and 12 earned a National Credential in Guest Service Professional.

Amy reported in partnership with the Yates Cultural and Community center, 14 job seekers served through Workforce Development have participated in Gold Customer Service Training.

Amy reported she is recruiting for a Youth Counselor to replace Loree Martin who is now the Supervisor for the Workforce Development Unit.

Amy reviewed the status of the submission of vouchers for payment of County and OCFS – Youth Bureau funds to date.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Deb Minor

Deb reported the last Rabies Clinic will be held Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30 at the County Buildings & Grounds.

Deb reviewed the following Rabies Activity summary for 3 quarters 2014 and 2015:

	Jan- Sept 2014	Jan- Sept 2015
Number of pts that were authorized for post exposure treatment (PEP)	15	8
Number of pts for PEP without insurance	2	2
Number of PEP d/t an unvaccinated animal	2	1
Number of 10 day confinements ordered	63	60
Number of 6 month confinements ordered	2	2
Number of specimens sent for testing	13	28
Number of specimens positive for rabies	4	4
Number of exposures to unvaccinated Domestic pets	23	36*

\*the most common reason provided by pet owner is that they forgot

Deb reviewed the Policy for Supporting Employees Who Choose to Breastfeed Their Infants. Deb explained the information is being shared with the management team and if anyone has any input or revisions please let Deb know your concerns.

Deb reported NYSACHO and NYSAC have shared information from the Attorney General's Office regarding a settlement agreement with the Tobacco Industry releasing \$550 Million from an escrow account. The press releases state the dispersion as approximately ½ to NY State, ¼ to NYC and ¼ to the remaining counties.

Deb reported a Naloxone Administration Training for the community was held on October 29<sup>th</sup> and was well attended. Deb is looking to hold another training before the year is up.

Deb reported she has received notification from NYSDOH Bureau of Early Intervention that for the 2015 Annual Performance Report Indicator 7 – IFSP timeliness, Yates County achieved a score of 100%. This is an indicator that looks at compliance with the federal requirement that all children found eligible for Early Intervention Services have a Multi-disciplinary Evaluation and Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) completed within 45 days of referral.

**OFFICE FOR THE AGING:** Katie Smeenk

Katie reviewed the following resolution that will be needed. The Committee approved.

- Resolution to Authorize Submission of Area Agency and Aging Annual Implementation Plan

Katie reported John Welsh has been hired as the new PERS/Project Lifesaver Technician, and she is currently interviewing for the Transportation Coordinator.

Katie reported she is working with Phil Rouin to schedule the Bath VA's Home Based Primary Care Program for an in service educational session with Yates OFA Staff.

Katie reported the Advisory Council will be meeting November 20<sup>th</sup> and will be part of our NYS OFA Annual Evaluation exit interview.

Katie reported John Hunter is working with the Living Well to offer a monthly free luncheon at the Methodist Church. The October 28<sup>th</sup> lunch had 30 attendees of which half were seniors.

Katie reported the Real Property Tax director supplied the Legislature with information pertaining to increasing the Senior Citizen Property Tax exemption.

Katie reported on the Health Insurance Counseling & Assistance Services. The sessions are continuing and one-on-one appointments are booked through mid-November.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:** George Roets

George reported there were 5 reports received pertaining to the SAFE ACT and none were reported to the state.

George reviewed Crestwood Children's Services which is a division of Hillside Family of Agencies and operates a Child Mental Health Clinic and Children's Supportive Case Management Program.

George attended a train the trainer program for Youth Mental Health First Aid from October 26 to October 30<sup>th</sup>.

George did a radio segment on WYFL on October 12<sup>th</sup> on the Yates Drug Abuse Coalition's efforts to fight the current heroin epidemic.

George reported on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training will be held at Dundee Central Schools through an agreement with his office, Dundee Central Schools and Hillside Family of Agencies.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:** Sarah Purdy

Sarah reviewed the draft scope of work for public transportation. Sarah sought direction from the Committee on whether she should move forward with finalizing the scope of work in order to submit for a grant, which she has

been told would be about \$50,000. The consensus of the Committee was to have Sarah start the work and bring the Planner up to date when she returns.

Gary moved to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of an individual, seconded by Jim Smith. VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.