

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**March 3, 2015**

Present: Leslie Church, Doug Paddock, Jim Smith, Dan Banach, Mark Morris, Bob Clark, Margaret Dunn, Elden Morrison, Bonnie Percy, Jim Multer, George Roets, Phil Rouin, Deb Minor, Amy Miller, Sarah Purdy.

Leslie and Jim Smith will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the January 29th meeting were approved as presented.

**OFFICE FOR THE AGING:** Katie Smeenk

Katie could not attend the meeting.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:** George Roets

George reported there were 3 reports received regarding the SAFE ACT and 2 were sent on to DCJS.

George reported he has been notified the Community Support for adults – Crisis Residential beds has been expanded but he has no dollar figures at this time.

George reported there has been planning over the last couple of months with the closing of beds at the Elmira Psychiatric Center. This involved taking some of the dollars that were freed up to develop services that are affected over the 9 counties.

**VETERANS:** Philip Rouin

Phil reported there were 247 contacts and 356 services provided last month with 12 veterans transported to various medical appointments.

Phil reported he has a volunteer who is willing to assist other veterans with resume writing and job interview preparation.

Phil reported the change in hours for the office has received positive feedback from veterans and their family. Counseling hours are 9 to 4 Monday through Friday with Tuesdays and Thursdays being appointment only days.

Phil reported the office has updated the website to include a mission statement and a list of services most frequently provided by the office. One of the goals is to have a social media facebook page.

Phil reported on the various organizations and Yates County Departments that he met with.

Phil will be meeting with the Director of the Canandaigua VA next week and will also be looking into awareness training through Canandaigua and Bath VAMC.

Phil reported he did attend and successfully complete the American Legion's Department of New York Basic Training for Service Officers. He is still waiting for his accreditation.

Phil reported the agency sent letters to the Keuka Housing Council to favorably endorse three grants that are to be made available to eligible veteran homeowners.

Phil reported due to the long wait times for appointments with VAMC's the VA has initiated the veteran's Choice Card. The card gives veterans who have been waiting for more than 30 days for their medical appointments or who live more than 40 miles from a VA facility the chance to see a private doctor.

Phil reviewed the claims settled for the month.

**SOCIAL SERVICES:** Amy Miller

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

- Authorize Amendment To Yates County Foster Care And Adoption Subsidy Rates

Amy reported on economic impact for 2014. There was \$3,751,177 in SNAP (food Stamp) benefits distributed to residents of Yates County. Of that those benefits, \$2,587,866 was spent at Yates County businesses. There were 935 food stamp applications and during an average month 1,255 households were receiving benefits.

The average monthly caseload for child care was 32 cases and \$195,415 was distributed to local childcare providers during 2014 to assist families to maintain employment.

The Child Support Unit had a caseload of 1,186 and \$2,080,215 was collected for custodial support payments.

Amy reported there was a child in the care of the Office of Child and Family Services and she has not received a bill for this child's care and therefore has estimated the amount based on estimated interim rates provided by the state. Amy has given that estimate to the Treasurer along with an explanation of the estimate. Amy explained there has been some progress. She has received the bills for 2011 in February of this year and she continues to wait for the 2013 bills.

Amy updated the Committee on various programs for Workforce Development.

The unemployment rate for December 2014 was 5.3% which is up slightly from 2013 at 5.2%.

Amy reported once a month the Workforce Investment Board picks a business of the month. For February that was the Yates County History Center.

Amy reported on updates for the Youth Bureau.

Girls on the Run's registration opened on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and there are several scholarships available for girls at both sites. Amy explained the program usually fills up within a day and has approximately 12 to 15 girls participating.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Deb Minor

Deb requested a proclamation declaring April 6-12 as National Public Health week. The Committee approved.

Deb reported a function of local health departments is to conduct ongoing community health assessment and to report data/findings to key stakeholders and the public to facilitate health improvements. Deb attached to the agenda some recent communications that were sent out by the department to inform provider offices. Deb will be looking at new ways to share information with the community and targeted audiences.

Deb reported she has received notification that the additional funding for Ebola Preparedness and Response activity has been awarded in the amount of \$38,000.

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

- Authorizing signature of the agreement with Health Research, Inc. for the NYSDOH PHEP Ebola Preparedness and Response Activities grant for the period April 1, 2015 thru September 30, 2016.

Deb reported Yates County Soil & Water has been awarded an Agricultural Safety Grant for a little over \$14,000. The funds will be used for obtaining 24 single gas monitors for farmers and manure haulers along with 3 five gas meters for fire departments. The use of gypsum bedding raises the risk for exposure to higher levels of hydrogen sulfide.

Deb reported the NYS Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSIP) program provides a framework to comprehensively reform how Medicaid services are reimbursed within NY with an ultimate goal of reducing emergency department visits and avoidable hospitalization by 20% in 5 years. Deb stated that she and George Roets would be glad to present additional information regarding the Finger Lakes application at the April meeting. The Committee agreed.

Deb reported for Special Children's Services, under section 4410 of the Education law counties can receive reimbursement for administrative costs for preschool programs. For the period of July 2013 to June 2014 the total administrative expenditures were \$61,043 for 99 children served with an administrative cost reimbursement of \$7,425.

Deb reported and thanked the Probation Department for their donation to the Local Cancer Assistance Program. They allowed their staff to wear jeans on designated Fridays and staff pays a certain amount which is then donated.

Deb's 2015 goals were reviewed.

Jim moved to enter executive session to discuss employee compensation, seconded by Lee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35p.m.