

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

April 6, 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 Sackett, Bob Clark, Jim Smith, Connie Hayes, Am Miller, Deb Minor George Roets, Ed Brockman, Katie Smeenk, Phil Rouin,

Leslie and Lee will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Ed introduced Katie Martin Henderson who is the second assistant public defender.

Ed explained the new Representation by Counsel at Initial Arraignment began today. This will require that, upon agreeing to perform an arraignment, the judge immediately contact the "On Call" public defender and then await their arrival before commencing the arraignment. It will also be necessary for the defender to briefly interview the defendant prior to commencing the arraignment.

Leslie asked if Ed could supply a report on how many cases his office is handling. Ed explained that there is a report that the office has to do each year and he will send a copy.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: George Roets

George reviewed the following resolution that will be needed. The Committee agreed.

- Resolution to authorize the Legislative Chairman And Director of Community Services to sign amended agreements

George reported there were 4 reports received for the SAFE ACT and 1 was sent on to DCJS.

George reported the 2nd quarter fiscal advance was received.

George reported for individuals who are mentally ill and in state prison, it has been a practice for those people coming out that sometime we don't even know they are coming. This creates a burden locally in terms of providing services needed for reconnecting which creates a number of problems and they end up in the hospital or even prison. In 2014 legislation was put in place where these individuals have to be evaluated as they are coming due for release from prison and they have to go back and look at people who have been treated in the last 24 months and they have to do actual client interviews. George explained that he will now get a call from a release person at the prison level who will tell him, there is a person that will be coming out within the next month or two months and arrangements have been made for services for the individual and this is the medication they are on etc. This ensures that they stay connected in treatment and services, rather than the person just appearing.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Phil reported the 2014 annual report was submitted.

Phil reported there were 333 contacts and 419 services provided last month with 10 veterans transported to various medical appointments. Phil reported the Canandaigua VA has a shuttle that comes to town to transport veterans to the VA. The veteran needs to have their primary care physician request this service.

Phil reported on various Community outreach and Departmental in-reach activity for the month.

Phil reported on the Veterans Service officers meetings he attended.

Phil reported on the Veterans Access to Healthcare and Choice program. Phil explained the VA has changed the driving distance eligibility criteria for veterans in order to allow improved healthcare access. The revised criteria is aimed at reducing the wait time for veterans.

Phil reviewed his 2015 goals.

Phil reviewed the claims settled for the month.

Phil reported he has begun preparing for the Memorial Day celebration. Phil is working with various agencies.

Phil also reported he is working with the Penn Yan Airport on possibly getting the War Birds here sometime this summer and putting something together for the WWII veterans.

Gary asked Phil to put some sort of data together to show a 13 month revolving comparison of things such as contacts, services and so on.

Gary also questioned, he received a letter from a taxpayer on the great job that Schuyler County is doing on obtaining retroactive benefits. Gary asked that possibly a running total of retroactive benefits be included in Phil's monthly report.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

Amy reported her 2014 annual report has been submitted.

Amy reviewed the following resolutions that are needed. The Committee approved.

- Resolution to recognize Zoe Trombley as Yates County Distinguished Youth
- Resolution for Workforce Development Budget Transfer
- Resolution to sign memorandum of understanding with Yates County IT Department
- Resolution to enter into contract with Companion Care of Rochester
- Resolution to enter into contract with Chemung Family Services
- Resolution to enter into contract with Northeast Parent and Child Society
- Resolution to enter into contract with Ontario County for detention services

Amy reported she has been asked to serve on the Finger Lakes Addictions Counseling and Referral Agency. The Committee approved Amy to serve on the FLACRA Board.

Amy reviewed the following on Fraud.

Amy explained she pays for half of an investigator to perform fraud investigations. The cost for that service for the 2015 year \$30,538. Amy stated that the Sheriff submits a voucher quarter to her along with a time study indicating how much time the investigator has spent working on Fraud. DSS then reimburses the Sheriff and submits a claim to NYS and receives approximately 80% reimbursement for that service. Amy stated that the department is required to have some sort of fraud investigation and some sort investigation for the front end detection.

The purpose of the Public Assistance Fraud Unit is to prevent and detect Welfare Fraud, pursue criminal action against those who obtain benefits they are not entitled to and to recoup those benefits. Fraud prevention is accomplished by having an investigator verify information, often before any benefits are issued. This process is referred to as “front end detection” or FEDS. To supplement the decreasing number of convictions we have begun to explore a civil process called Administrative Disqualification Hearing. This is a process where we go through the state to ensure that clients who have committed fraud (but who are not criminally prosecuted) are unable to receive additional benefits.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Referrals	14	58	68
Arrests	0	5	18
Fraud Amount	0	\$13,532	\$59,005
12 Month Cost Avoidance	NA	\$204,204	\$218,212

Amy clarified that although the fraud investigator is sometimes used for Child Abuse cases, the Village’s investigator is used when it is a case in the Village of Penn Yan. Amy explained the funding that is used to pay for the investigator does not include Child Abuse investigation’s because it is investigating a crime. Amy stated that if she was charged for that and asked for reimbursement for that it would be consider illegal.

Amy reported she still knows very little with regards to the new Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Amy explained they will be applying for funding but there are concerns that if we are awarded the contract that the funding won’t be in place at the end of the WIA contract year, so they would need to be prepared to cover wage/fringe costs or consider lay-offs. The cost of maintaining the two WIA funded employees is \$9,985 per month. Amy explained the County would recover the money once the contract is in place.

Amy reported that the WIA Youth Program won then Can Hunger Sculpture Competition. They were awarded the People’s Choice Award for their design from The Hunger Games. As a result of this effort 450 cans of food was donated to the Food Pantry.

Amy reported the Girls on the Run program began the week of March 23rd. The Penn Yan team has four new coaches and 21 participants.

Amy reported the Youth Board will be approving program allocations at the April 21st meeting and contracts and resolutions for funding will be provided in May.

Dan asked that Schuyler County unemployment rates be included in the next unemployment report.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Deb Minor

Deb reported today was the start of National Public Health Week (April 6-12)

Deb reported the 2014 Annual Report was submitted.

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

- Resolution authorizing signature of Inter-Municipal agreement between the counties of Monroe, Livingston, Steuben, Yates, Schuyler, Chemung, Ontario, Wayne and Seneca.

Deb reported a full scale exercise will be held at the Dundee Central School. Public Health is looking for community volunteers to assist them by agreeing to walk through the Medical Counter Measures POD and should take no more than 15-30 minute for those volunteering.

Deb reported a Rabies Clinic was held on March 14th and a 192 pets were vaccinated over an hour and half clinic. There were 67 pet owners that filled out the registration forms online which made the process much quicker. The next clinic will be June 3rd at the Buildings & Grounds facility.

Mark reported he attended the monthly meeting of the Yates Substance Abuse Coalition. This is a group of individuals that are effective with drug abuse and Mark found the meeting very educational. Mark suggested someone from the Human Services Committee might want to occasionally attend this meeting. The meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 4:00p.m.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Katie Smeenk

Katie reported on the annual evaluation report and required plan of correction. There were two items listed which were data reporting and targeting. The corrective action plan for these items was submitted to New York State Office for the Aging on March 18, 2015. Katie does not anticipate any difficulties with the corrective actions.

Katie report on transportation options in an effort to increase options in Yates County. Her office is developing a Private Care Registry - Rideshare Program. Katie explained they are developing a subset of their private care registry program devoted to ride sharing. They are in the process of recruiting individuals willing to provide rides to join their private care registry. This program will be offered to all ages and income levels in Yates County once a list is established.

Katie explained the other program that is being looked at is the Volunteer Drivers Program. The OFA Transportation Coordinator met with the staff at the Institute of Human Services (IHS) in Bath. IHS coordinates a volunteer drivers program with funding from Steuben Office for the Aging and Steuben Department of Social Services to cover mileage reimbursement and program administrative costs. Katie and staff are researching options for this program.

Katie reported she has two vacancies in her office that she is currently recruiting for.

Katie reported the 2015/16 state budget includes some additional funding for Office for the Aging services but she does not know the amount at this time.

Deb and George gave a brief presentation on DSRIP (Delivery System Incentive Payment) Plan.

Deb explained the DSRIP is an *incentive payment model* that rewards providers for performance on *delivery system transformation projects* that improve care for Medicaid & non-insured individuals. This shifts from a pay for service model to a value based payment model.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10