

Present: Legislators Young, Deleo, Dibble, Torrey Also Present: Legislators Bausch, Hilchey, Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Asst. County Manager Matt Landers, OFA Director Ruth Spink, Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves, HR Director Anita Cleveland, County Attorney Kevin Earl, DSS Commissioner David Rumsey, Health Director Paul Pettit, Daily News Reporter Brian Quinn.

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 4:28 PM in the Legislature Conference Room at the Old Courthouse. Legislator Torrey was temporarily appointed to the Human Services Committee in the absence of Legislator Clattenburg. The minutes of the December 4, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

DSS Commissioner David Rumsey requested a contract renewal with Technical Systems Group for annual software support for the security system at 5130 E. Main Street. Cost is \$947 for one year. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Health Director Paul Pettit explained there is an Intermunicipal agreement between Genesee and Orleans County for shared Public Health administrative staff and services. The Weights & Measures Department is no longer a stand-alone department but will now be under the Health Department Environmental Division. Mr. Pettit requested that the agreement be amended to reflect the inclusion of the Weights & Measures Director. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit explained that Public Health Law specifies that the County ensure direct clinical services for Tuberculosis. Previously, these services have been provided by Monroe County Public Health per an agreement. The agreement term is January 1, 2018-December 31, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Expenses related to this contract are eligible for full reimbursement under Article 6-State aid funding for General Public Health Works. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit explained that the County successfully applied for grant funds for training related to Retail Standards. The Association of Food & Drug Officials approved the \$3,000 grant application to use to support costs that comply with Federal statutes. Health department staff will attend training in Maine. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Health Director Paul Pettit stated another grant was received that will allow Health Department officials to get additional training to enable staff to accurately review the FDA Retail Standards. The grant award is for \$2,750. Mr. Pettit further explained that New York standards differ from Federal Standards. This was referred to Ways and Means

with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves presented a resolution approving a contract between Genesee County and Integrity Partners, a new non-profit. Legislature Chair Bausch asked if the non-profit has a board of directors who approved of Mr. Reaves signing the contract. Mr. Reaves stated the board consists of 6 County Mental Health Directors including himself. He will conduct a conference call to discuss the needed approval giving him authorization to sign the contract. He stated he will have the conference call prior to the 2/14/18 Legislature meeting to ensure the contract can be signed immediately. County Attorney Kevin Earl stated the agreement will not be dated or go into effect until the non-profit board authorizes Mr. Reaves to sign. Mr. Reaves further stated the message from Albany to Mental Health providers is that the Behavioral Healthcare Collaborative Initiative is the model that must be followed to receive state funding. A discussion has been scheduled for Ways & Means on 2/7/18. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

Mr. Reaves next explained the need to hire a Registered Nurse to provide required services as the clinic moves to a tele-psychiatry model. A registered nurse must be present when patients are seen by the doctor using video/audio technology. The psychiatrist resides out of state and is interested in reducing his travel. The nurse's services are billable therefore the cost of the position will be covered by state aid and Medicaid. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

Mr. Reaves next explained the need to balance the new responsibilities of managing the Behavioral Healthcare Collaborative while serving as the county mental health director. The 2018 budget that was passed included a full-time Mental Health Director through February 4, 2018 then the position would go to contractual. Due to some barriers, the position was going to remain a county employee but go to part-time. Mr. Reaves is now requesting the position remain full-time until April then to part-time. This requires a budget transfer from contractual to personnel services. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Reaves explained the next resolution which eliminates the full-time Mental Health Director effective April 1, 2018 and creates a less than full-time director, 60 hours bi-weekly same pay grade (118) effective April 2, 2018. The County is required to have a director of community mental health services. The shift from full-time to part-time will allow Mr. Reaves to focus on responsibilities as director and organizing and planning the non-profit Collaborative. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

OFA Director Ruth Spink requested approval of a contract renewal with registered dietitian Ellen Foster. This is the first renewal of a five year contract with potential for 3 additional 1-year renewals. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

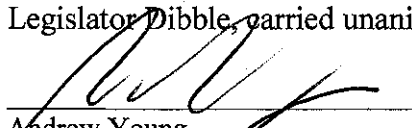
Ms. Spink next explained the request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Alzheimer's Association of WNY. The caregiver support initiative grant awarded to the Alzheimer's Association from NYS Department of Health is about \$3,500 more than what came in to the County last year. The OFA collaborates with the Alzheimer's Association to provide services in the county. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink explained the County OFA, specifically the Meals on Wheels program, was named as a recipient of a trust from Leon H. Watson who was a Meals on Wheels recipient. Total amount is \$58,000. Ms. Spink is working with the Advisory Board and getting ideas and suggestions for a meaningful program enhancement that can be implemented over multiple years. She worked with the Treasurer and County Attorney to ensure proper steps are taken. Clarification was provided regarding Meals on Wheels eligibility; it is not an income eligible program. Ms. Spink is recommending \$12,000 of the total gift be allocated in 2018 for advertising and specialized supplies. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

County Manager Jay Gsell shared updates regarding the proposed State budget and how reductions to state departments can trickle down to the County. Community Colleges may take a 5% funding cut which will impact the County as the sponsor. He explained that is a proposal for a state level financial disclosure for all officials earning \$50,000 or more. The County, per local law, requires elected officials and employees and board members to complete and submit a financial disclosure which is reviewed by the Ethics Board each year.

The Clerk reported the next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Monday, March 5, 2018 and the Housing Needs Assessment presentation to the Legislature is 6:00 PM Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.


Andrew Young
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