

Participating: Legislators Young, Deleo, Maha, Torrey, Also Present: Legislators Hilchey, Dibble, Yunker, Stein, Clattenburg, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Asst. County Manager Matt Landers, Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia, DSS Commissioner Dave Rumsey, OFA Director Diana Fox, Public Health Director Paul Pettit

Chair Andrew Young called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm remotely with Zoom Video Conference.

Minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey carried unanimously.

Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia explained the Governor's proposal requires counties to pay 100% of the OMH State Operations costs for certain individuals receiving mental health treatment at State-operated Forensic Psychiatric Centers. Historically, counties have paid 50% of the per diem rate set by OMH and this has reached an unsustainable cost burden on County budgets. She is requesting support of a resolution urging state lawmakers reject the governor's executive budget proposal to shift 100% of the cost of competency restoration services to counties. This was approved placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

OFA Director Diana Fox presented a recommendation for an award of RFP for the provision of Stair lift and Wheelchair lift installation to Caring Environments J&H. OFA is implementing a new program using targeted home and community based funding. The contract includes a cost of \$140 per hour with not to exceed \$20,000 for the period of March 12, 2020-March 11, 2021. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Ms. Fox presented a recommendation for an award of RFP for the provision of Tub & Shower modifications to Caring Environments J&H. Terms of the contract are the same as listed above, \$140 per hour with not to exceed \$20,000 for the period of March 12, 2020-March 11, 2021. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

County Manager Jay Gsell explained the County Youth Bureau is interested in continuing county comprehensive youth planning efforts in 2020 which includes the allocation of resources to municipalities and community based agencies to the extent the funding is provided by NYS. A motion to amend the resolution to add language to the Resolved indicating all payments to programs/agencies are subject to availability of state aid with no expectation of direct Genesee County appropriation was made by Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously. The amended resolution was approved for placement on the next legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Department of Social Services Commissioner Dave Rumsey requested approval of a salary schedule amendment to eliminate a Child Care Worker CSEA Grade 8 and create a Housing Coordinator CSEA Grade 9 to fulfill mandated responsibilities of the department. The new position would cost \$2,810 more however the shortfall would be covered in the 2020 budget due

to other vacancies. At present, the exact percentage of reimbursement for the Housing Coordinator position is unknown. County Manager Jay Gsell notified department heads of a hiring freeze in response to the anticipated 2020 and beyond budget shortfalls. A motion was made by Legislator Maha to table the resolution seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit requested approval of a memorandum of agreement with NYS Department of Health AIDS Institute Bureau of HIV/STD Field Services to conduct filed work in Genesee County. The agreement will enable the disease intervention specialist to intermittently perform disease intervention duties while physically stationed at the Genesee County Health Department through February 28, 2022. This was approved for placement on the next legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of a contract for post-exposure rabies treatment with WellNow Urgent Care for the term April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The following rates will apply for day 0 treatment; \$125.00 and day 3, 7 or 14 treatment \$30. NYS Public Health Law specifies this care is the responsibility of the county. Expenses are eligible for reimbursement under Article 6. This was approved for placement on the next legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of an agreement with ACM Global Laboratory to provide lab services for the department for the period of March 18, 2020 through March 17, 2021. Expenses will be offset with COVID-19 funding. This was approved for placement on the next legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

County Manager Jay Gsell presented a resolution for a funding agreement with Business Education Alliance. The BEA provides services and programs that promote the formation of partnerships among businesses and schools for the continuous improvement of education and employment readiness within Genesee County. Contract amount is \$3,107 which is the same amount as last year. This was approved for placement on the next legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Monday, May 4, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Andrew Young approved on 5-4-20

Andrew Young, Chair
Human Services Committee
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