

Present In-Person: Legislators Torrey, Deleo, Hawley, Klotzbach, Also Present: Legislators Stein, Dibble, Maha, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Matt Landers, Asst. County Manager Tammi Ferringer, County Attorney Kevin Earl, OFA Director Diana Fox, Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia, DSS Commissioner Dave Rumsey, HD Director Anita Cleveland, Mercy Flight director of Medical Operations Michael Guglizza, Mercy Flight Development Director Elaine Duquette, Mike Pettinella-The Batavian, Brian Quinn-The Daily News, ZOOM; Public Health Director Paul Pettit, Ag Society members Amanda Gallo, Norm Pimm, Veterans Director Bill Joyce

Human Services Chair Gregg Torrey called the meeting to order at 4:30pm in the Legislature Chambers and on ZOOM video conference.

Minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

DSS Commissioner Dave Rumsey requested approval of an affiliation agreement with University at Buffalo (UB) School of Social Work for current employee and Masters' of Social Work student Jillian Reitz to participate in and complete her internship. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit explained the second round of funding has been announced by NYS for the NYS Septic System Replacement Fund program and Genesee County is slated to receive \$170,000. The first round of funding was for \$150,000 and not all of those funds have been used. The Countywide program is available to systems located on Tonawanda Creek, Bowen Brook, Bigelow Creek and Oatka Creek. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit explained the mass vaccination site at GCC is wrapping up due to a diminished demand for COVID vaccinations. The department is working on identifying alternative strategies to get citizens vaccinated. He extended gratitude and thanks to legislators, county personnel and volunteers who have generously given time and talent to the clinics.

OFA Director Diana Fox requested approval of a salary schedule amendment which reclassifies a Sr. Client Services Outreach Specialist to Aging Services Caseworker. A desk audit was conducted resulting in the requested upgrade. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Ms. Fox requested approval of a contract renewal with Willcare, Inc. to serve as Fiscal Intermediary for Genesee County Office for the Aging Consumer Directed In-home Services under Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly a cost of \$20.51/hour for CDIS-Basic Worker and \$23.11/hour for CDIS-Enhanced Worker for the period of June 1, 2021-May 31, 2022. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia requested resolution No. 62 year 2021 be amended to reflect quarterly payments be made to contract agencies in an amount not to exceed that of the annual contract. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Ms. Battaglia explained the following five resolutions all relate to an increase in state funding allocations to contract agencies. There is no cost to the County:

-Budget and contract amendment for WNY Heroes, inc. for an increase of \$40,000. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

-Budget and contract amendment for GCASA for an increase of \$161,232. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

-Budget and contract amendment for Living Opportunities of DePaul for an increase of \$57,000. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

-Budget amendment and contract amendment for Mental Health Association for an increase of \$48,308. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

-Budget and contract amendment for Restoration Society for an increase of \$34,231. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Ms. Battaglia requested a salary schedule amendment to extend one (1) Temporary Part-time MH Financial Program Specialist, in the Management Salary Schedule, Grade 108, through December 31, 2021 to assist with the reconciliation of past years and the transition of duties to the new Administrative Officer. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Ms. Battaglia explained how the department is being restructured to be more efficient and cost-effective and she is recommending obsolete titles be eliminated. Specifically, she is requesting an amendment to the 2021 Employee Salary Schedule by eliminating two (2) Full-time, Senior Financial Clerk positions, CSEA-General, Grade 10-5, and eliminating one (1) Full-Time Financial Clerk-Typist, in CSEA-General, Grade 8. This will result in savings of \$48,745. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mercy Flight Director of Medical Operations Michael Gugliuzza reviewed highlights of the Mercy Flight department report. From July 2019 through June 2020, 143 requests for helicopter ambulance service were received with 76 helicopter transports. The pandemic has affected fundraising efforts. Employees and front line workers were able to be vaccinated at the earliest possible time. Future challenges include offering skilled EMT's competitive wages. They are hopeful the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and 2021 BASH fundraiser will happen this September as planned.

County Manager Matt Landers presented a resolution for the funding agreement with Mercy Flight for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$12,825. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Ag Society Treasurer Norm Pimm stated the 2020 Fair was cancelled due to the pandemic however they had some youth shows in 2020. They were able to secure sponsors last year since they did not accept County or state funding. The Ag Society is planning to proceed with the Fair in 2021 and await more guidance from NYS. The draft horse show is July 23-25.

Mr. Landers presented a resolution for the funding agreement with the Genesee County Agricultural Society for \$11,000 to be used for 4H Judging expenses and 4H premiums. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Mr. Landers explained the Veterans Services Agency director requested the creation of one part-time Veterans Services Officer grade 13 effective July 1, 2021. \$12,000 was budgeted in the 2021 contingency account for the position. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

*Gregg Torrey approved 6-1-2021*

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Gregg Torrey, Chair  
Human Services Committee  
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