

Participating: Legislators Young, Deleo, Torrey, Maha, Also Present: Legislators Clattenburg, Yunker, Dibble, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, Asst. County Manager Matt Landers, OFA Director Diana Fox, Public Health Director Paul Pettit, DSS Commissioner Dave Rumsey, DSS Director Carla Mindler, Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia, Youth Bureau Director Jocelyn Sikorski

Because of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic and the State and Federal bans on large meetings or gatherings and pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order suspending the Open Meeting Law, the Genesee County Human Services Committee meeting was held electronically using ZOOM video conference instead of a public meeting open for the public to attend in person. The meeting was also Live Streamed on YouTube.

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

Minutes of the May 4, 2020 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey carried unanimously.

Office for the Aging Director Diana Fox requested approval of an agreement renewal for personal emergency response units from Doyle Security Systems. Total contract amount not to exceed \$17,390 and is included in the 2020 budget. This was approved placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

OFA Director Diana Fox requested a contract renewal for meal preparation services with Genesee ARC. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 possible one-year renewals. Costs are: \$6.73 per meal for regular home delivered meals; \$6.67 per meal for congregate meals; \$5.25 for 2<sup>nd</sup> meal (Cold or Sandwich Meal); and \$6.73 for frozen home delivered meals; with a total contract not to exceed \$223,927 for the period of July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Motion by Legislator Torrey to bring the 2020 Salary Schedule Amendment –Department of Social Services item that was tabled at the March 30, 2020 Human Services Committee meeting from the table seconded by Legislator Maha, carried. DSS Commissioner Dave Rumsey and Director Carla Mindler explained that the department is mandated to provide housing coordinator services. They were previously provided by a caseworker who retired. Due to a reduction in cluster home placements for youth, they would like to eliminate a child care worker position and create a housing coordinator position. The cost difference is \$2,810 and will be available in the 2020 budget due to other vacancies. Ms. Mindler further explained they receive some state reimbursement for these services. 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 Maha, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit requested permission to apply to The Awesome Foundation Grant Program for funds to purchase Radon Kits. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit requested the County accept an Emergency Preparedness Program grant in the amount of \$49,625. The funding is to be used to support the program goals of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program. Agreement period is July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of a contract renewal with NMS Labs for forensic pathology and medicolegal death investigation services. There is an \$8 increase per toxicology report for the 2020-2021 contract period. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit stated the Health Department received notification from the New York State Department of Health that Genesee County's Drinking Water Enhancement Program contract has been awarded in the amount of \$85,922. Funds are to be used to support local Drinking Water Enhancement activities for the period April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia requested a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,000. She explained that the department received a FLPPS grant of \$48,717 and would like to use some of the funds for the purchase of computer equipment to enable the practice of telehealth services. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Ms. Battaglia reviewed her comprehensive department report by highlighting administrative changes, the move to telehealth services & locum services, clinic treatment units of service, continuing day treatment, billing and financial services and employees/staffing. The department will transition to an electronic medical record this summer with a target day of July for going live with the system. The new EMR will be more efficient and effective. Ms. Battaglia is working toward increasing the number of practitioners who provide billable services. Satellite offices provide mental health services in two schools and at GCASA. The goal is for a satellite in every school. Clinical staff is encouraged to shift their thought process from units of service to how many patients they are providing services to. Legislator Dibble, who is the liaison to the CBS, commented that Ms. Battaglia came to the department at a difficult time and has done a remarkable job of leading the department.

Youth Bureau Director Jocelyn Sikorski highlighted portions of her department report. Youth Court had 34 members with 8 graduating. There were many referrals during the fall months of 2019. The annual resource allocation plan was submitted and approved in April. Funded programs are competitive, this includes municipal recreation programs. The Youth Board Advisory members are engaged and active with programming and fiscal decisions. Youth

Bureau administers STOP-DWI programming, Youth Court, Genesee Youth Lead, Safe Harbor and many outreach programs including back-to school supplies, Halloween costume kits, Youth Leaders conference, Youth recognition banquet, family game night, summer tennis and safe summer carnival. Current staffing is 3 FTE's and a shared clerical staff who works 3.5 hrs/week.

Assistant County Manager Matt Landers reported County Manger Jay Gsell and Legislature Chair Shelley Stein were participating in the Finger Lakes Region control room call.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Monday, July 13, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

*Gary Maha approved 7-13-2020*

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Gary Maha, Chair  
Human Services Committee  
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