

Present: Legislators Deleo, Maha, Klotzbach, Yunker, Also Present: Legislators Dibble, Young, Torrey (arrived at 4:15) Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, Asst. County Manager Matt Landers, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia, OFA Director Diana Fox, Public Health Director Paul Pettit, PathStones Housing Coordinator Mary Leo, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Glenn Simon, Mike Petinella-The Batavian

Chair Gary Maha called the meeting to order at 4:05pm in the Legislative Chambers at the Old Courthouse.

Legislator Yunker was temporarily appointed to the Committee. Committee member Torrey arrived at 4:15pm.

Minutes of the June 1, 2020 meeting were approved with one correction; list Legislator Maha as present, upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Klotzbach carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit presented a request to renew an agreement with Quickseries for the Ready Genesee App. Cost is split 50/50 between Health Department and Emergency Management Services. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

OFA Director Diana Fox requested approval of a grant award from the Muriel H. Marshall Fund. \$88,000 of the funds are budgeted for Centralized Intake and \$15,500 are for Marketing Coordination. These are accounted for as Marshal Fund grant revenue in the 2020 county budget. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Ms. Fox requested approval of a lease renewal with Lifespan for rental of one 80 square foot office space to house a Lifespan employee working in the Muriel H. Marshall Fund for the Aging in Genesee funded Financial Management Program at a cost of \$15.20 per square foot, for an annual rent of \$1,216.00. Program staff coordinates with other Marshall Fund grantee services as well as Genesee County Office for the Aging programs and services. Facilitating such coordination it is mutually beneficial to be housed in the Office for the Aging which has available office space available. This was approved 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 Tender Loving Family Care for social adult day care for older adults with a cost not to exceed \$37,750 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Cornell Cooperative Extension interim Director Glenn Simon shared highlights of their department review and described how he was appointed temporary director March 2nd, just before the pandemic. Offices were closed later in the month and they have reopened June 2nd.

They continue to provide 4-H programs, Leadership Genesee, Master Gardener, statewide 4-H camps and regional teams. They have begun work on a strategic plan and 2021 budget.

Housing Initiatives Coordinator Mary Leo provided a department review and described how funding has remained flat and there are limited housing options. They continue to see an increase in Handyman service requests but experienced a decrease in funding and fewer projects provided due to COVID-19. 2020 has been a difficult year for first-time homebuyers due to the lack of choices resulting in more competitive pricing. They continue to apply for funding from various foundations and funders. Genesee County's funding contribution is used for a portion of staffing costs for the homeownership Counselor.

At 4:22 pm Legislator Klotzbach made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

At 4:35pm the Human Services Committee meeting reconvened upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia requested that a previously approved agreement for suicide prevention coalition coordinator. The position is at a rate of \$25/hour for a maximum of 180 hours, not to exceed \$4,500 for the period of August 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Ms. Battaglia explained the need for a temporary part-time register nurse due to the resignation of a full-time nurse. There is a current vacancy therefore there is no budget impact. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Ms. Battaglia requested an amendment to the 2020 Employee Salary Schedule to create one Principal Financial Clerk, F.T., in CSEA-General, Grade 13, being funded through the open vacancies in the current 2020 budget to assist with checks and balances when the current MH Financial Program Specialist retires in December, this new position is a downgrade. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Monday, August 31, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Approved 8/31/20 Gary Maha

Gary Maha, Chair
Human Services Committee
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