

Present: Legislators Clattenburg, Deleo, Dibble, Hilchey, Also Present: Legislators Stein, Torrey, Bausch, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Health Department Director Paul Pettit, OFA Director Ruth Spink, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Community Services Board President Bernadette Bergman, CBS Member Jim Owens, Asst. County Manager Matt Landers, HR Director Anita Cleveland, Cornell Cooperative Extension Board President Colleen Flynn, Housing Indicatives Mary Leo, The Batavian Reporter Lauren Leone

Human Services Temporary Chair Gordon Dibble called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm in the Legislative Conference Room at the Old Courthouse.

Legislator John Hilchey was temporarily appointed to the Human Services Committee. Legislator Gregg Torrey was temporarily appointed to the Human Services Committee until Legislator Clattenburg joined the meeting.

Minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hilchey carried unanimously.

Health Director Paul Pettit explained the request for an amendment to the grant agreement with GCASA to allow for completion of activities outlined in the Opioid Crisis Grant work plan. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of a contract renewal for the provision of sexually transmitted Disease diagnosis and treatment services. The agreement is with Workfit Medical for a period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of an agreement with Batavia Primary Care for the provision of sexually transmitted Disease diagnosis and treatment services. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested permission to apply for a Small Grants Program grant for increasing the body of knowledge for Cross-Jurisdictional sharing in public health. They would like to apply for a \$10,000 grant to be used by both Orleans and Genesee County Health Departments. Permission to apply motion by Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Office for the Aging Director Ruth Spink explained that information on Aging Services is distributed and various events that require an insurance certificate; Genesee County Farmers Market, Batavia Improvement District and City Hall. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink explained that a budget amendment is needed to allow for updated service provision needs that are intended to address home modification needs of eligible clients. This relates to Resolution 172-2019 for a net total of \$0 to support the growing need for unmet home and community-based services. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

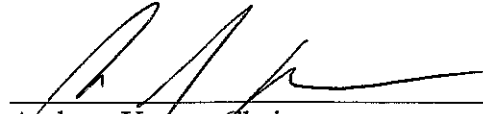
Ms. Mary Leo of PathStone Housing reviewed highlights of the Housing Department report. She explained that those interested in purchasing their own home struggle in the ongoing sellers-market driven by low inventory, seniors needing assistance with basic home repairs and current homeowners requiring support with maintaining their mortgage and property. Housing counseling services included meeting with 16 new households seeking assistance to prevent foreclosure and they resolved 21 pending cases. Their owner-occupied rehab program completed 5 projects totaling \$116,000. There are 62 section 8 vouchers available with PathStone maintaining a waitlist of 213, voucher availability is based on apartment availability. Funding from the County is used for a portion of staff costs for the homeownership counselor.

Ms. Colleen Flynn, Cornell Cooperative Extension Board President explained that the newly hired executive director resigned in May. They are recruiting an interim director and will begin the search for a permanent director. The board is looking into partnering with another (adjacent) county. It is Fair week and this year the Fair was expanded to a full week. The Master Gardener program is robust and has dedicated trained volunteers. They have consolidated offices onto the first floor of their building and are working on leasing unused space on the second and third floor. The 4-H program is growing yet in need of guideline review to ensure programs are being delivered in accordance with their regulations. There are 30 class members this year in the Leadership Genesee program. The WNY dairy and Vegetable Crop teams are vital to our local farming operations.

County Manager Jay Gsell explained that Mr. Mark O'Brien was unable to attend the Committee meeting due to timely matters at the Mental Health Department. Mr. O'Brien is the Orleans County Mental Health Director and will be serving as Genesee County Mental Health Director since the previous acting director's contract ended. Mr. Gsell requested approval of an agreement with Mr. O'Brien to carry out the role and responsibilities of the Genesee County Mental Health Services Director for 12 weeks at a rate not to exceed \$9,600. Mr. O'Brien will be invited to the Ways & Means Committee meeting. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Monday, August 19, 2019 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.



Andrew Young, Chair
Human Services Committee
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