

Present: Legislators Torrey, Deleo, Hawley, Klotzbach, Also Present: Legislators Dibble, Maha, Yunker, Stein, Clattenburg, 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, Health Director Paul Pettit, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Jocelyn Sikorski, PathStone Executive Director Mary Leo, Mike Pettinella-The Batavian, Brian Quinn-The Daily News

Human Services Chair Gregg Torrey called the meeting to order at 4:30pm in the Legislature Conference Room.

The agenda was amended to add a contract for preschool supportive health services and a contract renewal for preschool transportation services upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Minutes of the June 1, 2021 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Office for the Aging Director Diana Fox explained the OFA received notification of a grant award by the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$233,004. She requested establishment of a capital project and budget amendment for the development of improving the service delivery for the Office for the Aging by refiguring and adding additional office spaces, improving the appearance of several programming areas of the building with carpeting and paint, replacing the dishwasher and garbage disposal, adding needed furnishings, equipment, and subscriptions for client use to enhance and expand programs in the amount of \$64,416 utilizing the “ARP” funds. 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 presented a resolution for a salary schedule amendment and budget amendment that will both eliminate positions and create positions and ARPA funds (referenced above) will be used. There are two part time vacant Nutrition Program Meal Site Assistant positions due to promotion and resignation, which can be eliminated to create another position, and due to the additional funding, and program expansion created by the funding, there is need for additional staffing which involves adding and expanding the hours for Program Assistant position(s), and adding a Financial Clerk Typist position. She further explained there is a financial clerk typist whose retirement is anticipated in the coming years. If funding is no longer available after December 31, 2024 the positions will be eliminated. 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.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit requested permission to apply for an Indoor Radon Grant. The County Health Department has successfully applied in the past. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested acceptance of a grant from NYS Health Department for the County’s Lead Poisoning Prevention Program in the amount of \$39,383. This was approved for placement on

the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit stated the department received notification from NYS Health that the County's Early Intervention Administration Program contract had been awarded in the amount of \$39,978. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of a contract agreement with MCH20 Animation Productions to create a commercial to promote the PAARI program and GLOW Opioid Task Force. Expenses of \$6,000 are included in the budget and are eligible for state aid reimbursement. 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.

Mr. Pettit requested a contract renewal with Quickseries Publishing for the maintenance, updating and deployment of content for the Ready Genesee App. Cost of \$4,992 is included in the budget. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of a letter of agreement with GCC Vet Tech Department to deliver services related to the County Health Department rabies program. This is for mutual benefit of both programs. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of a letter of agreement with Corfu Veterinary Clinic for the delivery of services related to the County Rabies Program for the mutual benefit of both parties. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit explained the County Health Department was awarded \$1,415,984 in funding for COVID-19 school testing and to purchase PPE for Genesee County Schools. Contract period is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Funds are to be used by school districts and private schools in the county. A portion of the total will be allocated in the 2022 budget (\$565,984). 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.

Mr. Pettit requested a contract renewal with Student Transport, Inc. and Transpo Bus Service for the provision of required transportation services for the early intervention and preschool supportive health services program. Estimated annual expenses are \$601,500 and these services qualify for NYS reimbursement at the rate of 59.5% less any Medicaid. Contract period is 9/1/2021 through 8/31/2022. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of an agreement with Michelle Sczudlo of LeRoy for related services in the preschool supportive health services program for the period of 9/1/2021 through

6/30/2022. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia requested approval of a contract renewal with Agri-Business Child Development for the provision of on-site services by mental health clinicians. Contract period is April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

PathStone Director Mary Leo reviewed her department report and shared a recap of programs and services. The pandemic has adversely affected the agency and services. Challenges include inflated housing prices and the barrier to home ownership. Last year there were 121 appointments with only 24 families purchasing a home. Those with section 8 housing vouchers had difficulty finding suitable housing and contractors and supplies were limited which presented additional barriers to the Home Repair program. New home buyers are required to take an 8-hour class. If a home is not purchased immediately, the fulfillment of this requirement remains with the participant.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Jocelyn Sikorski reviewed her department report and referenced highlights and lowlights (due to the pandemic). A PPP loan was secured by Genesee County Cooperative Extension last year and made them whole. Operations were resumed June 1st. Currently, 4H Club is preparing for Fair participation. The Livestock auction will be held this year virtually. Batavia City Schools is expanding the 4H program with much success. SNAP (food program) has one educator serving three counties. The master gardener has experienced success with virtual programming and has seen an increase in participation. Leadership Genesee is functioning this year however enrollment is down.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Monday, August 30, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Gregg Torrey approved 8/30/21

Gregg Torrey, Chair
Human Services Committee
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