

Present: Legislators Torrey, Deleo, Hawley, Klotzbach, Also Present: Legislators Dibble, Yunker, Stein, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Matt Landers, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Deputy County Attorney Paula Campbell, Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia, Health Director Paul Pettit, DSS Commissioner Dave Rumsey, HOLM Director Ryan Duffy, HOLM Board member Keith Boeheim, Librarians Tom Bindeman, Bob Conrad, Kim Gibson, Dian Reding, Jocelyn Borowiec, 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 COVID -19 Agreement Amendment & Acceptance of Additional Funding for the Health Department upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia explained that the State is getting caught up on funding being released to localities and the four following resolutions are budget neutral. The State allocating funds which will go directly to the contract agencies.

-The first is for a contract and budget amendment with Living Opportunities of DePaul in the amount of \$28,839. 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.

-The next is for a contract and budget amendment with the Restoration Society in the amount of \$2,315. 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.

-The third is for a contract and budget amendment with the Mental Health Association in the amount of \$3,240. 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.

-The fourth is for a contract and budget amendment with Genesee Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse in the amount of \$13,255. 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 County is required to fund to cost of competency hearings and restorative services and the challenges of budgeting for this mandated service. One year there may be one person and another year there may be two or three. The current request is for a budget transfer in the amount of \$281,000 from personnel services to contracted other. 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 that the full time Day Treatment Program RN put in her resignation due to personal reasons but indicated she was willing to work in the Day Treatment Program part-time to ensure services were delivered. A salary schedule amendment is requested that eliminates one full-time RN and creates a part-time RN 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.

Department of Social Services Commissioner Dave Rumsey requested approval of a contract renewal with Rapiscan Systems, Inc. for the provision of service to magnetometer scanner equipment. 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 requested the acceptance of a grant for lead poisoning prevention and surveillance of blood lead levels in the amount of \$248,226. The Center for Disease Control has made the award of funding for this multi-county grant application. Genesee County was the lead with the application and will establish the required positions which include 1 FT health educator, 1 FT epidemiologist and 1 FT senior financial clerk. All positions are effective 10/1/21 – 09/29/2026. 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.

Mr. Pettit requested a contract renewal with VMC Group for the provision of transportation management services to the Health Department. An amendment to the contract will allow a month by month agreement and lower the monthly fee to \$4,375. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of a contract amendment to allow the County to accept additional funding in the amount of \$342,558 for COVID-19 contact tracing, overtime and supplies. 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 provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Rapid testing continues to be available once per week at County Building 2. Registration is required. Vaccination clinics are scheduled at schools throughout the county. We are seeing an uptick in positive cases-10-12 per day. There are 10 hospitalized and 64 active cases in Genesee County.

County Attorney Kevin Earl presented a resolution authorizing and approving a settlement agreement to an action relating to the opioid overdose crisis. Genesee County retained the law firm of Napoli Shkolnik PLLC out of New York City to prosecute opioid related claims against J&J and other defendants, and this firm has recommended the proposed settlement. J & J has offered to settle the claims of the County of Genesee against it by paying the sum of between approximately \$177,000 and \$413,000 over ten years to be used for restitution and abatement and agreeing to not manufacture, sell or promote opioids. 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.

County Manager Matt Landers presented a budget amendment for the Youth Bureau as additional program revenue has been received to support additional programming. Additional unanticipated funds of \$11,658 will be reviewed by the Advisory committee and recommendations made on how to allocate these funds among youth serving programs. 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.

Holland Land Office Museum Director Ryan Duffy and Board Member Keith Boenheim presented highlights of their department review. Membership is up 30% this year, donations have doubled and their digital presence has expanded their footprint. Revisions & updates to their strategic plan have just been completed and the plan is available on the website. The store is open and they have merchandise and books available for purchase on line. In-person programming is back on track and their room is available to rent/use.

Libraries presented their request for funding and asked that the County maintain the current funding which is used by all the libraries for library materials. All librarians reported an increase in patron use of internet services. Other in-person programming is starting back up. Haxton Library director Kim Gibson reported her library took a 30% cut last year. They modified programs and services to remain within their budget. Pavilion Library recently went through the process of connecting with the school so future funding will be tied to the school budget. NIOGA director Tom Bindeman thanked the legislature and County for the support.

County Manager Matt Landers announced the County is holding a press conference Tuesday at 2:00 pm where Public Health Director Paul Pettit, Legislature Chair Shelley Stein and he will be updating the public on local action relating to the COVID -19 pandemic.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Gregg Torrey – 10-4-21

Gregg Torrey, Chair
Human Services Committee
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