

Present: Legislators Maha, Klotzbach, Torrey, Deleo, Also Present: Legislators Dibble, Yunker
Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Matt Landers, Asst. County Manager
Tammi Ferringer, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia, OFA
Director Diana Fox, Public Health Director Paul Pettit, DSS Commissioner Dave Rumsey, HR
Director Anita Cleveland, Peace Garden Rep Barb Toal, HOLM Director Ryan Duffy & Don
Burkel, NIOGA Library Rep Tom Bindeman, 7 Librarians, Mike Petinella-The Batavian, Brain
Quinn-The Daily News

Chair Gary Maha called the meeting to order at 4:30pm in the Legislative Chambers at the Old
Courthouse.

A motion was made to add *Grant Acceptance – Health Department/Lead Poisoning Prevention
Program* by Legislator Deleo, seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Minutes of the July 13, 2020 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach
seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

DSS Commissioner Dave Rumsey requested approval of a budget transfer of \$38,000 from
personal services to unemployment claims which are estimated through 8/3/2020. This was
referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda
upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Mr. Rumsey explained how the Department submits a Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP) to
the State every 5 years with annual updates. Probation, Youth Bureau and the County Manager
reviewed the update which includes four amendments. The plan update requires the signature of
the Legislature Chair. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon
motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia requested a salary schedule amendment to create one
mental health clinical therapist and eliminate one mental health clinical social worker. This
action will broaden the scope of applicants and allow social workers and licensed clinical
therapists to apply for the job. 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.

Office for the Aging Director Diana Fox requested a budget amendment in the amount of
\$117,708 resulting from new federal stimulus revenue sources (COVID related). The funds are
to be used to support the COVID-19 public health emergency. This was referred to Ways &
Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of
Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Ms. Fox requested permission to apply for state, federal and other grant funding for programs
and services provided by OFA. Motion to authorize permission to apply was made by Legislator
Deleo seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit requested approval of a grant acceptance and budget amendment. The New York State Association of County Health Officials has awarded the Genesee County Public Health Department \$6,785 in funding for COVID-19 test kits and lab testing expenses. 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.

Mr. Pettit explained that the County Health Department received notification from the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Community Environmental Health and Food Protection that Genesee County's Tobacco Enforcement contract will be awarded in the total amount of \$32,360. These funds have been appropriated in the 2020 budget. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of contracts for related services to eligible children in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program. Contract period is September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. These services qualify for NYS reimbursement at the rate of 59.5% less any Medicaid payment on Medicaid eligible children. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of contracts for the provision of services to eligible children in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program for center-based services. 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.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of an amendment to the agreement with ACM Global Laboratory to bill insurance companies for COVID lab testing performed by the Genesee County Health Department. The contract period is from March 18, 2020 through March 17, 2021. 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 approval of an agreement with NYS Health Department for the provision of Genesee County's Lead Poisoning Prevention program. Contract amount is \$39,383 for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. It was confirmed the contract dates are correct. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Holland Land Office Museum Director Ryan Duffy reviewed highlights of his written report and explained how they went to an on-line, digital platform during the COVID-19 lockdown. Previously, they had a recommended donation amount for patrons to voluntarily contribute however they moved to a set admission amount for youth, adults and seniors. The 19th century cannons have been returned after the restoration was completed. They are using the pandemic and the shut down as an opportunity to explore alternative programming and services. Mr. Duffy indicated he will further explore offering Sunday operating hours.

Libraries and NIOGA were represented by respective librarians for the scheduled department review. County funds are used for materials only. They anticipate an even greater demand for services and circulation materials in the coming months and year. Librarians are working with school administrators to assist with offering internet this fall. Many districts plan to have students in the classroom only 2 or three days per week. NIOGA has been informed they should expect a 24% state funding cut. Some (3) Libraries are school district chartered libraries and others are town libraries.

Ms. Barb Toal, a board member and volunteer with the Peace Garden, shared a draft rendering of phase 2 Memory Walk project. The Peace Garden is interested in proceeding with this next phase of their project and wishes to inform the County of the project idea. County Manager Matt Landers indicated some of the property in the City may be developed in the future. He expressed concern that Peace Garden materials may need to be removed if they were to proceed and the developer proceeds with a project. Mr. Landers indicated Deputy Highway Superintendent Paul Osborn has been having conversations with Peace Garden representatives and will work toward a written agreement that includes details of Phase 1.

County Manger Matt Landers presented the agreement with Mercy Flight for the contract period January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 with annual funding of \$12,825. Legislator Klotzbach made a motion to amend the contract to change “2018 County Fair” to “annual County Fair” seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously. The question arose about a Mercy Flight Civic Advisory Board and who our representative is on that board. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Monday, October 5, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Gary Maha approved 10/5/20

Gary Maha, Chair
Human Services Committee
Submitted 9/1/20 phl

