

Present: Legislators Young, Clattenburg, Deleo, Dibble, Also Present: Legislator Stein, Hilchey, Torrey, Bausch, Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Health Department Director Paul Pettit, DSS Commissioner Dave Rumsey, Veterans Director Bill Joyce, Tony Mancuso, Chad Licivita, The Batavian reporter Howard Owens

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference Room at the Old Courthouse. The minutes of the July 30, 2018 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit explained that the Health Department received notification from the New York State Department of Health that the County's Children with Special Health Care Needs Program contract has been awarded in the total amount of \$19,064 and he is requesting the County accept this funding. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of a new contract with Letchworth Central School for the provision of services to eligible children in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program. He explained they are in need of additional providers and acknowledged that transporting to Letchworth will be more costly and require preschoolers to be on a bus for longer periods of time. They try to limit travel time to less than one hour. 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.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of a contract with Aurora Audiology for the provision of related services to eligible children in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program. Contract period is September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit explained that Genesee County has been awarded \$75,000 by the NYS Department of Health to be used to address the opioid crisis in the County. The funding will be used to administer evidence-based programs therefore they will be working with GCASA. The State is providing funding to Counties with high rates of opioid overdose cases. 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.

Lastly, Mr. Pettit requested approval of a salary schedule amendment to better utilize personnel in the Health Department. He requested one part-time Community Health Nurse be abolished and create one full-time Community Health Nurse that will be utilized by DSS and Health Department. The part-time nurse is retiring and DSS identified a need for nursing services. Revenue from State Aid and DSS services are reimbursable and expected to offset the increase in cost of going to full-time with the

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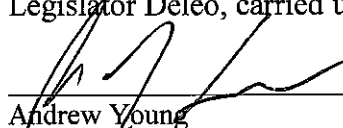
Department of Social Services Commissioner David Rumsey highlighted his written department review; foster care costs continue to stretch appropriations, finding foster families continues to be a challenge as some families adopt their foster child and do not take on new foster placements. The need for foster care services continues to escalate with the opioid overdose epidemic. Also there is a shortage of cluster homes. There has been no movement with the transition of Medicaid administrative functions from the County to the State. The Assistant County Attorneys are all busy and the new attorney is being cross-trained. Mr. Rumsey and staff are working with County IT to plan and implement a system that improves their capabilities. His goal for switching their phone system and equipment is the end of the year but he understands that IT has additional projects and issues that take time.

Veterans Services Director Bill Joyce highlighted his department review by first explaining how Genesee County was selected to receive a Peer-to-peer grant. Veterans Service Agency will work with Mental Health to administer the program and funding. He has been working with WNY Heroes who have a program in place that provides Veterans with social and leisure activities. He continues to work diligently to ensure veterans have access to needed services and finds that he is providing service to non-Genesee County Vets.

County Manager Jay Gsell introduced Chad Licivita and Tony Mancuso to discuss their request for a lease extension for 5130 East Main. There have been some issues with the roof and interior of the building and they are interested in investing in the roof, HVAC and other cosmetic updates. They are looking for a commitment by the county prior to making the capital investment. If the County is interested in extending the lease they will have the needed assurance to make the upgrades/financial investment. They have not identified any issue with mold or air quality. It was also related that they have regular communication with tenants DSS & MH. Mr. Gsell related that Integrity Partners is currently negotiating with Mancuso for leased space at 5130 Main.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Monday, October 1, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 PM upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.



Andrew Young
Human Services Committee
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