

Present: Legislators Young, Clattenburg, Deleo, and Dibble. Also Present: Legislators Bausch, Stein, Torrey, Hilchey, Maha and filling in for Legislature Clerk, Pam LaGrou was Cindy Palmer, Confidential Secretary for County Attorney, County Manager, Jay Gsell, Asst. County Manager, Matt Landers, County Attorney, Kevin Earl, DSS Commissioner, Dave Rumsey, Health Department Director, Paul Pettit, OFA Director, Ruth Spink via telephone conference, OFA Deputy Director, Diana Fox, OFA Accounting Supervisor, Barb Hendershott, Acting Director Mental Health, Mark O'Brien, Brenton Moore and Howard Owens –The Batavian.

Chair, Andrew Young, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Conference Room at the Old Courthouse.

Minutes of the September 3, 2019, Human Service Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg, seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Department of Social Services Commissioner, Dave Rumsey, explained that U.S. Security Services, who provided security personnel for the DSS/Mental Health Departments during working hours at 5130 E. Main Street, was bought out by Allied Services in 2019. It is the desire of both departments; as well as Allied Services, that the contract be renewed for a four month period beginning September 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019. A Request for Bids is being prepared to obtain a vendor for security needs starting January 1, 2020. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble, seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, Legislator Deleo abstained from voting due to conflict of interest, motion was carried.

Health Department Director, Paul Pettit, would like to enter into a contract with Paula Harper and Beth Wolcott, for the provision of Related Services in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program (PSSHSP) for the period of September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. This contract is necessary to meet the needs of preschool students with disabilities through the delivery of preschool supportive health related services under Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law. 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 grant acceptance funding in the amount of \$25,681 from the New York State Health Department for continuation of the Early Intervention Administration Program. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo, seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously. Permission to apply motion by Legislator Dibble, seconded by legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of grant acceptance funding in the amount of \$19,064, for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, from the New York State Health Department for continuation of the Children with Special Health Care Needs Program. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo, seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit ask for a 2019 Salary Schedule Amendment that allows for the creation of one temporary, full-time position of the Public Health Technician, CSEA Grade 13, and effective October 10, 2019, through December 31, 2019. The position is being created to fill a temporary staffing gap in the Environmental Health Division. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg, seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit asked for permission to apply for a FDA Northeast Retail Food Production Seminar Grant which will fund two Genesee County Health Department Environmental Staff to attend the 2020 FDA Northeast Retail Food Protection Seminar. Seminar topics include: retail food safety, cannabis regulations, emerging food safety issues, outbreak investigation training and food safety and inspection services updates. Permission to apply motion by Legislator Dibble, seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit asked permission to renew a contract with Monroe County for the provision of elevated blood lead investigation services for the period of August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020. These services are mandated under NYS Codes Rules and Regulations Public Health Law, subparts 67-136(d) and 67-2.3, 2.4 and 2.5. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo, seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

OAG Director, Ruth Spink joined the meeting via telephone conference. Ms. Spink presented her departmental report with emphasis on the following:

- Increased demands for home delivered meals. Without additional County support, a wait list for these services are a real possibility.
- NYSOFA is pushing a “Business Acumen” mindset which is to train staff how to become more business minded, i.e., how to market our services to health insurance companies and private individuals.
- Lack of senior housing within Genesee County continues to be a concern.
- There will be a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with a presentation by the County Manager, Jay Gsell and herself.

OAG Deputy Directory, Diana Fox, recommended appointment of Gina R. Stella of LeRoy, NY, to the Office for the Aging Advisory Council to serve a three year term effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. 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.

Deputy Director Fox requesting approval to enter into a non-disclosure agreement between the OFA and Western New York Integrated Care Collaborative Inc. (WNYICC). The agreement permits both parties to share certain financial, business, legal or other information in connections discussions relating to possible business arrangements and may, from time to time, enter into such business arrangements for provision of Office for the Aging programs and 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 Dibble, carried unanimously.

Ms. Fox then asked permission to apply for Federal, State and Other Grant Funding for 2020 through 2021. Permission to apply motion by Legislator Clattenburg, seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Acting Director of Mental Health, Mark O'Brien presented his departmental review and highlighted the following items:

- NYS has submitted a waiver request to CMS for an \$8 billion, 5-year extension of DSRIP. It is unclear whether it will be approved.
- The department had a visit from OMH regarding recertification. Visit went very well.
- An agreement request will be put forth at the next Human Service meeting to enter into an agreement with Locum Tenens to provide psychiatric services. Such services would be for evaluations and treatment, on an as needed basis, until an additional Psychiatrist can be recruited.
- Mr. O'Brien has been in contact with Lynda Battaglia, the impending Mental Health Director. Ms. Battaglia's start date will be October 7, 2019 and he anticipates a smooth transition. Mr. O'Brien expressed he would make himself available to help Ms. Battaglia transition into her new role.

The Legislature thanked Mr. O'Brien for helping us out during our staffing shortage.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Monday, November 4, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg, seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.



Andrew Young, Chair
Human Services Committee
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