

Present: Committee Legislators Torrey, Dibble and Deleo and appointed Legislator Maha (in absence of Hawley). Also attending: Legislators Clattenburg. Assistant County Manager Tammi Ferringer, County Attorney James Wujcik, Clerk of the Legislature Lisa Casey, Office for the Aging Director Diana Fox, Department of Social Services Commissioner Carla Mindler, Public Health Director Paul Pettit, Mental Health Services Director Lynda Battaglia, UConnect (formally known as GCASA) President John Bennett, and UConnect Director of Services Luke Granger. Also in attendance, Joanne Beck from the Batavia and Brian Quinn from the Daily News.

Committee Chair Torrey appointed Legislator Maha as a fill in for Legislator Hawley's absence.

The meeting was opened on October 2, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Meeting location was at 7 Main Street, Old Court House in Batavia, New York. In the Legislative Conference Room.

Human Service Committee Chair Torrey amended the agenda by adding a permission to apply for a 2023 FDA Track 2 Development Base Grant Program under Public Health Director Paul Pettit. Motion to approve the amended agenda by Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Minutes of the September 5, 2023 Human Services Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble. Carried.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit presented a contract for the provision of related services for speech to eligible children in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program and recommended Legislature to execute a contract with R. Mark Hilton at PO Box 615 Newark, NY 14513 for a period of September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 per the 2023-2025 PSSHSP rate schedule. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit reported the Genesee County Purchasing Director advertised request for proposals for the Media distribution for Opioid Use Disorder campaign that is directly connected with the Genesee County's HEALing Communities Study and received six proposals. Paul Pettit recommended for Legislature to accept the proposal of \$107,595 for the media distribution campaign proposal from IDEA KRAFT, having its principal location of business at 45 Lewis St. Binghamton, NY 13965. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director recommended for Legislature to execute a contract with Monroe County for Tuberculosis Consultative and Educational Services for the Genesee County Health Department retroactively for the term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at the following rates and not to exceed \$22,000 for the term of the contract. Flat fee of \$4,714.76 for Electronic Health Record Access, VPN Services, IT consultations and continuing education, Telemedicine access and for ongoing clinical support including policies and procedures, QA/QI and clinical education and staff development. Direct, patient consultative services: Physician & RN Consults (latent TB) \$250/hour. Physician & RN Consults (non latent TB) \$1,800 per case.

This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit accepted funding from the Center for Disease Control & Prevention. The purpose of the PH Infrastructure, Workforce & Data Systems Grant is to address long-standing weaknesses due to chronic underinvestment in New York's public health system and strengthen preparedness to address new challenges and better meet the ongoing and future public health needs of New Yorkers. Paul Pettit requested authorization to provide worker retention payments to eligible employees using the following criteria; hourly employees who work 30 hours or more per week shall receive a retention payment of \$3,000 and management employees who work 30 hours or more per week shall receive a retention payment of \$4,000. For employees to be eligible for the retention payment, an employee shall be employed as of October 31st, 2023. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit recommended Legislature to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Health for the acceptance of the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program contract for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, in the amount of \$56,616, and to execute any and all other documentation related to this funding. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit presented a permission to apply for a FDA Track 2 Development Base Grant Program that would allow two staff members to attend the Retail Food Safety Training Conference. Legislator Dibble motioned to approve the permission to apply seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Mental Health Services Director Lynda requested authorization to amend the 2023 budget by increasing appropriation Contractual in the amount of \$8,075.00 and increasing revenue Opioid Settlement in a like amount with monies coming from Other Liabilities. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Services Director Lynda Battaglia reported that in 2022 Resolution No. 463 did authorize a contract with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. (CCSI) for calendar year 2023. Lynda Battaglia recommended that Legislature amend the contract between the County of Genesee and Coordinated Care Services, Inc. to increase the contract amount by \$17,500 to start immediately through December 31, 2023 with additional scope of work of said contract to be changed and in full force and effect and requested authorization to amend the 2023 Contractual payment with CCSI. Legislator Deleo motioned to amend the resolution to add an address to the last resolved seconded by Legislator Dibble. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Department of Social Services Commissioner Carla Mindler reviewed and approved the 2023 CFSP Update and recommended Legislature to approve and signoff on the 2023 CFSP update,

effective immediately. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Department of Social Services Commissioner recommended Legislature to appoint these individuals to the Genesee County Youth Advisory Board with a term of 3 years and representation as noted below.

<u>Representing</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Alexander Youth Rep	Shannon Whitcombe	11/1/2023 – 10/31/2026
Youth Seat	Fernando Cacho	11/1/2023 – 10/31/2026

This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Office for the Aging Director Diana Fox recommend Legislature to appoint the following to the Genesee County Office for the Aging Advisory Council to serve a second, three-year term effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026. Provider Member: Karen Gayton of RTS from Perry NY, 14530. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Office for the Aging Director Diana Fox recommended Legislature to renew a contract with Tender Loving Family Care, Inc. 1270 Creek Street, Suite 3, Webster, NY 14580 for the provision of in-home health care at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for Housekeeping/Chore (PC Level 1); \$38.00 per hour for Personal Care/Homecare (PC Level 2); and \$195.00 per visit for Nursing Supervision, not to exceed \$138,730 for the period January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Office for the Aging Director Diana Fox presented an annual review highlighting the department's revenue and expenses, providing a trend indicator chart, and discussing the Master Plan for Aging. Diana Fox also discussed priority needs compared to unmet needs services such as Homecare Aide availability as it remains critically low nationwide. Continued demand for home delivered meals and an increase for congregate dining, sustainable funding to maintain capacity, overall support and assistance to manage complicated health care and rising costs, full spectrum of continuum of care housing and middle income Senior housing options. Diana concluded with a discussion on programs managing continued growth and changes: case management for open active case and management of the home aide waitlist, continuing to adapt to changing trends in how we do business, continue to keep up with significant activity related to "No Wrong Door". Client screening elements, Alzheimer's caregiver respite grant, continued participation in contracting with Medicaid managed long-term care providers for nutrition services and manage numerous HIPAA-related requirements.

Assistant County Manager Tammi Ferring (in absence of County Manager Landers) reported the Opioid Task Force received a funding request from Genesee Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc. (GCASA) in the amount of \$100,000, to respond to the homeless housing crisis in the County with a focus on people with opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders with the purchase and renovation of a 20-30 unit housing complex in Attica, NY.

Tammi Ferringer recommended Legislature to amend the 2023 budget by increasing appropriation County Manager, Contracted-Other in the amount of \$100,000 and increasing revenue County Manager, Opioid Settlement in a like amount with monies coming from Other Liabilities Opioid Settlement.

Discussion pursued: UConnect (formally known as GCASA) President John Bennett discussed with the committee the possibility to purchase The Attican Motel on Route 98 in Attica for UConnect to convert motel to transitional housing. The motel consists of 28 units which will convert to one bedrooms. Purchase offer of \$800,000 with an assessment of \$297,000.

Questions were asked of Mr. Bennett: there were concerns of taking this property off the tax roll for this type of housing. Also, taking another building and making it into housing struggling with addiction, which the County has plenty of right now. Question asked if Bennett has gone to the Village to inform the community of his plans. Mr. Bennett has not informed them as of date. He said if he unable to obtain the 100K then he will not pursue the plan to buy the building. The committee agreed to move it Ways and Means for further consideration. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Clerk of the Legislature Lisa Casey announced the next Human Services Committee Meeting will be on Monday, October 30 at 4:30 p.m.

A motion to adjourn Human Services meeting at 5:30 p.m. by Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried.

Gregg Torrey

Human Services Committee Chair

10-30-23