

Present: Legislators Young, Clattenburg, Deleo, Dibble, Also Present: Legislator Stein, Hilchey, Torrey, Bausch, Maha, Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Assistant County Manager Matt Landers, Youth Bureau Director Jocelyn Sikorski, OFA Director Ruth Spink, Health Department Director Paul Pettit, DSS Commissioner Dave Rumsey, Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves, Veterans Director Bill Joyce, WNY Heroes staff Chris Kreeger, Renee Richardson, 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. Legislator Stein was temporarily appointed to the committee to serve until Legislator Deleo arrived at 4:36pm. Legislator Stein also filled in for Legislator Clattenburg for a few agenda items. The minutes of the October 1, 2018 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Youth Bureau Director Jocelyn Sikorski requested acceptance of funds and a budget amendment in the amount of \$4,361 from YDP funding and registration fees for the Youth Lead program. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

DSS Commissioner Dave Rumsey requested a salary schedule amendment that would delete a full-time Principal Financial Clerk and create a Senior Financial Clerk Typist. He explained how this change would improve the organizational structure of the accounting unit and reduce confusion around who reports to whom. This would also result in savings from salary and fringe benefits in 2018 and future years. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Rumsey requested approval of burial rates of indigent county residents and rates for coroner requested removals for 2019-2021. DSS is responsible for determining eligibility for this service. Health Director Paul Pettit added that rates must be approved for coroner requested removal of bodies from accident scenes and unattended deaths and the latter is paid for through the Health Department budget. The County is required to assume responsibility for burial costs of those who leave insufficient resources and the proposed rates are the maximum allowable rates. He further stated the rates are the same as adjacent counties and have remained the same over many years. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Health Director Paul Pettit requested a contract renewal with Genesee 3D delivery for courier services at a rate of \$1.70 per mile. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested a contract renewal with Thomas Graham for the provision of environmental hearing officer services. Mr. Graham has served as the hearing officer previously. There are very few hearings and expenses are reimbursed under Article 6. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Clattenburg carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit explained the Health Department is required to make medical consultation services available and requested approval of a contract renewal for those services with Dr. Alan Barcomb. Expenses are anticipated at \$2,500 and are eligible for reimbursement under Article 6. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested a contract renewal for the provision of municipality representative on the Committee on Preschool Special Education of the Genesee County School Districts. The rate is \$42/hour plus mileage at the current IRS rate and the contract period is January 1-December 31, 2019. 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 contract renewal for clinical laboratory and medical treatment services with United Memorial Medical Center. Contract period is January 1 through December 31, 2019. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit explained his request for a new contract with Hearing and Speech of Western New York for related services in the preschool supportive health services program. He stated that there is a child in need of services and they are seeking services from Hearing & Speech of WNY. Contracts with multiple service providers are necessary due to the volume of needed 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.

Mr. Pettit explained a contract renewal was being requested for clinical and environmental laboratory services with Erie County Public Health Laboratory. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

Permission to apply for a grant was requested by Mr. Pettit. The FDA Retail Standards & Food Protection Seminar Grant allows successful grantees the opportunity to conduct outreach to restaurants to increase awareness of Hepatitis A and the risk factors as well as provide the vaccine to restaurant staff. His department has successfully applied for this grant in the past although they have not received it every year. Total amount requested will be \$15,100. Legislator Deleo made a motion for permission to apply seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit next requested permission to apply for a Healthy Neighborhoods Preventive Health Cornerstones grant in the amount of \$100,000. He explained that this grant is designed to provide preventive environmental health services to targeted areas which are considered at-risk populations. The funds will provide resources needed to address significant public health issues to provide a healthier home environment. Emphasis is on reducing residential injuries, childhood lead poisoning and hospitalizations due to asthma. The targeted area will be the City of Batavia. This is the first time the Health Department is applying for this grant funding. Legislator Deleo made a motion for permission to apply seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Community Mental Health Services Director Ellery Reaves stated that the NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services provided an increase in program funding for GCASA in the amount of \$88,500. He is requesting approval of a budget amendment and contract amendment to reflect the adjustment. The County serves as the pass-through for these funds. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Mr. Reaves explained that the full allotment from New York State has been approved for Integrity Partners and he is requesting a budget amendment for \$600,000. Integrity Partners for Behavioral Health, Inc. is the non-profit comprised of multiple county mental health directors who are working on reimbursement rates for mental health 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.

Mr. Reaves next requested reappointment of four members to the Community Services Board. All four terms will expire in 2022. Legislator Stein inquired about participation and contributions of board members. Mr. Reaves stated that board members are fully engaged and attend board meetings and sub-committee meetings on a regular basis. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mr. Reaves explained that long-time psychologist Dr. Dave Driscoll retired and he is requesting approval of a contract with Dr. William Mitchell for consulting psychological services at a rate of \$160 per hour for 60 hours through the end of the year. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Reaves requested approval of a new contract and budget amendment for \$80,000 from the NYS Office of Mental Health Services for a new program that provides services to veterans. WNY Heroes, Inc. has a program called Operation BOOTS that provides

direct services and grant funds to veterans. Mr. Chris Kreeger who is one of four employees of WNY Heroes was present to describe the organization which was founded in 2007. Their main focus is to provide financial assistance to veterans for help with paying rent, utilities and other cash assistance needs. They provide grants not loans and their funding is secured through fundraising events. Mr. Kreeger explained how they also have a service dog program and that eligibility includes a medical referral. They utilize rescue dogs that get trained for 12-18 months then get paired with an eligible veteran and receive additional training together. WNY Heroes serve a 12 county area with their main office located in Williamsville. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Office for the Aging Director Ruth Spink requested a contract renewal with Center for Elder Law & Justice for legal services for the elderly in Genesee County. The contract amount of \$8,400 is the same as it was in 2016 plus an appropriation of \$150 in mileage reimbursement. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink explained that the OFA provides a Congregate Care Meal Site program with multiple sites throughout the County. She requested approval of a contract renewal with Corfu Presbyterian Church at a cost of \$600 for 2019. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink explained the next request for approval of a contract renewal for Congregate Care Meal Site programming at East Bethany Presbyterian Church at a cost of \$600 for the year 2019. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Clattenburg carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink next requested approval of a contract renewal for a two-day per week meal site for senior citizens at Leisurertimers Apartments at a stipend rate of \$450 for the year 2019. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

The next contract renewal for congregate care meal site with Genesee Valley Rural Preservation Council is at no cost to the County. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink requested a contract renewal with Genesee Orleans ARC for room set-up at OFA for various meetings and activities. The rate is \$25 per day, not to exceed \$4,200. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink requested a contract renewal with RTS-Genesee that includes medical and rural transportation services within the county. The total amount budgeted for 2019 is \$56,531. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

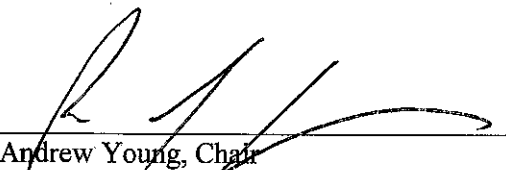
Ms. Spink requested an agreement renewal with Genesee Senior Foundation, Inc. to accept \$5,450 in revenue to provide clerical and administrative duties for activities of the Foundation as well as support for the Meals on Wheels program. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink presented a contract renewal with Tender Loving Care for in-home health care needs to senior citizens for the NYS Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program. Rates range for \$27/hr for housekeeping to \$30/hr for personal care to \$157 for nursing supervision. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Lastly, Ms. Spink presented a contract renewal with Community Care of Western New York for in-home healthcare at a rate of \$25.78 per hour for housekeeping, \$26.42 per hour for personal care and \$84.36 for nursing supervision. Contract period is January 1 through December 31, 2019. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Monday, December 3, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.



Andrew Young, Chair
Human Services Committee
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