

Present: Legislators Stein, Deleo, Young, DeJaneiro. Also Present: Legislators Cianfrini, Torrey, Bausch, Davis, Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Assistant County Manager, Matthew Landers, OFA Director Ruth Spink, Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves, DSS Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Health Director Paul Pettit, GCASA Director John Bennett, GCASA Board Member Brian Paris, County Attorney Kevin Earl, GO ART! Director Jen Gray, Daily News Reporter Mallory Diffenbach

Chair Stein called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM at the Old Courthouse. Legislator Bausch was temporarily appointed to the committee. The minutes of the January 30, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

OFA Director Ruth Spink provided an explanation of a future Ways & Means Agenda item that will include the OFA. The OFA administers Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program which is a required partner of the WIOA One-Stop System and they must have a signed MOU with the Local Workforce Development Board therefore, the OFA will be included in the resolution authorizing the chair to sign the GLOW Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Area (WIOA) MOU.

Ms. Spink requested approval of a budget amendment that has no budget impact. The request is for a \$5,002 deferral in federal revenue from 2016 Title V funds to be paid to Genesee County Job Development in 2017. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Legislator DeJaneiro joined the meeting replacing interim HS Committee Member Bausch.

Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves described his request for a budget and contract amendment to the 2017 Western Region Consortium budget. There is no impact on the Mental Health Department budget due to off-setting state and federal aid. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Young.

Mr. Reaves next explained the request for a salary scheduled amendment to create a Mental Health Clinical Therapist who will work in Batavia Middle School. This is a new project where mental health services are being provided in a school setting. There will be no county cost due to offsetting State aid and Medicaid. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Mr. Reaves described the need for a registered nurse which was budgeted for beginning in April. The candidate has taken and passed the required examination and he is requesting a salary schedule amendment which eliminates one LPN and creates an RN position. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with recommendation for

placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Young.

Chair Stein introduced GCASA Executive Director John Bennett and GCASA Board Member Brian Paris who shared an update on the planned Methadone Clinic on GCASA Property. Mr. Bennett described how GCASA began treating Opiate addicted patients in 2006, since then 1,500 patients have been treated for opiate addiction. Approved medications are Suboxone and Naltrexone however Methadone has good outcomes for opiate addicted patients. GCASA recently received notification that the state will provide \$820,000 for a 150 slot (number of patients) Methadone treatment clinic. The majority of patients will be Genesee County residents with some coming from Wyoming and Orleans Counties. The clinic will operate 6am-3pm with medication dispensed from 6am-10am. Strong may operate a satellite or serve in a consulting capacity if GCASA operates the clinic independent of them. The Methadone clinic will be housed separately from the current treatment clinic per regulation. Multiple state and federal agencies regulate Methadone treatment clinics. Patients come into the clinic where they take their dose which is dispensed in a highly regulated manner. When asked about long-term treatment with Methadone, Mr. Bennett stated that addiction is often a chronic, long-term disease and compared it to diabetes. Some patients never stop taking medication while others taper off to lower doses or eliminate medication completely. Mr. Bennett stated that there are more slots available in the larger counties therefore patients from Erie and Monroe will not travel to Batavia to seek treatment. All Methadone patients must be in active treatment and getting counseling and education. Mr. Paris stated he has visited a Methadone clinic and patients are white collar workers, young moms, etc. DSS Commissioner Kirkpatrick provided statistics regarding the county impact; of 130 child protective reports, 29 involved substance abuse either by parents or children. Health Director Paul Pettit stated that data is not good in Genesee County; overdose deaths nor first responder administration of Narcan are accurately reported.

Health Director Paul Pettit provided his department review and stated highlights of the previous year. He referenced the stable fiscal and programmatic position of the department and spoke of the benefits of the merger with Orleans County Health Department; the completion of the CHIP plan, a new opioid overdose taskforce, various prevention programs, the use of the Drone, Public Health preparedness. Mr. Pettit referenced the required preschool services, stating it is the most expensive program of the department. Coroner services were switched back to Monroe County. There were 107 coroner cases in 2016 and 49 Medical Examiner cases.

Mr. Pettit explained the need for additional service providers for the necessary preschool supportive health services program and requested approval for a contract with a Batavia resident. Contract period runs through June 30, 2017. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Mr. Pettit explained that NYS Health Department notified the County of their decision to release unused funds from the 2015-2016 lead poisoning prevention program Grant. Genesee County may utilize \$10,436 on future programming and education. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Young.

Mr. Pettit next explained that the County Health Department received notification from NYS that the County's Lead Immunization Action Plan Contract was approved for \$30,039. The plan period is April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Deleo.

GO ART! Director Jen Gray reviewed highlights of her submitted report. She described the role the NYS Decentralization Grants play locally and how GO ART! coordinates applications and grant awards. She spoke of her proposal to utilize Bed Tax dollars and stated she had met with the Chamber President. Mr. Gsell restated how the Bed Tax is tied to the County designated tourism agency and that the County is not interested in raising taxes. Chair Stein suggested a meeting among County representatives and GO ART! to further explore revenue and funding options and asked that the Clerk coordinate the meeting. Ms. Gray next explained her desire to better utilize their facility. She is looking to establish a café/pub on the grounds of GO ART! and use any proceeds to establish their own community re-grant program.

Mr. Gsell explained his request for an agreement with GO ART! where the County will fund the agency at a rate of \$6,300 per year. The agreement period is January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Mr. Gsell then reported that federal level changes may significantly impact county human service programs. He and those department heads/staff will stay abreast of proposals and changes.

The Clerk reported the next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Monday, April 3, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.



Rochelle Stein, Chair
Human Services Committee
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