

Present: Legislators Young, Deleo, DeJaneiro, Clattenburg, Also Present: Legislators Cianfrini, Torrey, Bausch, Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, OFA Director Ruth Spink, Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves, County Attorney Kevin Earl, John Hilchey, Historian Mike Eula, Eagle Start Housing Executive Director Zach Fuller, Daily News Reporter Mallory Diefenbach, Howard Owens, The Batavian.

Temporary Chair Andrew Young called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference Room at the Old Courthouse. Legislator Clattenburg sat in for Legislator Stein. The minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro, carried unanimously.

Office for the Aging Director Ruth Spink explained that the OFA has an agreement with the Genesee Senior Foundation, Inc. to accept revenue to provide clerical and administrative support for activities of the Foundation as well as meals on wheels support. She is requesting approval of an agreement to accept \$5,450 for the period of 1/1/18 through 12/31/18. This was approved upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink next described the request for approval of a contract for transportation services with RTS-Genesee. Transportation services are available to seniors for medical appointments who are able to get on and off the bus independently. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink next requested approval of a contract renewal for in-home health care needs to seniors. The contract is with Tender Loving Family Care for a not to exceed amount of \$95,568. Services and costs include housekeeping for \$27/hour, personal care for \$30/hr and \$157 per visit for aide/nursing supervision or the Medicaid approved rate. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink next requested an agreement renewal for in-home health services to seniors for the NYS Expanded in-home services for the elderly program. The agreement is with Homecare and Hospice. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink explained that the OFA refrigerator broke down and needs to be replaced. She is obtaining quotes and will need to prepare a budget amendment. Human Services committee members had no objection to having the agenda item included on the Ways & Means Agenda on November 1 if all needed information was available.

Eagle Star Housing Executive Director Zach Fuller shared background information on Eagle Star Housing explaining that they have two transitional homes for homeless veterans; East Pembroke and Spencerport. The East Pembroke home is a 16 bed project with support services. Many who use the transitional housing have mental health and

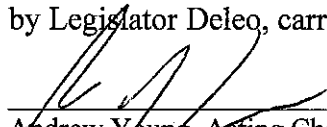
addictions issues. The new project includes 55 units, 17 of them would be dedicated to homeless veterans. They would have a case manager on site to assist with transitional services. He stated that City Council has indicated support and he is requesting County support. They are applying for financing and have a target date of 2020 to open. Mr. Fuller stated he is looking for County support. Legislator Clattenburg asked why the developer was not present to answer questions and further related that she would need to hear more detail from the developer. She further clarified that she fully supports needed housing and support services for veterans. She questioned if there is space on the VA property where the 17 units dedicated to veterans could be built. Mr. Fuller stated that several sites had been considered but had barriers to moving ahead. Legislator Clattenburg stated that the housing needs assessment is not complete therefore the level of need for low-income housing is unknown at present. Legislator Young suggested Mr. Fuller and the developer return to present more information and answer questions. Mr. Fuller stated they are looking for a letter of support from the County Legislature to include in their application that is due late November.

Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves explained how he is working toward the statewide collaborative and new model of paying for mental health and substance abuse services. Genesee County has been the leader with spearheading a regional plan that includes 6 counties. Mr. Reaves stated they have completed the initial application to NYS and were approved and are now on to phase two of the process. There is \$60 M statewide that will be available over 3 years for all of the regional collaborative groups to bring providers together. Mr. Reaves stated that they took the time to set up their not-for-profit organization to model what the state was asking for and they have been told that of the \$60 million, \$30 million is set aside for upstate NY. Legislator Young identified that the County Attorney had one minor concern but it is not an issue that will prevent forward progress. The resolution authorizes the Chairman to sign necessary documents for Genesee County Mental Health Services to apply to become the lead agency in the application for Behavioral Health Value Based Payment Readiness Program. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro carried unanimously.

History Department Director Michael Eula shared an extensive department report with the committee and offered to answer questions. Legislator Bausch noted numbers were down from 2016 in terms of researchers. Mr. Eula speculated that it could be due to phone inquiries and visits to the website. Legislator Cianfrini noted he attended presentations by Mr. Eula and that he has put the County in a good light. The number of presentations is up from previous years. Volunteers and volunteer hours have decreased however Mr. Eula is anticipating RSVP volunteers may find work in the History Department as something they are interested in and will decide to stay. He is very satisfied with the new hire who has been working on transferring documents and ensuring they are protected. He reported that of the 300 boxes of Nursing Home files, they have determined 68 can be disposed of. Legislator Deleo commented on how appreciative he was of Mr. Eula's help with research on the Doolittle raid.

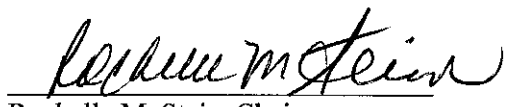
The Clerk reported the next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Monday, December 4, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 PM upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.



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Andrew Young, Acting Chair  
Human Services Committee  
Submitted 11-1-17 phl



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Rochelle M. Stein, Chair  
Human Services Committee