

February 6, 2019

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**January 3, 2019**ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Members Present: J. Hopkins, J. Burdick, G. Barnes, D. Decker, S. Havey, D. Root, P. Stockin, C. Crandall

Others Present: L. Ballengee, T. Boyde, P. Curran, W. Dibble, J. DiPasquale, D. Fanton, M. Gasdik, V. Grant, K. Graves, D. Healy, C. Jones, C. Knapp, B. Perkins, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, T. Ross, M. Washer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Human Services Committee Chair Judith Hopkins at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to approve the minutes of December 5, 2018.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Public Health Director Lori Ballengee attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review.

Environmental Health

Ms. Ballengee reported that through November they had three rabid animals: one fox, one bobcat, and one bat.

Vaccines

Ms. Ballengee stated that their immunization numbers are down and it is due to the fact that pharmacies now allow walk-ins and will administer vaccinations to those ages 11 and older. Legislator Decker stated in talking with pharmacists, he found out that the opening and closing of pharmacies is based a lot on front door traffic, and companies are including flu shots administered as part of that; therefore, we're going to see a lot of promotion for people to go to their local pharmacy to receive theirs. Committee Chair Hopkins asked if they still have flu shots available to give. Ms. Ballengee stated, yes, and encouraged everyone to receive one as the flu is ramping up and will only get worse before it gets better.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program

Ms. Ballengee stated that WIC remains over 70 percent for breastfeeding initiative rates, and as of November 2018, the value of WIC checks was over \$1 million.

Coroner/Medical Examiner

Ms. Ballengee stated that the increase in autopsies and decrease in consultations has resulted in the significant increase shown in Olean General Hospital costs, noting that she is always reminding the coroners of the availability of consultations.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING

Office for the Aging Director Madeleine Gasdik attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review.

Alzheimer's Respite

Ms. Gasdik stated that there is a strong need for Alzheimer's Respite, noting they are in the fourth year of their five-year grant and hope to be renewed so they can continue to offer the much needed service.

Aging Mastery Program

Ms. Gasdik stated they closed out their first Aging Mastery Program with 17 graduates and are looking to hold another in the Fillmore or Cuba area.

Approval of Elderwood at Hornell, LLC Contract

Ms. Gasdik requested a resolution to enter into a contract with Elderwood at Hornell, LLC for skilled nursing respite care. The daily rate for a 24-hour stay will be \$325 for a private room, and \$265 for a semi-private room. Ms. Gasdik noted there is no increase in costs from the 2018 contract. Legislator Graves asked if any of these costs are covered by a grant. Ms. Gasdik stated that Alzheimer's Respite is covered by a grant. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Stockin, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Services Commissioner Vicki Grant attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review. Ms. Grant stated their numbers held steady over the last month; however, their end of year monthly numbers shows a significant increase in CPS cases.

Foster Youth Event

Committee Chair Hopkins stated the recent foster care youth event was an excellent event to attend and very nice to see the youth together and having fun.

Nursing Home Event

Ms. Grant stated the party recently held at Highland Nursing Home also went very well.

Trauma Informed Care

Ms. Grant stated she recently graduated from the Advanced Collaborative Trauma Informed Care Coalition in Western New York where she was also asked to present, adding that they are very excited that our Board of Legislators passed the Trauma Informed Care legislation. Committee Chair Hopkins noted that it was originally a topic at the roundtable that was referred to Human Services and has since gone through to Resolution and is now producing great things.

Shop-With-A-Cop

Legislator Havey indicated that we may have seen our last Shop-With-A-Cop and thanked Ms. Grant for all of her help and support over the last number of years. Ms. Grant stated it has been her as well as her staff's pleasure to help.

Contract Approval

Ms. Grant requested permission to renew the following contracts:

- ACASA Contract
- ACCORD Non-Residential DV Services Contract
- ACCORD Women's Chances Program Contract
- Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth Turnabout Contract
- Catholic Charities Multisystemic Therapy Contract
- Contract with Cindy Dodge
- Hillside Children's Center One Family Contract
- Contract with Landlord for Homeless Apartments
- Jan & Bev's Home Care, Inc. Contract
- Contract with James Hunter D/B/A
- Catholic Charities of Steuben County Kinship Contract
- LabCorp Paternity Testing Contract
- Legal Assistance of Western NY Contract
- Contract with Lynn O'Connell
- Contract with Pamela Duttweiler
- Parent Education Program (Child Advocacy Center) Contract
- Parent Education Program (Families First) Contract
- Parent Education Program (Families Together) Contract
- Southern Tier Traveling Teacher (Intensive Case Management) Contract
- Southern Tier Traveling Teacher (NY Works) Contract
- Southern Tier Traveling Teacher (Welfare to Work) Contract
- Willcare, Inc. Contract

County Attorney Carissa Knapp stated that the inter-departmental contracts with Employment & Training and the Sheriff's Office will not be approved at this time due to changes being made, and they will come back at a later date for a resolution. Legislator Graves asked if the contracts being requested are included in the 2019 Budget and have been reviewed by the County Attorney, and Attorney Knapp stated, yes. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Stockin, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Request to Fill Temporary Senior Caseworker

Ms. Grant requested to fill one full-time temporary Senior Caseworker (AFSCME, Grade 17, Step: Base – Step 7) and all subsequent positions including hiring from the outside. Ms. Grant stated they have an employee out on medical leave until May 2019, and they cannot go that long without the position filled. This position is responsible for ensuring the safety, health, and welfare of children and families. The annual salary of this position is estimated between \$40,612 and \$50,990 with benefits estimated at 48 percent. This position is funded 35.57 percent with County funds, 21.89 percent with State funds, and 42.54 percent with Federal funds. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Allegany County Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, Inc. Contract

A motion was made by Legislator Stockin, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried to prepare a resolution approving the Allegany County Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, Inc. contract for 2019 for the sum of \$8,000 to cover administration expenses of the Agency expected to provide such service, training, or aid. **Prepare Resolution**

Attorney/Client Session

A motion was made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to enter into attorney/client session at 2:50 p.m. Immediately following discussion at 2:55 p.m., a

motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried to end the attorney/client session and return to the regular meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m. following a motion made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Stockin, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Washer
Confidential Secretary to Clerk of the Board