

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
February 6, 2019
AMENDED

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, W. Dibble, D. Fanton, M. Gasdik, V. Grant, K. Graves, B. Harris, D. Healy, C. Knapp, B. Reynolds, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, T. Ross, T. Shaw, M. Washer

Media Present: C. Potter – *The Spectator*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Human Services Committee Chair Judith Hopkins at 3:44 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to approve the minutes of January 3, 2019.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Public Health Director Lori Ballengee attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review. Ms. Ballengee stated that WIC has generated over \$1 million in checks which provides revenue to our grocery and drug stores. Ms. Ballengee noted the savings in body bag costs by no longer allowing the coroners to purchase them, adding the County will continue to purchase the bags to continue the savings.

Religious Exemption for Vaccines

Chairman Crandall referenced Senate Bill S2994 and Assembly Bill A2371 that repeals subdivision 9 of section 2161 of the public health law, relating to the exemption from vaccination due to religious beliefs. Chairman Crandall indicated the Board has been asked to oppose these bills and support keeping the religious exemption. Chairman Crandall asked Ms. Ballengee how this would affect Allegany County as well as our Amish and Mennonite communities. Ms. Ballengee stated if a religious exemption is allowed, it will open the door for anyone to come up with a religious reason not to vaccinate. Ms. Ballengee continued that the more people you exempt, the more dangerous and likely a massive and possibly deadly outbreak will be, adding that right now the herd mentality is to vaccinate, and it will shift to the herd mentality of not vaccinating. Committee Chair Hopkins referenced the current measles outbreak that is in New York State, and asked if there are any cases in Allegany County, and Ms. Ballengee stated, no, none that she is aware of. Ms. Ballengee added that from her perspective, opposing the allowance of a religious exemption would help our public health because these children cannot continue to remain unvaccinated.

Community Health Assessment Update

Ms. Ballengee stated that it is Community Health Assessment year, and they are currently working on a survey that will be coming out soon to poll the public for their ideas on needs for community health.

Leadership Class Completion

Ms. Ballengee stated that Environmental Health Director Tyler Shaw successfully completed his Leadership Class, and he has been sharing the topics he has gone over.

2018 Autopsies and Deaths

Ms. Ballengee provided an update on the autopsies that occurred in 2018, and the results are as follows:

Monroe County (performed 5)

Accidental Overdose – 1

Homicide – 1

Suicide – 3

Olean General Hospital (performed 32)

Accidents – 3

Accidental Alcohol Poisoning – 1

Accidental Drug Overdose – 6

Drug Overdose/Suicide – 1

Natural – 18

Suicide – 3

Ms. Ballengee stated according to death certificates they received, there were 361 other deaths in the County. Of those, 354 were natural causes, 3 were accidental, and 4 were suicides.

Acceptance and Appropriation of Unallocated NYSDOH Funds

Ms. Ballengee requested a resolution to accept and appropriate an additional \$20,150 in Unallocated funds that the NYSDOH released for the WIC Program for the 2019 Budget year, 2018-2019 grant year (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019). The WIC Program received an additional \$20,150 in unallocated funds for critical needs and to implement the new NYS NYWIC (EBT) Program. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

<u>Appropriation:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A4190.201 (WIC – Office Equipment)	\$ 800
A4190.405 (WIC – Conference Expense)	\$ 5,100
A4190.407 (WIC – Office Supplies)	\$ 450
A4190.412 (WIC – Repairs: Real Property)	\$ 750
A4190.416 (WIC – Central Serv Telephone)	\$ 850
A4190.424 (WIC – Legal/Advertising)	\$ 7,200
A4010.101 (WIC – Regular Pay)	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
	Total: \$20,150

<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A4190.4452.00 (WIC – Federal Aid)	\$20,150

This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Stockin, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Women’s Health Initiative

Ms. Ballengee gave a brief overview of the Women’s Health Initiative that is currently taking place, highlighting the following events:

- There will be a “Cooking for Health” demonstration for Allegany County women 18 years and older held at “The Rig” Culinary Arts Building at the Alfred State Wellsville Campus on Tuesday, February 26, from 6:30 p.m. to

8:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required by February 25, and it is open to the first 200 women by contacting Breeyan at 585-268-9491.

- Professional speaker and Olympian Shannon Miller, represented by The Speak Well Group, will be presenting to high school students and the general public on women's health empowerment issues and overcoming diversity. There will be three events held on February 28 – One at Wellsville Central School and two at Genesee Valley Central School. More details will follow at a later date.
- Three Life Scan Screening events to perform an ultrasound for cardiovascular health along with a bone density screening will take place at the Wellsville American Legion on March 13, the Cuba VFW on March 14, and the Fillmore Fire Hall on March 15.
- There will be a Heroin & Opioid and Postpartum Depression training for physicians with the date to be determined.

Committee Chair Hopkins encouraged everyone to try and attend these events as they are quite a gift given to us by Senator Young. Ms. Hopkins thanked Ms. Ballengee for putting together such a meaningful program in such a short timeframe.

Women's Health Initiative Contracts

Committee members reviewed the following Women's Health Initiative contracts, and County Attorney Knapp confirmed that no resolution is required.

Approval of Wellsville American Legion Post 702 Contract

Ms. Ballengee requested approval to enter into a rental agreement with American Legion Post 702 at 23 Jefferson Street, Wellsville, to use their space for the Life Scan Screening event scheduled in Wellsville on March 13, 2019, using Women's Health Initiative funding. This activity has been approved by the State Department of Health, and the contract has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

Approval of Fillmore Fire Hall Contract

Ms. Ballengee requested approval to enter into a rental agreement with Fillmore Fire Hall to use their space for the Life Scan Screening event scheduled in Fillmore on March 15, 2019, using Women's Health Initiative funding. This activity has been approved by the State Department of Health, and the contract has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

Approval of Cuba VFW Post 2721 Contract

Ms. Ballengee requested approval to enter into a rental agreement with Cuba VFW Post 2721 to use their space for the Life Scan Screening event scheduled in Cuba on March 14, 2019, using Women's Health Initiative funding. This activity has been approved by the State Department of Health, and the contract has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

Approval of Life Line Screening of America Contract

Ms. Ballengee requested approval to enter into a contract with Life Line Screening of America, Ltd. for three cardiovascular screening clinics using Women's Health Initiative funds. These contracts have been reviewed by the County Attorney, and these funds have been approved by the State Department of Health. The Health Department also has a copy of Life Line's Insurance Certificate. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

Approval of Contract with The Speak Well Being Group

Ms. Ballengee requested approval to enter into an agreement with The Speak Well Being Group for the purpose of securing a national speaker for the Women's Health Initiative event. This expense and associated work-plan have been approved by New York State, and the cost is being funded by the Women's Health Initiative (award #C34453GG) which was provided by Senator Young's office. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

Approval of Jones Memorial Hospital Laboratory Services for Lead Testing Contract

Ms. Ballengee requested a resolution to renew a contract with Jones Memorial Hospital to provide laboratory services for analysis of blood lead levels. The Health Department has contracted with Jones Memorial for these services for many years and finds them to be a highly reputable provider. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Stockin, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Approval of Jones Memorial Hospital Tuberculosis Contract

Ms. Ballengee requested a resolution to renew a contract with Jones Memorial Hospital to provide testing services to assist with diagnosis of tuberculosis. The Health Department has contracted with Jones Memorial for these services for many years and finds them to be a highly reputable provider. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Barnes, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Approval of Greater Rochester Regional Health Information Organization Contract

Ms. Ballengee requested approval to renew a contract with the Greater Rochester Regional Health Information Organization to share death certificate information for use in the performance of health care services, health, demographic, and related information. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Attorney/Client Session

A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Stockin, and carried to enter into an attorney/client session at 4:05 p.m. Immediately following discussion at 4:12 p.m., a motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried to end the attorney/client session and return to the regular meeting.

Approval of Contract with Dr. Depner to Provide Medical Director Services

Ms. Ballengee requested a resolution renewing a contract with Dr. Christopher Depner to provide Medical Director services for the Allegany County Department of Health commencing on

January 1, 2019, and expiring on December 31, 2019. This is a contract renewal with no financial changes, and it has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried.

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Approval of Contract with Monroe County to Provide Medical Examiner Services

Ms. Ballengee requested a resolution renewing a contract with the County of Monroe to provide Medical Examiner Services for the Allegany County Coroners commencing on January 1, 2019, and expiring on December 31, 2019. This is a contract renewal with no financial changes, although an amendment will be needed to update the Federal Mileage Rate. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Barnes, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Services Commissioner Vicki Grant attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review.

Office Highlights

Ms. Grant stated Vickie Ketchner and Belinda Schlafer both recently graduated from Leadership Allegany.

Ms. Grant gave kudos to all of the staff who helped with the estimated 3,000 emergency SNAP authorizations that were required by the State in the middle of January.

Ms. Grant stated that she and three of her staff presented at the New York Public Welfare Association Winter Conference in Albany. Don Horan presented on how to appropriately claim for reimbursements. Ms. Grant and Angela Tinder presented on organizational trauma-informed care, and Julie Tomasi presided at the Deputy Commissioner's Leadership session.

Ms. Grant recognized Belinda Schlafer for acting as the driving force and investigator in an Adult Protection felony misuse of funds case.

Principal Social Welfare Examiner Position

Ms. Grant requested permission to fill one full-time Principal Social Welfare Examiner (PEF, Grade 7, Step: Base – Step 11) and all subsequent positions including hiring from the outside. This position is responsible for planning, coordinating, supervising, and managing the performance and activities of a group of employees in the Temporary Assistance Division including Social Services Investigators, Senior Social Welfare Examiners, Senior Case Managers, Case Managers, Employment Specialists, Social Welfare Examiners, Employment Workers, and clerical employees. The annual salary of this position is estimated between \$43,612 and \$60,370 with benefits estimated at 48 percent. This position is funded 27 percent with County funds, 21 percent with State funds, and 52 percent with Federal funds. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Stockin, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Acceptance and Appropriation of SFY 2018 – 2019 CAPTA Funds

Ms. Grant requested a resolution to accept and appropriate additional Federal Aid for the SFY 2018 – 2019 for the Department of Social Services – Child Abuse or Neglect Prevention and Treatment ACT (CAPTA) Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (CARA) funds. A 2019 Budget adjustment is needed as follows:

<u>Appropriation:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A6010.103 (Social Serv Admin – Premium Pay)	\$ 1,000
A6010.482 (Social Serv Admin – Contractual)	\$ 49,000
	Total: \$ 50,000
<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A6010.4610.00 (Federal Aid – Social Serv Adm - CAPTA Funds)	\$50,000

This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Approval of Rehabilitating and Empowering Disadvantaged Youth Contract

Ms. Grant requested a resolution to approve the 2019 calendar year contract with Rehabilitating & Empowering Disadvantaged Youth (R.E.D.Y.) and for the DSS Commissioner to execute the same. This contract will begin January 1, 2019, and expire on December 31, 2019, for an amount not to exceed \$92,000. Ms. Grant noted the business is looking to have a satellite office in the County. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Approval of Dr. Craig Zuckerman D/B/A Rehabilitation Today Services Contract

Ms. Grant requested a resolution to approve the 2019 calendar year contract with Dr. Craig Zuckerman DBA Rehabilitation Today Services and for the DSS Commissioner to execute the same. The contract will begin on January 1, 2019, and expire December 31, 2019, for an amount not to exceed \$20,200. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Stockin, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Approval of Cooperative Agreements with Allegany County Departments

Ms. Grant requested a resolution to approve the 2018 calendar year cooperative agreements between the Department of Social Services and the following:

- Allegany County Information Technology Department with a Fiscal Impact of \$47,000
- Allegany County Sheriff's Department (on-call services) with a Fiscal Impact of \$21,713
- Allegany County Sheriff's Department (security service) with a Fiscal Impact of \$146,916
- Allegany County District Attorney (Welfare & Fraud) with a Fiscal Impact of \$25,000
- Allegany County Employment & Training (Welfare to Work) with a Fiscal Impact of \$415,464
- Allegany County Attorney (Services) with a Fiscal Impact of \$119.95 per hour not to exceed \$450,000 per year
- Allegany County Attorney (CSEU) with a Fiscal Impact of \$119.90 per hour not to exceed \$100,000 per year

This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Citizens Advisory Council to the Office for the Aging Appointment

The Chairman of the Board plans to appoint Susan Stout of Wellsville as a member of the Citizens Advisory Council to the Office for the Aging for a three-year term commencing February

11, 2019, and expiring December 31, 2021, subject to confirmation by the Board of Legislators. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

OFFICE FOR THE AGING

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

WWII Museum

Ms. Gasdik stated that the WWII Museum in Eldred, PA, is adding a special room dedicated to the Tuskegee Airmen. Wallace "Wally" Higgins of Alfred Station, one of the original Tuskegee Airmen of WWII, will be highlighted.

2018 Satisfaction Surveys

Ms. Gasdik referenced the 2018 satisfaction surveys she submitted with her monthly report stating for the most part they were very positive; however, during open enrollment, the federal website was crashing, and some clients were frustrated and thought it was their computers.

Approval of VNA Homecare Options, LLC, DBA: Nascentia Health Options Contract

Ms. Gasdik requested a resolution to enter into an agreement with VNA Homecare Options, LLC, DBA Nascentia Health Options to deliver Home Delivered Meals to their clients at a fee of \$10 per meal. This is an increase of \$1 per meal, as the 2018 rate was \$9 per meal. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried. It was noted at a later date by the County Attorney that this contract does not require a resolution.

Approval of Willcare, Inc. Contract

Ms. Gasdik requested a resolution to enter into a contract with Willcare, Inc. for homecare services for the EISEP, III-E, and Alzheimer's Respite grants. Payments for services are as follows:

- PCA I (Housekeeping/Chore): \$21.79 per hour (up from \$21.15 in 2018)
- PCA II (Homemaking/Personal Care): \$22.55 per hour (up from \$21.87 in 2018)
- RN Supervisory Visits: \$100.95 per visit (up from \$98 in 2018)

This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Approval of Conduent Agreement

Ms. Gasdik requested a resolution to enter into an agreement with Conduent to operate and manage all Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) transaction processing for Food Stamps for our Senior Nutrition Program. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Stockin, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Executive Session

A motion was made by Legislator Stockin, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried to enter into executive session at 4:25 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular

corporation. Immediately following discussion at 4:38 p.m., a motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting.

Attorney/Client Session

A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried to enter into an attorney/client session at 4:38 p.m. Immediately following discussion at 4:50 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 4:51 p.m. following a motion made by Legislator Stockin, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Washer
Confidential Secretary to Clerk of the Board