

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

April 3, 2019

Members Present: J. Hopkins, J. Burdick, G. Barnes, S. Havey, D. Root, P. Stockin (Absent: D. Decker)

Others Present: L. Ballengee, T. Boyde, W. Dibble, D. Fanton, K. Francisco, M. Gasdik, K. Geffers, V. Grant, B. Harris, D. Healy, C. Knapp, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, T. Ross, T. Shaw, M. Washer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Human Services Committee Chair Judith Hopkins at 3:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Stockin, and carried to approve the request that was made to amend the February 6, 2019, minutes to reflect that a resolution is not required for VNA Homecare Options (Nascentia) contract.

A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried to approve the March 6, 2019, minutes with the following amendment:

“Please add that the part-time Senior Caseworker position in the Department of Social Services is not eligible for benefits.”

A motion was made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried to approve the March 25, 2019, minutes.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

Department Highlights

Ms. Ballengee stated they had another rabid horse. Legislator Root asked if they know how the horse contracted it. Ms. Ballengee stated no; however, typically with farm animals, it could have gotten bit by a rabid raccoon, bat, etc. Committee Chair Hopkins asked if they notify local veterinarians in these situations. Ms. Ballengee stated that usually with farm animals the vet has already been notified because the owner believed they were sick. Legislator Root asked if the horse's handlers were infected. Ms. Ballengee indicated that one will need treatment.

Ms. Ballengee noted that the coroner's numbers are continuing to slow and stay down.

Women's Health Initiative

Ms. Ballengee provided the following attendance numbers for the Women's Health Initiative events:

- The three screenings brought in 89 to the Wellsville location, 87 at the Cuba location, and 88 at the Fillmore location.
- Shannon Miller's speaking event brought in 700 students during the day, and 176 in the evening.
- The healthy cooking class brought in 170 people
- The Heroin & Opioid training had 44 attendees and the Post-Partum Depression training had 29.

Ms. Ballengee noted that she had someone reach out to her to say the health screening saved his mother's life as there were four blockages found, and she was sent to Rochester where she had surgery the next day.

Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Ms. Ballengee reminded everyone of the free rabies vaccination clinic that will be held on Saturday, April 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Friendship Fire Department.

Appointment of Coroner's Physician

Ms. Ballengee requested permission to re-appoint Dr. Christopher Depner as the Coroner's Physician. Dr. Depner has been performing these duties for approximately three years, and he is willing to continue this role at no charge. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Stockin, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Iowa State University of Science and Technology Dietetic Internship

Ms. Ballengee requested a resolution to enter into an agreement with Iowa State University to allow their students to shadow and/or complete an internship for their curriculum studies. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Andover Central School Pre-School Contract

Ms. Ballengee requested a resolution to enter into a contract with Andover Central School to provide Evaluation services to our Pre-School Program recipients. Providers are difficult to find in rural areas, so this is an excellent partnership for the children we serve in Allegany County, and we have had an excellent as well as ongoing relationship with Andover School for these services. The Health Department bills Medicaid for these services and also recoups from the State 59.5 percent of what Medicaid will not cover. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Stockin, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Pre-School Transportation Contracts

Ms. Ballengee requested a resolution to enter into a contract with Alfred-Almond, Andover, Arkport, Belfast, Bolivar-Richburg, Canaseraga, Canisteo-Greenwood, Cuba, Fillmore, Friendship, Genesee Valley, Keshequa, Portville, Scio, Wellsville, and Whitesville Central School Districts to provide transportation services to our Pre-School Program recipients. Transportation is a required service, and these school partnerships keep Allegany County from having to contract with private bus companies, which results in significant savings to the County. Since there is no reimbursement mechanism for these services, it is critical that we maintain these cost saving contracts. Chairman Crandall noted that former District III Legislator Lee Friar put this together, and it has saved us millions of dollars over the years. As we sit and ponder ideas, this is one example of something put together by a Legislator that continues to save the County money. Legislator Burdick asked why we contract with schools outside the County. Ms. Ballengee stated that sometimes they have kids who live in Cuba, NY, but go to Portville school. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Barnes, 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. Ms. Gasdik thanked Legislator Stockin, Legislator

Burdick, and Legislator Root for joining in on the March for Meals ride along, stating she has been told it was an eye opening experience.

Senior Forum

Ms. Gasdik announced the following dates and locations for the Senior Forum:

- Friday, May 3, at the Wellsville American Legion
- Friday, May 10, at the Houghton Wesleyan Church

Ms. Gasdik stated that Scam Prevention Coordinator Leita King from Lifespan in Rochester, NY, will be the featured guest speaker.

Waiting List for Services

Ms. Gasdik stated that the recently passed State Budget includes \$15 million to try and eliminate wait lists in New York State. While the County's waiting list seems like a lot, there are other counties that have hundreds waiting, and Ms. Gasdik is unsure as to how much the County will receive in assistance.

LifeStation, Inc. Contract

Ms. Gasdik requested a resolution to enter into a contract with LifeStation, Inc., 2 Stauber Avenue, Union, NJ 07083 for Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) services. Services will be paid at the following rates and include free installation, tech support, and training:

Landline Compatible	\$13.50 per calendar month per individual
In-Home Cellular	\$13.50 per calendar month per individual
Mobile/GPS Compatible	\$15.50 per calendar month per individual
Fall Detection (Optional)	Additional \$5.00 per calendar month per individual

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

Notice of Retirement

Ms. Gasdik announced her retirement date of Tuesday, July 30, 2019. Ms. Gasdik stated they are currently working on a request to fill her position, and asked that if the Board decides to hire from within, they consider ordering a test for the Coordinator of Services position so they have a list should it become vacant. Committee Chair Hopkins thanked Ms. Gasdik for all of her hard work and years of service, stating they will miss her and are sad to see her go.

Senior Picnic

Legislator Barnes asked when the Senior Picnic will be held. Ms. Gasdik stated it will be held on Wednesday, August 14, and she does plan to have everything ready to go prior to her retirement.

SOCIAL SERVICES

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

Office Highlights

Ms. Grant briefly highlighted the following department successes:

- They participated in the Child Advocacy Center video shoot
- They have been very active in bringing forth the Trauma Informed Care Resolution and have presented to the School Nurse Network, Houghton Wesleyan Outreach Committee, Cattaraugus Trauma Informed Care Coalition in Salamanca, NY, as well as to the County's Mental Health Sub-Committee.

Ms. Grant noted that they have also been asked by the State to present at the OCFS Home Finding Summit in August.

Request to Fill Social Welfare Examiner Position

Ms. Grant requested permission to fill one full-time Senior Social Welfare Examiner (AFSCME, Grade 13, Step: Base – Step 7) and all subsequent positions including hiring from the outside. This position is responsible for supervising several Social Welfare Examiners and verifying eligibility for Temporary Assistance programs. The annual salary of this position is estimated between \$36,064 and \$43,876 with benefits estimated at 42.75 percent. This position is funded 38 percent with County funds, 10 percent with State funds, and 52 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**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 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