

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

July 3, 2019

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

Others Present: W. Dibble, D. Fanton, K. Francisco, M. Gasdik, V. Grant, K. Graves, D. Healy, G. James, C. Knapp, D. McDonnell, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, T. Ross, J. Schultz, M. Washer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Human Services Committee Chair Judith Hopkins at 2:50 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried to approve the May 29, 2019, minutes.

A motion was made by Legislator Stockin, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to approve the June 5, 2019, minutes.

A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to approve the June 24, 2019, minutes.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Director of Children Services Josh Schultz attended the meeting and submitted the Health Department's monthly report to the committee for review.

Department Highlights

Mr. Schultz noted that the coroner numbers are down significantly compared to last year. The Water Lab has been state approved, and they hope to do a press release soon.

Pre-School Speech Language Pathologists Contract

Mr. Schultz requested a resolution to enter into contract with Speech Language Pathologists, Jillian Short and Tommie Pomeroy to provide related services to children in Allegany County who are referred to the Pre-School Education Program. The Health Department bills insurances for these services and recoup 59.5 percent of what insurance will not cover, if any, from the state. Mr. Schultz noted that this contract is for summer services that run from July 1 to August 31. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Pre-School Evaluation Services Contract

Mr. Schultz requested a resolution to enter into contract with the following to provide evaluation services:

- Faith Stewart, Social Histories
- Dr. Lynn O'Connell, Psychological Evaluations/ Social Histories
- Dr. Cindy Dodge, Psychological Evaluations/ Social Histories
- Renee Giardini, Speech and Language Evaluations
- Candy Hodnett, Physical Therapy Evaluations
- Trey Marra, SDAA OT Solutions, Occupational Therapy Evaluations
- Maggie Pomeroy, Speech and Language Evaluations

- Brandi Duvall, Occupational Therapy Evaluations
- Jones Memorial Hospital (All evaluation services)

The individuals and agencies listed above provide evaluation services to children in Allegany County who are referred to the Pre-School Special Education Program. The Health Department bills insurances for these services and recoup 59.5 percent of what insurance will not cover, if any, from the state. Mr. Schultz stated these contracts will be for a 5-year term. Committee Chair Hopkins asked if these individuals are employed individually or part of an organization. Mr. Schultz stated they are independent contractors. Legislator Decker asked if there are any County funds involved. Mr. Schultz indicated the majority are funded through Medicaid, and the County is reimbursed 59.5 percent by the state for what Medicaid will not cover. Mr. Schultz noted that they are not allowed to access primary insurances for pre-school. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Pre-School Center Based Services Contract

Mr. Schultz requested a resolution to enter into contract with the following to provide evaluation services:

- CA BOCES
- The Children's League
- Pathways, Inc.

The individuals and agencies listed above provide therapy services to children in Allegany County who are referred to the Pre-School Special Education Program. The Health Department bills insurances for these services and recoup 59.5 percent of what insurance will not cover, if any, from the state. Mr. Schultz stated this contract is for extremely high needs children. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Pre-School Related Services Contract

Mr. Schultz requested a resolution to enter into contract with the following to provide related services:

Speech Language Pathologists

Angela Baron
Jaime Beardsley
Sarah Carbone
Jennifer Callahan
Maggie Pomeroy
Dena Hess
Renee Giardini
Caroline Painter
Ben Palmer
Tommie Pomeroy
Tanya Scholla
Jillian Short
Jean Walk
Jennifer Williamson
Kristina Waters
Building Blocks
Susan Cochrane, Freedom to Speak

Occupational Therapists

Brandi Duvall
Kirsten Clancy
Trey Marra, SDAA OT Solutions
Southtowns, Children's Associates
Jones Memorial Hospital
Building Blocks

Physical Therapists

Denise Cornell
Rachael Martin
Candy Hodnett
Building Blocks
Maple City PT
Jones Memorial Hospital
Rehabilitation Today

Parent Trainers

Kelly Morehouse
Dr. Lynn O'Connell
Joanne Ross
Southtowns Children's Associates

Behavior Consultants

Southtowns Children's Associates

Special Education Itinerant Services

Friendship Central School

The individuals and agencies listed above provide therapy services to children in Allegany County who are referred to the Pre-School Special Education Program. The Health Department bills insurances for these services and recoup 59.5 percent of what insurance will not cover, if any, from the state. 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. Ms. Gasdik stated they are actively working towards shortening their waiting list now that they have accepted the Unmet Needs Grant funds.

Ms. Gasdik stated this is her last Human Services Committee meeting and thanked the Board for all of their help through her years as Director. Ms. Gasdik continued that she has enjoyed working for the County and serving our seniors, adding she has spent 11 years with the Office for Aging and was director for six of them. Committee Chair Hopkins thanked Ms. Gasdik for all she has done for the County and wished her well.

Grace United Church Donation

Ms. Gasdik requested a resolution to accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Grace United Church in Wellsville. The donation comes from funds raised through donations and fundraising events. These funds will be used to increase travel expenses (mileage) for the Home-Delivered Meals Program and should be appropriated as follows:

<u>Appropriation:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A6779.422 (OFA – Wellness in Nutrition – Gas & Oil)	\$1,000
<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A6779.1792.PC (Supplemental Nutrition Program – Local Contribution)	\$1,000

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

Request to Fill Part-Time Typist Position

Ms. Gasdik requested permission to fill one part-time Typist (Non-union, Grade 4, Step: Base). This position is responsible for telephone and office reception and clerically supports the whole agency. The annual salary for this position is \$12,977 with benefits estimated at \$1,365. This position is funded 20 percent with County funds, 57 percent with State funds, 10 percent with Federal funds, and 13 percent with “Other” funds. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Services Commissioner Vicki Grant attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review. Ms. Grant stated their data is on par with trends.

Department Highlights

Ms. Grant noted the following department highlights:

- Ms. Grant presented legislation for Trauma Informed Care in New York City.
- The Department of Social Services is teaming up with the Courts on substance abuse in families.
- The Department of Social Services is one of three counties involved in a safe kid’s coalition, and Gina Kocsis was instrumental in gathering our County groups.

Family First Transition Funds

Ms. Grant requested a resolution to accept and appropriate additional Local Assistance General funds in the amount of \$30,000 for 2019 expenditures related to the Family First Transition Fund. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

<u>Appropriation:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A6070.474 (Services for Recipients – Hillside One Family)	\$23,000
A6010.482 (DSS Admin – Recruitment/Retention Support & Incentives)	\$ 4,000
A6010.101 (DSS Admin – Staff Administration)	\$ 2,000
A6010.482 (DSS Admin – Mobility Mapping)	\$ 1,000
Total:	\$30,000
<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A6070.4670.00 (Federal Aid – Family First Transition Funds)	\$23,000
A6010.4610 (DSS Admin – Family First Transition Funds)	\$ 7,000
Total:	\$30,000

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

Executive Session

A motion was made by Legislator Stockin, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried to enter into executive session at 3:08 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. Immediately following discussion at 3:35 p.m., a motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting.

Public Health Nurse

Ms. Grant requested permission to create and fill one full-time Public Health Nurse (NYSNA, Step:6). This position is responsible for visiting patients in the home to assess health needs including foster care children and their caregivers. This position also coordinates care for patients with nutritionists, social workers, physical therapists, physicians, and other professional health care workers. The annual salary of this position is \$54,211 with benefits estimated at 42.75 percent. This position is funded 12.5 percent with County funds, 12.5 percent with State funds, and 75 percent with Federal funds. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Stockin, and carried. (Opposed: J. Burdick) **Prepare Resolution to create the position and refer to Ways and Means to fill**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 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