

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, December 22, 2015
Supervisors Large Conference Room

Committee Members Present

Lewis Carinci, Vice Chairman, City of Oneida
James Goldstein, Town of Lebanon
Joseph John Pinard, Town of Lenox
Paul Walrod, Town of Georgetown

Others Present

Mark Scimone, County Administrator
Joanne Eddy, Director, Youth Bureau
Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Social Services
Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health Services
Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health
Christine Coe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator

Absent:

Alex Stepanski, Chairman, Town of Stockbridge

Call Meeting to Order

Vice Chairman Lew Carinci called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. indicating that there was a quorum for the Health and Human Services Committee.

Approve Minutes

The Health and Human Services Committee reviewed the regular meeting minutes of August 24, 2015, and November 23, 2015. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Walrod, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

Youth Bureau

Director Joanne Eddy presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Appointing Member to the Madison County Youth Board

A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

Reappointing Members to the Madison County Youth Board

A motion was made by Pinard to approve the resolution, seconded by Walrod and carried unanimously.

Sexually Exploited Youth Grant

Eddy informed the Committee that a one-time \$35,000 grant that the Youth Bureau received in 2015 from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to help raise awareness about human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of youth has been renewed for an additional year. A work plan is currently being put together for 2016.

Youth Bureau Move

Eddy stated that her staff person will be moving to the Youth Bureau's new space in the Social Services Building next week with Eddy joining her after the New Year.

Social Services

Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald provided the November 2015 expenditures and caseload summary and stated that his department is well under their annual budgeted expense at 85.72%. The SNAP expenses are expected to decline in January with the additional requirements to receive benefits.

The move of the Employment and Training Office to the Department of Social Services (DSS) is going well with a few loose ends to tie up. Fitzgerald offered to give the Committee a tour once complete.

Fitzgerald presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to renew an agreement with VenTek Inc.

A motion was made by Walrod to approve the resolution, seconded by Goldstein and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to purchase outside accounting services

A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Walrod and carried unanimously.

Authorizing attendance at an out-of-state Conference (Wolcott)

A motion was made by Walrod to approve the resolution, seconded by Goldstein and carried unanimously.

Mental Health

Director Teisha Cook presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing Chairman to enter agreement with Liberty Resources

A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

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A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

Authorizing Chairman to enter an agreement with Madison County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (dba BRiDGES)

A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

Authorizing Chairman to enter agreement with Madison Cortland ARC

A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

Authorizing Chairman to enter agreement with OCM BOCES

A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

Authorizing Chairman to enter agreement with Heritage Farm, Inc.

A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

Authorizing Chairman to renew a software maintenance agreement with IMA Systems LLC

A motion was made by Walrod to approve the resolution, seconded by Goldstein and carried unanimously.

Authorizing attendance at an out-of-state conference (von Hunke)

A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

Request for Proposals (RFPs)

Cook stated that she is working on RFPs with the Purchasing Agent for the case management for children and the PROS program.

Public Health

Director Eric Faisst presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreements with Public Health Department contractors

A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Walrod and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to enter an agreement with ACC Technical Services, Inc.

A motion was made by Pinard to approve the resolution, seconded by Walrod and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to enter an agreement with McCarthy & Conlon, LLP

A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Walrod and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to modify an agreement with Galson Laboratories

A motion was made by Walrod to approve the resolution, seconded by Goldstein and carried unanimously.

Authorizing agreement extension for dog shelter services

A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Walrod and carried unanimously.

Gas Compressor Health Project

Faisst informed the Committee that phase one of the gas compressor health project has been completed. The information collected is being compiled and will be provided to each of the 17 residents that participated with a report for their home and a summary report for the community. The reports will be presented with information and standards along with guidelines for mitigation in a form that is comprehensible.

Other Business

Supervisor Walrod stated that there is an ongoing issue regarding feral cats in his community. Vice Chairman Carinci stated that there are rescue groups that can handle feral cats, and he will provide Walrod with the information.

Diane Ryan, Deputy Director of Community Action Partnership for Madison County (CAP), met with the Committee to share her concern that CAP's request for increased funding was not approved. A request was made for \$106,000 in order to meet the local match requirements for federal and NYS government funding; otherwise, they will have to give up funding for several programs. CAP has been budgeted to receive \$45,000 in 2016, which has been the same for several years. Ryan noted that CAP has been operating in Madison County for 33 years, is one of the biggest employers in

Madison County, and has had some significant economic on the economy in Madison County (based on an Economic Impact Study conducted by Colgate University in 2013). She asked the Committee to share this information with the full Board and reconsider funding CAP's original request.

Preferred Agenda

The Committee unanimously agreed to include all but the following resolution in their Preferred Agenda on a motion of Goldstein and second of Walrod:

Authorizing agreement extension for Dog Shelter Services (Public Health)

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Walrod at 1:29 p.m., seconded by Pinard and carried.

Next meeting: Monday, January 25, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine J. Coe for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski.