

Present: Legislator Lawrence, Stein, Ferrando, Young, Clattenburg, Torrey, DeJaneiro. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Kingdon, Legislator, County Manager Gsell, Assistant County Manager Landers, Health Department Director Pettit, Mental Health Director Reaves, Office for the Aging Director Whitmore, OFA Services Administrator Spink, Nursing Home Administrator Schaller, Director of Nursing Canale, Holland Land Office Director Donahue, NIOGA Representative Tom Bindemann, News Reporter Mrozak.

Chair Lawrence called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM at the Holland Land Office. The minutes of the June 30, 2014 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Representatives from NIOGA and surrounding County Libraries presented their Agency Review. A library system was established in the 18th and 19th century. The libraries were free and open to the public and this is still true today. Few had any public financial support back then. Presently these libraries still have no mandated support. They have no secure funding at any level of government. There are several primary sources of funding for the libraries. First is State Funding which is distributed through the NIOGA system to the various libraries. Collectively these funds make up 4% of the funding. Local Municipalities also provide funding. These funds cover about 84% of their budget. Some libraries are able to apply for grants to supplement their income and some have fundraisers to help maintain the library, these funds help with 10% of their overall budget. 2% of the overall budget is from County funds. Only 43,000 people are taxed for library services in the County. 17,000 are considered unserved and do not pay a tax. The County mandated that their funding be used for library materials only, not personnel costs. In 2001 \$63,000 was appropriated to the libraries and has been the largest appropriation ever. This amount has decreased over the years. This year the libraries are requesting a 6% increase across the board. This would allow 1% to each library. Mr. Bindemann from the NIOGA system gave a brief background on the NIOGA system and the various services that all the libraries provide. Chair Lawrence thanked them for attending and presenting their agency update. She stated that they have a tough 2015 budget ahead of them and will do their best to provide continued support.

Health Department Director Pettit presented a contract renewal with Monroe County to provide Elevated Blood Lead Investigation Services. This for the period August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015 at an anticipated expense of \$2800 which is reimbursed up to 100% through Article 6, State Aide for General Public Health Works. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Mr. Pettit next presented a cost-of-living adjustment grant amendment for the Children with Special Care Needs Program. This resolution will allow the Health Department to accept the cost-of-living adjustments for this program in the amount of \$746. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Young.

Mr. Pettit presented a cost-of-living adjustment grant amendment for the Immunization Action Plan. This resolution will allow the Health Department to accept the cost-of-living adjustments for this program in the amount of \$2409. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young.

Mr. Pettit presented a cost-of-living adjustment grant amendment for the Lead Poisoning Prevention program. This resolution will allow the Health Department to accept the cost-of-living adjustments for this program in the amount of \$3008. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Young.

Next Mr. Pettit requested a grant amendment to the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. This resolution allows the Health Department to accept federal funding in the amount of \$37,508 from the New York State Department of Health for continuation of the Lead Poisoning Prevention. Funds will be used to support program staff salaries and fringe. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young.

Mr. Pettit presented a cost-of-living adjustment grant amendment for the Rabies Program. This resolution will allow the Health Department to accept the cost-of-living adjustments for this program in the amount of \$1159. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Lastly Mr. Pettit requested a cost-of-living adjustment grant amendment for the Tobacco Enforcement Program. This resolution will allow the Health Department to accept the cost-of-living adjustments for this program in the amount of \$2505. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Stein.

Mental Health Director Reaves presented information on the Managed Care Module. Managed Care is an approach to financing and delivering Health Care that seeks to control costs and ensure or improve quality of care through a variety of methods. Historically Medicaid services for disabled beneficiaries, including Mental Health Services, had been provided on a fee-for service basis where providers are paid for each billable service provided. In contrast, Manager Care Medicaid programs pay for some or all services at a pre-paid rate based on enrollment. States are increasingly looking to Managed Care as a strategy to contain costs for individuals with complex needs, including children and adults who live with serious mental illness. The primary benefit of Mental Health in a Managed Care process is the ability to integrate, coordinate and

designate specialized services to a variety of providers across a network. Managed Care responsibilities include monitoring utilization of services, ensuring the establishment of a network of qualified providers and proper credentialing. Quality assurance, setting rates and settling claims, as well as monitoring fraud abuse and ensuring an appeals and grievance process for consumers. The Committee thanked Mr. Reaves for this overview.

Mr. Reaves requested a contract and budget amendment with Genesee Orleans Council on Alcoholism and Substances Abuse, Inc. Mr. Reaves was informed of an increase in State Aid in the amount of \$12,000. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Stein.

Next Mr. Reaves requested a budget transfer in the amount of \$3600 to accommodate additional funds to pay for additional Court Commitments ordered by the City of Batavia court. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Mr. Reaves requested the approval of a contract with Raja V. Rao, M.D. It is required by Mental Hygiene to have psychiatric coverage. The term of this contract is effective August 18, 2014 through December 31, 2014 at a rate of \$148 per hour for maximum of 250 hours. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Young.

Lastly Mr. Reaves requested the appointment of Ms. Ruth Spink of Medina, New York to serve a three-year term on the Mental Health Community Services Board, effective immediately through August 14, 2017. This was referred to the Ways and Means committee with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Stein.

Director of the Office for the Aging Whitmore requested a budget amendment to the 2014 OFA budget due to funding increases in several State and Federal grant funding for a total of \$21,022 in additional funds to support the growing need for nutrition and aging services and programs for older adults. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Next Mrs. Whitmore requested an amendment to the salary schedule to provide a part-time staff person to provide residents with information, screening, assistance and referral in regards to assessing and applying for benefits, programs and services available to older

adults and their caregivers. This position is 19 ½ hours per week effective September 8, 2014. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Young.

Mrs. Whitmore presented a contract to GL OW YMCA for the provision of tai chi: moving for better balance classes, a fitness program to be provided for older adults in Genesee County using Older Americans Act, Title III-D Health Promotion Grant Funds. This contract is for the period September 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 at a rate of \$50 per class session, at a cost not to exceed \$1500. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young.

Lastly Mrs. Whitmore requested equipment that is no longer needed or used at the Office for the Aging be declared surplus and disposed of. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Nursing Home Administrator Schaller requested an amendment the salary schedule. It is becoming increasingly difficult to staff a 10 hour per week activities aid position. It is felt that by increasing this part-time position to a 19 ½ hour week position there will be a greater interest and it will be easier to fill and retain an employee in this position. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Next Ms. Schaller presented a contract renewal with Health Systems Services for the Medicare Part B Program. Health Systems Services has provided the service for many years. Under the contract the Nursing Home has the option to renew the contract for a second of four additional one year periods under the same conditions for the period of September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young.

Lastly Ms. Schaller presented a contract with Favorite Healthcare Staffing to provide supplemental temporary professional healthcare staff and to assist the Nursing Home in the management of supplemental staffing. This contract will commence August 1, 2014, and continue through July 31, 2015. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Stein.

The Holland Land Office was the host for this Human Service Meeting. They presented their Agency Review to the Committee. The Holland Land Office continues to develop and improve the permanent exhibits related to Genesee County. The Exhibits Committee is investigating the long-term redesign of the museum's permanent exhibits to enable an expanded agricultural display. They also continue the acquisition of historic artifacts pertaining to Genesee County and Western New York modernizing the collections database records and collections preservation. Throughout the year the museum has school and group tours. They also have an enhanced summer program for Genesee County youth. A coffee club is hosted at the museum for senior citizens on Wednesday mornings. There is an arts awareness month, which is a partnership with the Genesee Orleans Arts Council. They conduct a commemoration in conjunction with the Paolo Busti Cultural Foundation and the Friends of the Peace Garden to recognize the contributions of Paolo Busti and Gabriel DeFabio to the Genesee Region. This year there was a partnership with the Genesee County Department of Social Services to honor foster parents during Foster Parents Month with a spaghetti dinner and exhibits on the former Children's Home. The Holland Land Office continues to support museums and historical societies throughout Genesee County by offering a variety of services. They continue the collaboration with the Genesee County History Federation, the Genesee County History Department, other local history agencies and Genesee region school districts. They work with the Genesee Community College faculty and interns on a variety of Holland Land Office Museum projects. Temporary exhibits at the museum included Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation exhibit, the many faces of Abraham Lincoln, a Civil War model exhibit featuring the work of local artists, and a War of 1812 exhibit offered in cooperation with the Friends of the Peace Garden and the Department of the Navy. There are over 500 new artifacts received into the museum's collection. They continue to work to re-catalog existing artifacts into an enhanced computerized database. They also continue to use climate controlled storage space and County building number two for long-term preservation of elements of the collection. Plans for 2015 include expanding the History Heroes Summer Program, improve the museums network to facilitate coordination of off-site activities among staff and volunteers, establishment of a permanent exhibit highlighting Genesee County agriculture, continue the comprehensive study of the permanent exhibit space to determine how best to inform visitors of the history of the Genesee region, increase volunteer participation and develop a written history of the Holland Purchase Historical Society. The Human Service Committee thanked the museum for their hospitality and for their agency update.

County Manager Gesell presented a resolution declaring the County Nursing Home as Surplus Property. This is the first step in the process to seek out potential buyers for the Nursing Home. This was referred to the Ways and Means committee with the

recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Young.

Next Mr. Gesell presented an amendment to the salary schedule to create a position of one temporary full-time County Historian/Archivists, for transitional training purposes not to exceed 30 days. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Lastly Chair Lawrence recommended the appointment of Michael J. Eula to the position of Genesee County Historian at Grade 4 of the Management Salary Schedule with a salary of \$45,682 effective September 8, 2014. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Ferrando. It was requested that Mr. Eula attend a Committee of the Whole so that the entire Legislature could meet him. This was scheduled for August 13th at 4:30 PM.

At motion to adjourn was made by Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Ferrando at 5:55 PM.

Annie Lawrence, Chair
Human Service Committee
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