

PRESENT: Chairperson Leadley, Legislators DeJanerio, Ferrando and Lawrence. Other Legislature Members: Chair Hancock and Legislators Bausch and Stein, County Manager Gsell.

Others: Chris Schaller, Nursing Home Administrator; William Joyce of Veteran Service; Paul Pettit, Health Director; and Eileen Kirkpatrick, DSS Commissioner; and Diane Fiorentino, Clerk-Typist.

Chair Leadley called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM in the Legislature Conference Room.

A motion was made by Frank Ferrando and seconded by Ed DeJaneiro to approve the July minutes. A voice vote carried the motion.

A motion was made by Annie Lawrence and seconded by Ed DeJaneiro to approve the August minutes. A voice vote carried the motion.

Eileen Kirkpatrick provided a department report for Social Services. It was reported that the State will take over the administration of the Medicaid program beginning October 1st under the new name of The New York State of Health. Implementation of Medicaid Redesign Team representative will be made. An RFP for a vendor to take over Medicaid transportation for DSS has been released. This should be completed by fall of 2014. The State has begun to take over the re-certifications for MAGI clients who need to provide income. Beginning January 2014 the State will take over this process. Training of several staff members has begun for Certification of Application Counselors that will help the transition to the State. Legislators were informed of the Universal Assessment System which will guide the provision of Long Term Care Services. Due to a loss of income by HEALTHNOW(BC/BS) in Genesee and Niagara counties, a cease of their programming for MA and FHP. This has changed 2,875 individuals to an alternate managed care plan. Funding changes and impacts were reviewed. Foster care, HEAP and SNAP benefits have been affected.

William Joyce provided a department review of Veteran Service. The new Veterans Service Officer has completed the Basic & Advanced American Legion Service Officer School. There have been 36 referrals and 15 veterans or widows who have qualified for federal benefits for the Department of Veterans Affairs rather than the county. There have been 499 claims for Veterans/dependents with Veterans the Department of Veterans Affairs. Completed property tax exemptions are now 108. A comparison of clients for 2013 to 2015 was provided. It was noted that Agent Orange claims are now in backlog. The department is beginning the process of going paperless. Clients are being contacted personally at their residences to file paperwork via a laptop rather than having to be transported to the office. Legislator Ferrando requested future discussion for the consideration of supporting the War Memorial at Jerome Place.

A request for contract approval for Preschool Supportive Health Services Program for the period September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013 at the rates established by New York State was made by Paul Petitt. This contract would meet the needs of preschool students with disabilities. (RESOLUTION #1)

A motion was made by Annie Lawrence and seconded by Ed DeJanerio to refer to the Legislature Agenda. A voice vote approved the motion.

Administrator Chris Schaller from the Nursing Home requested approval for an amendment of the salary schedule for a Senior Executive Assistant with a hiring range of \$35,855 - \$40,905 effective February 1, 2013. (RESOLUTION #2)

A motion was made by Annie Lawrence and seconded by Ed DeJanerio to approve the amendment. No vote was taken on the original Resolution as submitted. After discussion a motion was made by Annie Lawrence and seconded by Frank Ferrando to amend Resolution # 2 to read effective with the next pay period pending and Legislature's approval. A voice vote was taken on the amendment and carried. A motion was made by Frank Ferrando and seconded by Annie Lawrence to approve the amended resolution for placement on the Ways and Means agenda for the salary schedule for Senior Executive Assistant effective the next pay period in September and pending Legislature's approval. A voice vote was taken and passed the resolution as amended.

Chris Schaller requested approval of a salary schedule amendment for Administrative Intern at a Salary Grade 2 effective September 1, 2013 through March 1, 2014 at a rate of \$11,100.

After discussion a motion was made by Annie Lawrence and seconded by Ed DeJanerio for placement on the Ways and Means agenda. After further discussion it was determined to find an alternate source for providing monies for said position. A motion was made by Frank Ferrando and seconded by Annie Lawrence to table this resolution. A voice vote was taken and carried the motion. (RESOLUTION #3)

Jay Gsell presented the request for reimbursement approval for the Mental Health Department to purchase injectable medications to meet client needs which will be reimbursable through the NYS Insurance Buy and Bill Program. The budget amendment for the medication reimbursement is in the amount of \$35,000. A motion was made by Ed DeJanerio and seconded by Annie Lawrence to refer the budgetary request to the Legislature Agenda. A voice vote was taken. The motion was carried. (RESOLUTION #4)

There was nothing to report from the County Manager's Office. A reminder of the budget meeting was made by Jay. The budget meeting will be held on October 5th beginning at 8:00 am.

The next Human Services meeting will be on September 30, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm. upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Esther Leadley, Chair
Human Service Committee