

Present: Legislators Ferrando, Stein, Young, Davis, DeJaneiro, Bausch, and Torrey. Also Present: Legislators Bausch, Cianfrini, DeJaneiro, Clattenburg and Torrey. County Manager Gsell, Assistant County Manager Landers, OFA Director Ruth Spink, Nursing Home Administrator Christine Schaller, Youth Bureau Executive Director Jocelyn Sikorski, Public Health Director Paul Pettit, Deputy Health Director David Whitcroft, County Attorney Charles Zambito, Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves, County Treasurer Scott German, Freed Maxick Representative Laura Landers , Christopher Eckert and Jesse Gasbarro Also in attendance were Daily News Reporter Paul Mrozek, The Batavian Reporter Howard Owens.

Chair Ferrando called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM at the Old Courthouse. The minutes of the May 4, 2015 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Davis.

Assistant County Manager Landers presented a resolution in support of Independent Living of Genesee Region establishing the Genesee Region Advisory Committee for persons with disabilities. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young.

Youth Bureau Director Sikorski gave her Department Review. The 2015 Resource Allocation Plan was received in January 2015, with a new edition as of May 1, 2015. The funding was initially cut however the Youth Bureau received a \$1.285 million add-on with the passing of the state budget which restored funding to the 2014 final levels. The Youth Board has been very proactive in making educated decisions in the last few years with the lack of additional funding and status quo levels. They have eliminated funding to one program in 2015 and will meet in the fall to distribute additional funds from the final allocations received on May 1. 31 AmeriCorp Members have been selected to serve during the 2014-15 year. Three additional placements are pending. 20 Host Sites will benefit from the service of the 2014-15 AmeriCorps members. So far during the 2014-15 program years, members have recruited 72 volunteers who provided a combined 69 hours of service to different community organizations. Since the inception of the AmeriCorps program in 2004, a total of 310 members have served 419 terms, completing 232,151 hours and earning \$646,423 in Education Awards. Members continue to conduct a series of fitness and/or nutrition education activities with youth at their sites. During the last program year, a total of 477 youth participated in fitness education activities and a total of 47 youth participated in nutrition education sessions. The total number of Youth Court members is currently 21. 13 members participated in our Law Day Mock Trial on May 5, 2015. Five senior/graduating members were recognized at the Law Day event. A total of 20 Referrals were received in 2014; 16 were from law enforcement, 4 from schools and 1 from probation. 11 referrals have been received and 10 heard to date in 2015. The Committee thanked Mrs. Sikorski for her update.

Mrs. Sikorski requested an amendment to the Salary Schedule to provide a more efficient operation of the Youth Bureau department by creating an additional 19.5 hours per week Youth Program Assistant. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Davis.

Mental Health Director Reaves presented his Department Review. Some highlights include the Delivery System Reform Incentive Program. The Federal Government has proposed sweeping reforms to unnecessary hospital bed usage. There are relevant consequences to mental health services. OMH Long Term Stay Bed Closure (RCE). New York State Office of Mental Health has initiated a sweeping plan to address long term stay psych.-bed closures across the state. There will impact to local services. New York State continues to move towards Managed Care for all health care across the state. The main goal is an integration of physical health and mental health as well as addressing cost and quality.

Next Mr. Reaves requested a budget and salary schedule amendment to eliminate one Intake Clerk and create one part time Secretary. This was referred to Ways and Means with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Davis.

Next Mr. Reaves requested a budget and salary schedule amendment to create one part time Registered Professional Nurse. This was referred to Ways and Means with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Stein.

Mr. Reaves requested a budget and contract amendment to the 2015 Mental Health Association in Genesee County contract. New York State Office of Mental Health has approved an increase in State Aid funding retroactive to April 1, 2015 which requires this budget and contract amendment. This was referred to Ways and Means with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young.

Mr. Reaves requested a budget and contract amendment to the 2015 Restoration Society contract. New York State Office of Mental Health has approved an increase in State Aid funding retroactive to April 1, 2015 which requires this budget and contract amendment. This was referred to Ways and Means with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Davis.

Lastly Mr. Reaves requested a budget and contract amendment to the 2015 GCASA contract. New York State Office of Mental Health has approved an increase in State Aid funding retroactive to April 1, 2015 which requires this budget and contract amendment. This was referred to Ways and Means with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Davis seconded by Legislator Stein.

Office for the Aging Director Spink presented a contract with VNA Homecare Options, LLC. This contract will provide home delivered meals to County clients for a price of \$8.50 per meal. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young.

Health Director Pettit presented a contract with Monroe County for forensic pathology services and medico legal death investigation services. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Davis.

Next Mr. Pettit requested a Salary Schedule Amendment to delete one Senior Case Manager and create on Director of Children with Special Needs position. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young.

Mr. Pettit requested the acceptance of the Drinking Water Enhancement grant in the amount of \$85,922. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Davis.

Health Director Pettit and Deputy Director Whitcroft gave an overview on food permits for not-for-profit organizations. Not-for profit organizations have been paying some sort of fee to run a food stand since 2003. There are certain types of permits for different food type situations. There is a Letter of Permission that can be issued at no cost for periods of 2 years. Food can be offered to the public no more than 51 times annually, less than weekly, only IRS qualified fraternal, religious and educational groups who maintain a kitchen facility are eligible. Regular Food Service Establishment Permits, they are for brick and mortar facilities. They are classified by risk as defined by the New York State Department of Health, this is established by the menu and the population served. Currently the County has 103 high risk foodservice, 132 medium risk and 20 low risk foodservice. Mobile Food Service is a special class of foodservice that may have a trailer or tent that services a defined menu, that can travel around the county or not. Many group hold these permits as an economical way to service at multiple times and places. The County currently has 70 of these permit holders. Temporary Food Service is a food operation that offers a limited menu without a ware washing. Permits are good for 14 contiguous days at the same geographic location, serving the same menu. The County issues 170 temporary permits annually. In February 2013 the Board of Health voted that the Health Department will be adhering strictly to the definitions of religious, fraternal and charitable organizations as defined in the sanitary code. These types of organizations receive, upon request, a letter of permission to operate food service under the constraints at no charge. In that same years Deputy Director Whitcroft requested that the Board of Health remove the exemption from paying fees for those groups defined as youth sports organizations. Every other organization, including sports boosters and girl scouts, must pay permits. These organizations were informed and were permitted a year to allow them an attire season to fund raise to pay this new expense. The Committee thanked Mr. Pettit and Whitcroft for clarifying a few issues that did occur.

Nursing Home Administrator Schaller presented a contract with Maxim Staffing Solutions for supplemental healthcare staffing at the County Nursing Home. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young.

Next, Ms. Schaller requested a budget transfer and amendment for upgrades to the facility's co-gen plant to extend its useful life. This was referred to Ways and Means with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young.

Ms. Schaller requested an amendment to the salary schedule to provide a more efficient operation of her department by deleting two 10 per week Activity Aide positions and creating one 19.5 hour per week Activity Aide position. This was referred to Ways and Means with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Stein.

Lastly Ms. Schaller presented a contract with Vicki Weinstein Finnefrock for Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner services at a rate of \$125.00 per hour for up to four hours of service per week. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young.

Representatives from Freed Maxick presented a report related to their audit of the Nursing Home Financial Statement for the year ended December 31, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Stein.

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Frank Ferrando, Chair  
Human Services Committee  
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