

PRESENT: Chair Leadley, Legislators Lawrence, DeJaneiro and Ferrando. County Manager Gsell. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Pratt, Legislators Hancock, Bausch, and Stein, Smoke Free Now Coalition Director Keenan, Youth Representatives Barbeau and Sikorski, Health Department Representative Pettit, Mental Health Director Reaves, Nursing Home Administrator Schaller, Office for the Aging Director Whitmore, Daily News Reporter Mrozek.

Chair Leadley called the meeting to order at 4PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes of the September 4, 2012 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Smoke Free Genesee representatives Keenan and Hall and Youth Bureau representatives Barbeau and Sikorski were present to give an update on activities. The Agency represents Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming counties and is funded through the State Department of Health. Their mission is to discourage tobacco usage by teens and adults and they hope to eliminate point of sale displays and marketing which are very prevalent in convenience stores. Another mission is Tobacco Free outdoor spaces. It is estimated that \$1,000,000 per day is spent on tobacco marketing throughout New York State. The health and financial impact is heavy indeed. It is a Public Health priority for society today. Genesee County Parks have not adopted a Tobacco Free policy and the coalition is working towards this goal. Legislator Stein asked if such a policy were adopted, who would police it. Ms. Hall responded that the policy would act as a prevention of the behavior and is often policed by other Park attendees. Generally once reminded, an offender will cease the behavior. Public awareness is key. Legislator Ferrando noted his belief that the statement that this behavior is not approved of is important. It was suggested the coalition contact the Park Advisory Board for consideration.

Shared Public Health Director Pettit recommended approval of a grant acceptance in the amount of \$38,362 to continue Lead Poisoning Prevention Program activities. Funds will be used to support program staff salaries and fringes. \$8950 has been appropriated to the 2012 budget and the remaining balance is included in the proposed 2013 budget. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Mr. Pettit requested permission to apply for a Technology Improvement Award which would be used to purchase technology equipment for the clinic waiting room. Legislator Lawrence expressed concern about the learning curve some clients might have with ipads, etc. Permission to apply was approved upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Nursing Home Administrator Schaller recommended approval of a contract with PACE, a Medicare Program and Medicaid State Option that provides community based care and services to people who would otherwise need nursing home level of care. The focus of PACE is to help individuals live in the community for as long as possible focusing on preventive care. The primary benefit to the Nursing Home would be for Adult Day Care registrants. PACE services include transportation. This was approved for placement on

the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Lawrence. The primary purpose of the resolution at this time is to demonstrate that Genesee County will be a willing partner should a program be approved by the state. Legislator Lawrence asked how referrals would be made to the program. This would be by physicians. County Manager Gsell is a Board Member of the group seeking approval for a PACE Program within the County.

The Nursing Home is updating procedures so that staff can more efficiently and accurately record resident data and Ms. Schaller is recommending approval a contract with Minimum Data Set Solutions for the provision of an agreement for S-cores Software to be used in the training of staff on reporting activities of daily living. The cost for a 12 month period is \$7,300. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro. Data would be inputted into a touch screen kiosk and go directly to the MDS Coordinator. Legislator Lawrence stated she thought this happened two administrations ago. Ms. Schaller explained this is a separate program and a much better one. It will convert manual input process to electronic and she anticipates beginning it immediately.

Ms. Schaller recommended approval of a payroll system upgrade with ADP for the present system and time clock at a cost of \$15,9000. This will eliminate the need for a lot of hand work and duplication of inputting requirements by bridge with the County system. It was included in the Nursing Home Capital Projects. It was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Youth Director Sikorski requested approval of a budget transfer to cover a change in health care cost going from a single membership to a family membership in the amount of \$2761 from postage and advertising funds. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Ms. Sikorski recommended approval of two new Youth appointments to the Advisory board, Rachel DeNise and Bryce Rogers through December 2015. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Mental Health Director Reaves reported he has been notified of additional State pass through monies for the support of housing initiatives sponsored by Living Opportunities of DePaul. \$6319 will be appropriated to the 2012 budget and the remainder to the 2013 budget. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

With the acceptance of the housing monies for DePaul it is appropriate to put in place a funding contract as we have with other Mental Health Agencies. A contract with Living Opportunities of DePaul in the amount of \$6319 was approved for placement on the next

Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Office for the Aging Director Whitmore presented her 2013-2014 Funding Plan which projects State, Federal and Other grants in the amount of \$1,149,920 which is an increase of \$56,936 from the current period. Permission to apply was approved upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Ms. Whitmore presented her Department Review. She is concerned that they are unable to keep up with the increased cost and call for services. This has been a huge issue in 2012. Staff is down 23% over the past four years and the anticipated senior population is anticipated to increase 15% by 2015.

A tentative 2013 Committee schedule was distributed for review. The next meeting will be November 5, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

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Esther Leadley, Chair  
Human Service Committee

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