

PRESENT: Chair Leadley, Legislators Lawrence, Ferrando, and DeJaneiro County Manager Gsell. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Pratt, Legislator Stein, County Historian/Records Management Officer Conklin, Nursing Home Representatives Peartree and Canale, Public Health Interim Director Whitcroft, Empire Housing Director Morris, Assistant County Manager Ciaccia, Human Resource Director Marchese, Legislator Bausch, Office for the Aging Director Whitmore, Mental Health Director Reaves.

Chair Leadley called the meeting to order at 4PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes of the January 9, 2012 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Nursing Home Administrator Peartree recommended approval of a salary schedule amendment to fulfill NYS DOH requirements for case management services in a licensed Adult Home. The position of Adult Home Case Manager will be responsible for promoting awareness of the facility through outreach and collaboration with other Human Service agencies. The position will coordinate all referrals and admissions, and promote program improvements and case management for residents. A Social Work Assistant position will be eliminated which is at the same Grade and Step as the new position. 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. Legislator Lawrence asked how many people are at the DOM. There are 43. Legislator Lawrence asked if the position should be part time instead of full time. The ratio is mandated by the State and a Full Time position is required. Mr. Peartree noted that the position will bring needed outreach capabilities which should pay off in the future. Legislator Lawrence asked how many DOM residents were private pay. Currently there are 8-9.

County Historian/Records Management Officer Conklin requested permission to hold Ghost Walk activities which are in their 6th year. Walks will be held on the second and third Fridays in October. Proceeds are used to off-set project costs for the Historians Association which include funding an Americorps member, historic markers and book publications. Permission was approved upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Mrs. Conklin requested permission to donate an extra copy of "Lincoln's Fifteen Lost Hours" written by a Genesee County resident and requested for the Lincoln Library. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Office for the Aging Director Whitmore reported that transportation services to and from the social daycare program at Gardenvue Senior Care have been arranged and funded through the Vic Blood Foundation, but discontinued in January 2012. LeRoy Christian Community Project is now doing this. An addendum to that contract is requested to add a subsidy for transportation services for participants in this program. Services were \$15 per round trip and the new cost has been lowered to \$3.22 per round trip. OFA has grant funds to continue to support transportation for seniors attending the program. This was

approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Interim Public Health Director Whitcroft gave his Department Review and copies were distributed to all Legislators. The Governor's proposed budget does not make further cuts to funding for core services. COLAs have been eliminated in favor of performance based rewards. Staff has been reduced 25% to 16 FTEs. They are waiting for final IRS determination of the review of contracted services. This has a potential for huge impact on the operation. Emergency Preparedness is being closely reviewed with increasing training requirements and uncertain support level. The proposed restructure of the EI program would provide some relief. Contracted service coordinators are being sought and success would eliminate a number of costs associated with traditional employees. The governor's proposed budget includes changes to the Preschool Program which would implement some of the 2007 Task Force recommendations. Mr. Whitcroft noted he continues to serve as Interim Director under a special appointment granted by NYS DOH. Decisions on how to proceed may have significant impact on the Department budget.

Mr. Whitcroft introduced Empire Housing Director Morris who he hopes to partner with to seek a Federal Housing block Grant for the purpose of offering a source of funding for county residents to correct deficiencies with well water, sewage disposal and other related appurtenance. They are currently working with other counties. Mr. Morris noted that GIS will be a positive factor in seeking such funding. Permission to apply was approved upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Mr. Whitcroft recommended grant acceptance of Early Intervention Administration Program funding in the amount \$40,233 for continuation of the Program. These funds were appropriated into the 2011 and 2012 budget. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

A letter of agreement with Perry Veterinary Clinic to deliver Rabies Program related services valued up to an amount of \$3500 per year through December 31, 2014 was approved upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando. Legislator Bausch stated he would be abstaining on this resolution. Perry Veterinary Clinic is his employer. This is a long standing agreement that came to light after they bought the Batavia Animal Hospital.

The Health Department would like to participate again with the City of Batavia to offer a free Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic in Centennial Park. They are requesting approval of the Event Application for June 9, 2012. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

A contract for the provision of related services to eligible children in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program with Jennifer Reding d/b/a/ Music Therapy Pathways Creative Arts through June 30, 2012 was approved for placement on the next

Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando. Legislator Lawrence inquired where the provider was located. Legislator Clattenburg asked if an RFP had been issued. Mr. Whitcroft will get back to them with responses.

Mr. Whitcroft presented his Department Review and a copy of it was distributed to all Legislators.

Mental Health Director Reaves is recommending several changes in the Case Management staffing due to pending funding and regulatory changes from the NYS Office of Mental Health, which will take the Agency from a fee for service format to Managed Care. Clients should see the same service level. A Case Manager will see the patient first and triage to supportive Case Management. Clinic hours will be from 7:30AM – 7:30PM two nights a week and by appointment every night. Mr. Reaves' proposal will result in a savings to the County Budget of about \$32,000 by eliminating 3 Intensive Case Managers-FT, 1 MH Clinical Social Worker FT. and creating 2 MH Therapy Assistants PT and 1 Supervising MH Clinical Social Worker FT. This was forwarded to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Mr. Reaves presented an amendment to the 2012 CSEA Salary Schedule to retain 1 FT Case Manager II which was originally slated for deletion on March 31, 2012. The majority of the funding for this position will be State Aid and billing revenue. This was forwarded to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Mr. Reaves recommended a salary schedule amendment to eliminate 1 Therapeutic Activities Aide and create 1 MH Licensed Practical Nurse with a County cost of about \$2000. This is expected to lessen pressure for Registered Nurse services as part of the restructuring. This was forwarded to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Mr. Reaves reported that there are so many changes taking place with the new state philosophy. Mental Health and Physical Health are uniting, as they should. The new Managed Care level should support clients in a positive way. Daily census has grown from 78 to 132. The mean age of clients is now down to 7 years old. Clinically acute conditions are manifesting faster. Clients cannot be just medicated any longer. Issues must be identified and worked through. Legislator Lawrence noted that many of the changes are modeling the Ohio, Wisconsin models-Managed Care. There is a train coming down the track and we are building our station.

County Manager Gsell reported that he and Interim Health Director Whitcroft are visiting Orleans County to talk about a possible shared services program and a long term plan for their individual departments.

The next Human Service meeting will be held on April 2, 2012 at 4PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25PM upon motion of Legislator Ferrando, seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Esther Leadley, Chair
Human Service Committee

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