

PRESENT: Chair Leadley, Legislators DeJaneiro, Lawrence and Ferrando. County Manager Gsell. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Pratt, Legislators Hancock and Stein, Batavian Reporter Owens, Cooperative Extension Executive Director Mancuso, Legislator Bausch, Housing Initiative Representatives Boss and Wilcox, Youth Director Sikorski, Public Health Interim Director Whitcroft, Nursing Home Administrator Schaller, Nursing Home Controller Kuehl, Daily News Reporter Mrozek, Health Department Representative Ferringer, Office for the Aging Director Whitmore, Office for the Aging Services Administrator Spink, Social Services Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Social Services Director of Financial Services Castiglione.

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

In a Program Review and looking towards the 2013 Budget, Mental Health Director Reaves requested approval of a salary schedule amendment to eliminate one FT Community Mental Health Nurse (vacant) and create one FT Licensed Practical Nurse and one PT Therapeutic Activities Aide for an estimated annual savings of \$5400. 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.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Mancuso was present for her Agency Review. She noted that the Agency was formed to ensure that every County resident had access to Cornell University. Currently the four Program areas are Agriculture, Civic Engagement, 4H and Nutritional Lifestyles. She is concerned should the Program receive another funding cut in 2013 Program and staff cuts will result. They continually look for alternative funding. She distributed a "Buy Local Guide" produced by Extension.

The Smoke Free Coalition will be invited by Chair Leadley to make a presentation next month to the Human Service Committee.

Housing Initiative representative Wilcox noted he has been involved with the Program for 22 years through Rural Opportunities and now Pathstone. Pathstone representative Boss reported on the Home Ownership Program, Owner Occupied Repair Program and Handyman Program. They are working on a new Manufactured Housing Replacement Initiative for Genesee and Orleans Counties.

Nursing Home Administrator Schaller recommended approval of a contract with Health Systems Services for the provision of prosthetic devices and all applicable medical supplies covered under the Medicare Part B Program through August 2013 with four possible one year renewals. This is in response to an RFP with one respondent. The contract will not use any county funds, Medicare Part B recipients are covered and Medicare will be billed on the patient's behalf. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Chris Kuehl will retire from the Nursing Home on July 21, 2012 as part of the Early Retirement Incentive offered by the County. The Nursing Home Administrator has requested that Mrs. Kuehl continue to work on a part-time basis to oversee the completion of three projects and is recommending a part-time Controller position be created effective July 22, 2012. 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. It is expected that the Projects should be complete by October 1, 2012.

As a result of the retirement of Mrs. Kuehl, the Business Office is being reorganized. The Nursing Home Administrator has requested the creation of a Director of Finance position and will bring a salary schedule amendment forward to the Ways & Means Committee. The Management Salary Committee met on Friday and ranked the position. It was the consensus of the Committee to place this on the W&M Committee Agenda.

At a previous Committee meeting a resolution was brought forward approving a contract with an architectural study for the relocation of the Adult Day Care Program within the Nursing Home. It was tabled and the Administrator was asked to prepare a cost benefit analysis. Net income was projected at \$138,791 for 20 slots, \$203,116 for 25 slots, and \$281,338 for 30 slots. The service agreement with LaBella Associates at a cost of \$4300 was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Interim Public Health Director Whitcroft reported that he has issued a letter of support for Rainbow Preschool to open a full day 8:1:3 classroom in Batavia. Having a full day option in the County would meet the needs of some students who are currently being bussed out of county to center-based programs. This was supported upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Contracts for the provision of Special Education Itinerant Teacher Services, Classroom Services, and Evaluator services to eligible children in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program were approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Contract renewals for the provision of related services to eligible children in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program were approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando. These rates were lowered by 2-2 ½ % through negotiation.

Public Health Director Whitcroft explained that immediate corrective action is needed from the NYS DOH Bureau of Early Intervention in order to obtain state reimbursement for Early Intervention Services. The County is currently unable to generate the supportive documentation required by the NYS DOH BEI due to a software malfunction in the NY EIS. Per NYS Public Health Law Genesee County is entitled to state reimbursement for EI Services. Genesee County began processing services for the EI in NYEIS beginning April 1, 2011. EI Services delivered by the County providers, estimated at \$750,000 are

currently documented in NYEIS, of which, an estimated \$270,000 need to be submitted to the NYS DOH for reimbursement. Genesee County, along with surrounding counties, has been advised by the NYEIS Help Desk that the software module is not working and that there are no immediate plans to correct the issue. The Health Department is seeking the support of the Legislature to encourage the BEI to immediately correct the issue or provide an acceptable work around to allow counties to obtain reimbursement for monies due. It is noted that NYS will deny claims which are submitted after two years from the date of service. It was the consensus of the Committee to have the Health Department/County Manager draft a letter for all Legislators to sign.

Youth Director Sikorski recommended acceptance of the USTA Eastern Grant in the amount of \$2370 and a corresponding budget amendment. \$1000 was already included in the 2012 budget. The grant will be primarily used to cover the cost of Americorps volunteers as tennis instructors and equipment purchases as needed. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro. Legislator Clattenburg stated that the used tennis balls would be a welcome donation to St. Joseph's School. Mrs. Sikorski asked her to put the request in writing.

Office for the Aging Director Whitmore requested permission to enter into a contract with the P2 Collaborative with OFA as the Community Based Organization that works with UMMC, Independent Living and Alzheimer's Association to provide Care Transitions Intervention for qualified Medicaid patients with a diagnosis of CHF or COPD. Contracts establish a Care Transition Intervention coaching system that would assist individuals with supportive discharge plans in order to help patients get the care they need to continue recovery and remain stable following hospitalization. Genesee is one of eight rural counties included in the program. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Lawrence. The County Attorney was also authorized to execute the necessary document to name P2 Collaborative as additional insured through June 30, 2014.

Three additional contracts were approved in conjunction with this contract with community providers assigning coaches for persons noted above. These include:

- UMMC Motion by Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando
- WNY Independent Living Motion by Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Ferrando
- Alzheimer's Association Motion by Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

A consulting agreement with Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York for consulting services on the project "Investing in an Elder Competent Workforce: Strengthening Nursing and Social Work Education" was approved through December 2014 in the amount of \$10,000 between GCC and OFA for coaching.

Acceptance of Grant awards and corresponding budget amendments were requested to cover several OFA Programs:

Three Marshall Fund grants were recommended for acceptance: Transportation Coordination \$54,000, Handyman Intake \$9,570, and Marketing Coordination \$17,000. This is \$7000 above expected awards.

Revenue adjustments for State, Federal and other funding sources

Acceptance of Bequest from the Estate of Frank Spiotta in the amount of \$21,740 \$68,260 is additional revenue is expected in total and the budget amendment places these in appropriate budget lines to pay for operational expenses corresponding to each of the funding sources. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Renewal of an annual contract with Job Development for the operation of the Title V Senior Community Services Employment Program in the amount of \$36,839 pass-through funds was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Permission to extend the contract with Lake Plains Community Care Network for the coordination and implementation of the Chronic Disease Management Program through September 30, 2012 in the amount of \$3700 was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Director Whitmore requested approval of a salary schedule amendment to create one position of Case Supervisor Grade B to rebalance workloads resulting from previous budget cuts to keep up with the current demands for service as well as meet grant requirements for programs. \$23,289 is needed to support this position this year and those funds are available from additional grant funding being incorporated in the budget. 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.

An insurance certificate for OFA participation at the LeRoy Farmers Market on August 11, 2012 in the amount of at least \$1,000,000 was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

The Federal Program supporting ramp installation for clients has been discontinued and as a result, the Director is recommending that a 2 section aluminum ramp be declared surplus and sent to auction. Funds realized would need to be returned to the OFA for use towards programs and services for seniors as required by State and Federal regulations. 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.

Social Services Commissioner Kirkpatrick and Social Services Director of Financial Services Castiglione were present at the request of Legislator Lawrence to update the Committee on selected DSS Mandated Programs. Legislator Lawrence coordinated the

Mayday Mandate Relief for Genesee County and coupled with the Commissioners Monthly Budget Report at the end of March, became very concerned about what appeared to be trends. She requested information from the Commissioner which included the ages of clients receiving services and the Commissioner presented her with a very comprehensive overview which has been shared with all Legislators. These mandated programs are funded with Federal/State/Local dollars, or 100% tax dollars. They all contribute to the unsustainable costs of Medicaid. A Copy of the report is attached to the formal minutes.

In addition, Commissioner Kirkpatrick is very concerned about the State-Takeover of Medicaid Administration Program as it is being revealed. That report is also attached to the formal minutes. At this point in time her recommendation would be to have the State take it, take it, take it. Legislator Hancock thanked Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Castiglione for the information presented and stated she believes we are on a mission impossible crash course.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Esther Leadley, Chair
Human Service Committee

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