

PRESENT: Chair Leadley, Legislators Ferrando, Lawrence and Hancock. Legislator DeJaneiro absent. County Manager Gsell. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Pratt, Social Services Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Veterans Officer Joyce, Public Health Interim Director Whitcroft, Daily News Reporter Mrozek, Legislators Bausch and Stein, Youth Representative Frank, Batavian Reporter Owens.

Chair Leadley called the meeting to order at 4PM in the Legislature Conference Room. Legislator Hancock sat in as voting member for Legislator DeJaneiro who was absent. The minute of the July 30, 2012 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Hancock seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Youth Department representative Franks recommended the acceptance of the 3rd year grant allocation from Americorps in the amount of \$181,625 for the period October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. Funding for 2012 has been included in the budget and the remainder of the grant will be included in the 2013 budget. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando. It will allow for 45 positions beginning in October. Successful applicants receive some pay as well as a stipend and college tuition credits. For those 55 and older they can now pass the scholarship money on to a child or grandchild within 10 years of their service to a Title IV school. The local share requirement for a host agency for a 900 hour position is \$2250.

Interim Public Health Director Whitcroft recommended a grant acceptance for Emergency Preparedness Funding in the amount of \$53,500 through June 2013. \$22,292 has been included in the 2012 budget. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando. This is Federal pass-through funding which is based on population.

Mr. Whitcroft recommended the approval of two candidates for municipality reps for the Committee on Preschool Special Education of the County School Districts. These individuals will be paid at the rate of \$40 per hour plus mileage through December 31, 2013. Both candidates were approved for placement on the Legislature Agenda as follows:

Laura Calla upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Michelle Franks upon motion of Legislator Hancock seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Mr. Whitcroft stated he had advertised on Craig's List and received 14-18 applicants. Four were interviewed and he is bringing these two candidates forward. There is currently one contract still in place. Many of the local CPSE Boards have new Chairs and he is hopeful the municipal reps will work closely with the Committees to our mutual benefit.

Mr. Whitcroft reported that when the Health Department attempted to submit its vouchers for the Preschool/EI Programs to the new state system they were denied. The County is now reprocessing the information. There seems to remain a hitch in the State software. He also reported that the State is objecting to evaluations by providers who will also be providing services which was originally their requirement. This presents problems for

rural areas and they are attempting to work it out with the State. Orleans County Director of Health has been attending the Genesee County Board of Health meetings and is participating in the budget process.

Department of Social Services Commissioner Kirkpatrick presented her Department Review. The 2012 Budget looks to be on track at this time. Her biggest concern going forward is the Medicaid Administration proposal from the State. The 2013 Budget raises concerns. There is currently a \$60-\$70,000 shortfall, all of which is local share. She reviewed State Training School placements and their cost to the County. She outlined the training process for the Veterans Service Officer. There is currently a serious backlog of claims at the regional office and they are working 24-7 to catch up. Genesee County is appreciative of the National Cemetery new location efforts and pro location here within our borders. Not only will it be appropriate for our families, but it will bring visitors to our area, being ideally located with easy access from the NYS Thruway. She appreciated the efforts of Director of Financial Services Castiglione for the VITA Program.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick recommended the appointment of William R. Joyce as the Director of Veterans Service Agency effective September 15, 2012. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Hancock.

The next Human Service Committee will be held on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 4PM.

County Manager Gsell reported that InterCounty will be meeting at NYSAC. NYSAC reports that the State is considering control boards for several counties.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Hancock.

Esther Leadley, Chair
Human Services Committee

Submitted 9/10 cpp