

PRESENT: Chair Leadley, Legislators Ferrando, Lawrence and DeJaneiro. County Manager Gsell. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Pratt, Daily News Reporter Mrozek, Legislators Clattenburg and Hancock, Mental Health Director Reaves, NIOGA and local Library Representatives, Holland Land Office Director Donohue, County Historian/Records Management Officer Conklin, Health Director Whitcroft, Nursing Home Administrator Schaller.

Chair Leadley called the meeting to order at 4PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes of the July 2, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

NIOGA Library representatives, local Library representatives and interested citizen were present to give their annual update. A flyer was distributed highlighting direct support from municipalities for libraries including Corfu Free Library, Haxton Memorial Library, Byron-Bergen Public Library, Woodward Memorial Library, Pavilion Public Library, and Richmond Memorial Library. Richmond Memorial Library in an effort to hold the budget line cut some online resources. This was reevaluated after the Public Hearing and a presentation on how important these resources were to users. NIOGA has been in business for 54 years and brings maximum purchasing power to the three counties who participate in their program. County funds help purchase new materials. During these times of economic duress people are turning to libraries in record numbers to assist with research on do-it-yourself projects, job searches and other information gathering missions. Some areas of the County are providing no support to the libraries even though their citizens are enjoying the benefits. Legislator Lawrence asked if the local library was still tracking usage by the citizens of Darien. This is more difficult as things have become automated and users may have a Richmond Memorial card even though they live elsewhere. Legislator Lawrence urged contact with the Darien Town Board to ask that they participate in library funding.

Holland Land Office Director Donohue stated he knew these were difficult budget times. He noted that the Museum received 15,000 visitors this past year, with many of them international guests. These visitors bring tourism dollars into the community during their visits. The Board is requesting that funding remain level for 2013. Currently in addition to the volunteers, there is the Director position and one part-time assistant. Cutting back staff would present a true hardship. Inventory of the artifacts continues and it is a daunting task. They are currently researching new exhibits. Legislator Ferrando, liaison to the HLO stated he is impressed with the hardworking and hands on Board assembled for the Museum. Membership and donations are increasing. Ann Marie Starowitz has put together an impressive Summer Program and they can be seen around town in their bright red tee-shirts.

Office for the Aging Director Whitmore recommended the appointment of two Advisory Board members, Betty Grasso of Batavia as a Community Member and Kathleen Rissew, a medical social worker with HCR as a Provider/Caregiver Member. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro. Legislator

Clattenburg noted that Ms. Rissew is not a resident of the County and she would prefer to see county residents appointed to Boards.

Legislator Leadley asked if the Office for the Aging was still accepting applications for the Caseworker position approved recently. Mrs. Whitmore responded that the position has not yet been posted as there is concern over long term funding. They will accept resumes at this time.

Nursing Home Administrator Schaller recommended approval of the final one year renewal to the Laundry and Linen Service contract with Angelica Textiles. Initially a 15% increase was requested, it was then dropped to 7 1/2% with a final negotiation of 5%. Legislator Ferrando asked how this compared with other vendors. Mrs. Schaller responded that they were looking at other vendors during negotiations and she recommends continuing with Angelica at this time. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Lawrence. A question was asked about resident personal laundry currently handled in house. This is working well and the recommendation is to continue as is.

Mental Health Director Reaves recommended approval of a salary schedule amendment which would abolish one Principal Clerk position and create a Clerk-Typist position effective September 7, 2012 with an annual savings of \$7200. This is a result of the Department's ongoing staff and support evaluations. Upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando this was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda.

An appointment recommendation of Mary Ellen Loos of Batavia to return to the Community Services Board as a consumer member 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, Legislature Liaison to the Mental Health Board reported that recruitment is underway for a faith-based member with involvement with the mental health community as a result of the resignation of Reverend Mattimore.

Public Health Director Whitcroft recommended approval of Preschool Program provider contracts which was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Early Intervention contract providers were also approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Mr. Whitcroft reported that the Bureau of Early Intervention has turned on the module to accept claims for the program. The Health Department was contacted late Friday afternoon as part of a statewide call requesting vouchers be submitted prior to the weekend. The State will be holding a webinar on the new system. The Health Department will contact Assemblyman Hawley's office to keep them abreast of what is

happening. Assemblyman Hawley followed up on the Legislature's letter to State Officials in regards to this concern.

County Historian/Records Management Officer Conklin reported on the status of the Disaster Management Plan and Report created by consultant James Tannaro. This was first approved and accepted by the Records Advisory Board. It was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Lawrence. One vulnerability noted during the review was that the definition of a "vital record" was not clear to some Departments. A plan for the future is being developed with 9 identified priorities. Some of these are doable immediately. Legislator Leadley stated she would email some information she received as an Advisory Board member to be shared with all Legislators. Legislator Lawrence asked if the Municipalities could also benefit from the Disaster Plan. Mrs. Conklin stated it was her plan to make a presentation to GAM. Legislator Lawrence suggested she may want to hold some seminars and charge a fee. County Manager Gsell noted that this Project was completed as part of a Records Management Grant which the Municipalities could also apply for individually.

Mrs. Conklin has a deficit in her Personal Services and Fringe line totaling \$430 which was overspent completing the moving of records to a safer location. It is the recommendation of the budget Office to take this from Contingency. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

County Manager Gsell reported that work continues on a single Public Health Director for Genesee and Orleans Counties. The State passed enabling legislation allowing this to happen. The Boards of Health have been meeting and it is expected to take place in October meeting the deadline set by the State for Genesee County to have a permanent Director in place. The County Attorney is working on the Intermunicipal Agreement.

Chair Leadley confirmed the next meeting date as Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 4PM. Legislator DeJaneiro will not be at the meeting and Chair Hancock will make a temporary appointment to sit in that day.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Esther Leadley, Chair
Human Service Committee
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