

PRESENT: Chair Leadley, Legislators Ferrando, DeJaneiro, and Lawrence. County Manager Gsell. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Pratt, Legislator Stein, Public Health Director Pettit, Youth Director Sikorski, Nursing Home Administrator Schaller, County Historian/Records Management Officer Conklin, Assistant County Manager Ciaccia, Mental Health Director Reaves, Legislator Bausch, Daily News Reporter Mrozek, Commissioner of Social Services Kirkpatrick, Director of Financial Services Castiglione, Batavian Reporter Owen.

Chair Leadley called the meeting to order at 4PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes of the January 28, 2013 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Mental Health Director Reaves reported that last fall they established a full time Supervising Mental Health Clinical Social Worker position in hopes that they would be able to recruit someone to work primarily with children. Recruitment for this position has not been successful and the recommendation at this time is to delete that position and create a full time Mental Health Clinical Social Worker to see children. The Medical Director will supervise the position. 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.

It was noted that the County sent a letter to NYS Mental Health requesting approval of Ellery Reaves appointment as Mental Health Director. No response has been received.

Assistant County Manager Ciaccia noted that the Human Service Committee had discussion on security and employee safety as it related to the Social Services Department. It was then the request of the Committee that the discussion be expanded to all County Buildings and employees and a report brought back to the Legislature by the Safety Committee. Mr. Ciaccia is the Chair of the Safety Committee and he has convened a meeting and the request is being looked into. A 5 member subcommittee has been established with two areas of focus:

Is tighter security necessary?

Training for employees if there is an active shooter event.

Some criteria will be put together by the subcommittee. Legislator Lawrence asked what the time frame was for such a report. Mr. Ciaccia will be ready to report again in April or May. Grant Resources may be available and will be researched. Law enforcement is represented on the subcommittee. Legislator DeJaneiro asked about security camera installation. It was noted that for these to be effective in prevention, they would have to be monitored on a full time basis. It was the consensus of the Committee that the report should be delivered to the full Legislature at a Committee of the Whole or a Conference Session.

Youth Director Sikorski received notice of a COLA to the Reality Check Program in the amount of \$11,730 from the NYSDOH and requested that this be accepted and the budget be amended. 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.

Disposal of a broken Panasonic Electronic typewriter at the Youth Bureau was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Family Game Night will be sponsored on April 25, 2013 as part of County Government Week in Genesee County.

County Historian/Records Management Officer Conklin reported that the Syracuse Foundry Grant Program offers monuments valued at \$1000 each to qualifying applicants. Many municipalities are participating and she is putting together three requests. The first is for the current owner of the Old County Home, another for the Holland Land Purchase eastern boundary at Transit Road, and for the first cemetery which is now on private property. She was given permission to proceed upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Nursing Home Administrator Schaller requested approval of a salary schedule amendment which would delete a Nursing Unit Manager at 37.5 hours per week and create a Supervising Nurse at 30.0 hours per week effective March 14, 2013. The position would cover evening/night hours. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Mrs. Schaller recommended a contract for transportation services due to the increased number of residents requiring dialysis. Bids were reviewed and the recommendation is to enter into a contract with the lowest bidder, Batavia Bus Lines at an annual cost of \$19,000 through March 31, 2014 with provision for 4 additional one year renewals if desired. Mrs. Schaller noted that currently CNAs drive patients to the treatments using the Activities Bus. There is a restriction on new admits needing dialysis due to lack of transport ability. The CAN time could be put to more appropriate use and the Activities Van can be used for its intended transport of residents. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Social Services Commissioner Kirkpatrick gave an update on the State Medicaid Administration takeover. Copies were distributed to all Legislators. Mrs. Kirkpatrick noted that Legislators may receive complaints from constituents and wanted them to know the facts. The transition will affect Social Services staffing and cross training is already going on. Because of Civil Service Rules positions may be reduced but they will be subject to bumping rights of Union employees. It is premature at this time to present any future budget assumptions.

Public Health Director Pettit requested permission to apply for a Technology Improvement Award/ Our application last year was not successful but we are now

eligible to reapply. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

A contract for Early Intervention services with Speech, Language and Communication Associates of Williamsville through December 2013 at rates set by the Department of Health was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

A grant amendment to accept a cost of living adjustment in the amount of \$3,077 for the Lead poisoning prevention program was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

A contract award for the provision of providing payment processing services with PayGOV.US was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

A grant amendment to accept a Rabies Reimbursement Program for the next 6 years in the estimated amount of \$15,302.68 per year was presented. The funding must be used for the reimbursement of expenditures associated with rabies control activities. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando. Medical services are procured through Urgent Care with follow-up at the Health Department versus the Emergency Room. When applicable, private insurance is billed for services.

A grant amendment to accept a cost of living adjustment in the amount of \$2438 for the Tobacco Enforcement Program was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

A contract for preschool supportive health services for the provision of SEIT services, classroom services, and evaluator services with Gateway-Longview of Williamsville was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

A contract for preschool supportive health services for the provision of related services with Gateway-Longview was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Concern was expressed by the Committee about the rising costs of these Programs. County Manager Gsell noted that NYSAC is an active partner in the search for reform.

An event application with the City of Batavia for the purpose of providing a free Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic in Centennial Park for June 1, 2013 was presented and approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Ferrando. It was noted that this is the best attended clinic each year.

A resolution approving a provider agreement with NYS DOH for service coordination in the Early Intervention Program was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro. Under the new procedure contracts with providers will become null and void and services will continue to be provided under contracts with the State.

Public Health Director Pettit presented his Department Review and copies were distributed to each Legislator as part of their Committee backup.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40.

Esther Leadley, Chair
Human Service Committee

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