

Present: Human Services Committee Chair Shelley Stein, Legislator Andrew Young, Legislator John Deleo, Legislator Robert Bausch. Also present Legislator Ray Cianfrini, Legislator Gregg Torrey, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, Health Department Director Paul Pettit, County Historian Michael Eula, Asst. County Attorney Durin Rogers, GO ART! Director Jen Gray, H R Director Anita Cleveland, Nursing Home Administrator Christine Schaller, Office for the Aging Director Ruth Spink, DSS Commissioner Eileen Kirkpatrick, DSS Finance Director Carla Mindler, County Manager Jay Gsell, Asst. County Manager Mat Landers, Daily News Reporter Jim Krencik.

Chair Stein called the meeting to order at 4:28 PM at the Old Courthouse. The minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Youth Bureau Director Jocelyn Sikorski presented on one vacancy for the City of Batavia for the Genesee County Youth Board; Shelly Wolanske, a former AmeriCorps worker. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Jennifer Gray, Executive Director of GO ART! highlighted some of the points made in her written department review. Jen has been in her position for a few months. There has been turn over with the executive director position at GO ART! however, she is interested in seeing the organization thrive and help contribute to more activity in the county as well as more visitors who come in and spend money. Discussion ensued regarding the distribution of Bed Tax. County Manager Gsell clarified that 95% of Bed Tax is allocated, by statute, to the designated tourism agency (Genesee County Chamber of Commerce) and the remaining 5% covers administrative costs (county treasurer). Collaboration and partnering with the Chamber and other entities was encouraged by Legislators. Arts & Cultural Planning/Advisory group has met in the past and they have looked at all arts, visual, performing, etc. They may be a resource for Jen and GO ART! Legislator Torrey commented that Arts & Cultural Advisory Groups falls under the Parks of which he is the liaison.

County Manager Gsell then presented the resolution to fund GO ART! in 2016 for \$7,000 for the promotion of music and art appreciation. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Health Department Director Pettit presented a summary report of his previously submitted three page annual report. He highlighted the following; Article 6 funding remains flat (\$650,000) however, they are lobbying for a \$100,000 increase. There have been savings from cross jurisdictional services with Orleans County, less staff costs and less redundancy (meetings, travel time, etc.). They are working on updating the community health assessment, Leveraging technology as they explore the use of drones, they are establishing partnerships with local services for STD testing and treatment as well as with Monroe Co TB clinic. They have invested in emergency preparedness and are current with emerging issues such as Ebola, heroin/prescription drugs, Zika. Health

Department continues to share the Preschool Director with Orleans County even with the high numbers of program participants. The Health Department is now utilizing Erie County ME's office for services (previously Monroe Co.).

Paul Pettit then presented on a contract for the provision of services to eligible children in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Next, Mr. Pettit explained the need for a contract for related services for the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

County Historian Michael Eula described a Legends and Lore William G. Pomeroy Foundation Historical Marker Fund Grant for \$1,000 to purchase a historical marker and pole. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Office for the Aging Director Ruth Spink described their desire to educate adults on health insurance options and Medicare through four educational sessions at Batavia High School. Proof of insurance is requested for at least \$1 Mil naming Batavia City School district as additional insured. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Director Spink explained the request for a contract with Kalos Health to receive Medicaid covered congregate and home delivered meals. Home delivered meals cost \$8.50 each and congregate meals are at a cost of \$7.50. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Director Spink went on to describe the next resolution which is a renewal of RFP 2012-102 with dietitian Ellen Foster. Cost per hour has gone up from \$35 to \$36 per hour. Eight hours of dietitian services are provided to the OFA per week. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Mrs. Spink presented Carrie Herrmann for appointment to the Office for the Aging Advisory Council. The previous representative from DSS retired, resulting in the current vacancy. Maximum number on the Advisory Council is 18; 50% must be consumers. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Nursing Home Director Schaller joined Mrs. Spink to present on the next two resolutions. A result of Medicaid Redesign is Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) and several county departments will participate and have contracts with the Finger Lakes

Performing Provider System (FLPPS). FLPPS is a regional collaborative comprised of multiple projects that several counties and providers within the counties are working on to improve service delivery and reduce costs. OFA is requesting to enter into a contract with FLPPS for Phase I with a goal of reducing 30-day readmissions for chronic health conditions, educating the uninsured and improving access to high quality preventive services. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Next, Ms. Schaller presented the Nursing Home resolution for a contract with FLLPS for achieving their goals and deliverables. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Deleo.

DSS Commissioner Eileen Kirkpatrick presented historical information on staffing changes. There have been 11 retirements in the past 22 months. 7 have announced they are retiring this year with 4 more with the potential to retire this year. Many positions have been filled internally which results in much training time and learning. Moreover, there have been changes in the economy, employment rates, state-funded positions and regulations & mandates. Commissioner Kirkpatrick has carefully reviewed job titles, duties, pay and need for specific jobs and is proposing eliminating three and creating 3 new jobs. Request is for an in-take clerk, principal social services investigator and employment assistant position. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Young.


Legislator Stein asked Mrs. Kirkpatrick who is responsible for addressing Code Blue. Genesee County has strong working relationships and partnerships among law enforcement, DSS and MH to ensure resources are utilized and people stay safe.

County Manager Gsell presented two out-of-state travel requests:

Health Department staff Albert Cheverie is requesting to travel to Dallas Texas from April 17-22 for the Emergency Preparedness Summit – this is grant funded, no county cost. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Bausch.

OFA staff Courtney Iburi is requesting to travel to Springfield, Massachusetts from May 2-4, 2016 to attend the National RSVP Conference at a cost of \$844.00. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Legislator Deleo made a motion to adjourn at 5:54 PM seconded by Legislator Young.


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