

Present: Legislators Stein, Deleo, Young, DeJaneiro. Also Present: Legislators Cianfrini, Torrey, Davis, Clattenburg, Bausch, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, OFA Director Ruth Spink, Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves, Public Health Deputy Director David Whitcroft, County Attorney Charles Zambito, Nursing Home Administrator Christine Schaller, Dawn Canale, Tina Ferrando, BEA Coordinator Beth Kemp, Historian Michael Eula, Billie Owens, Alix Young, Lily Letourneau

Chair Stein called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM at the Old Courthouse. The minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Business Education Alliance Coordinator Beth Kemp highlighted programs and activities of the BEA including the emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). GCEDC is partnering with BEA to increase teaching opportunities in Oakfield-Alabama and Pembroke CS. She is planning a STEM careers workshop for April 20th and continues to plan the summer career exploration camps where they expect about 230 campers. She went on to describe an upcoming hiring fair at Batavia High School for employers looking to hire young people. Future goals include additional career camp options, more teacher site visits, additional lunch speakers at schools and "introduce a girl to engineering day".

County Manager Jay Gsell next explained the funding recommendation of \$3,452, the same amount as the past four years. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Nursing Home Administrator Christine Schaller gave the annual department review and explained the challenges the pending sale posed. Occupancy was down. The quality rating with CMS improved. Looking ahead goals are to stabilize staff, transition to private ownership and increase their index rating. The County Treasurer took out a 6 Million dollar RAN but do not expect to have to borrow prior to the completion of the sale. Dawn Canale and Tina Ferrando, Nursing Department employees were also present for the department review.

Ms. Schaller explained the need for an agreement renewal for clinical laboratory services provided by UMMC. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Next, Ms. Schaller explained the shortage of nurses and the need for multiple contracts with agencies that provide nursing services. The request for a contract extension with Nursecore was described and was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Ms. Schaller went on to request a contract renewal with Supplemental Health Care also for nursing services. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

A third contract approval for nursing services was requested with Clinical Staffing Resources. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Lastly, Ms. Schaller explained the need for interpretive services. At present, there is one resident who uses sign language to communicate and in need of sign language interpretation services. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Next, Health Department Deputy Director Whitcroft explained the Health Department is asking to accept the second half of a grant that is directed at Ebola and other infections disease preparedness. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Mental Health Director Reaves requested an amendment to the 2016 salary schedule that will eliminate one full-time, specialist (Outpatient Clinic), management grade M-5, one full-time case manager II, CSEA-General, grade 16.5, one financial clerk-typist, CSEA-General, grade 8-5, and create one full-time, case supervisor grade B mental health, in CSEA-General, Grade 18S-5 and creating one senior financial clerk, CSEA-General, Grade 10-5 effective April 18, 2016. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Next, Mr. Reaves explained the Mental Health Department has reviewed current staffing and future needs and determined that services and responsibilities of an intake clerk are needed and responsibilities of a file room attendant are no longer necessary. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Office for the Aging Director Ruth Spink explained there have been staffing changes on the Indian Reservation with their community services program. The individual who served on the OFA Advisory Board from the Tonawanda Reservation had to resign and the individual who has applied to replace her is working in the community services program and has experience with the elderly. She is recommending Brenda Jonathan be appointed to the OFA Advisory Board. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Mrs. Spink then explained the Rochester Regional Health Information Organization and how it is the next step in the Medicaid redesign process. When the county enters into an agreement, a one-way retrieval system will be in place allowing a medical doctor or facility with consent from the patient, to access the patient record to best serve the

patient. Minimal information will be available-example given is if a resident uses home-based services such as meal delivery. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Young.

County Historian Michael Eula requested permission to apply for a William G. Pomeroy Traditional Historic Roadside Marker Grant to place an historical marker at the Upton Family Farm site in Batavia. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo.

County Manager Jay Gsell discussed the state 2016-17 budget and the significant cost to the county for Medicaid. Local Medicaid population has increased from 7,900 to 12,270 since the affordable care act. Cost to Genesee County is 9.3 million.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23PM upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Deleo.



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