

PRESENT: Chair Leadley, Legislators Ferrando, Lawrence, DeJaneiro. County Manager Gsell. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Pratt, Social Services Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Nursing Home Administrator Schaller, Public Health Director Pettit, Mental Health Director Reaves, GO Art Director Kiebala, Office for the Aging Director Whitmore.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM in the Legislature Conference Room by Chair Leadley. The minutes of the December 3, 2012 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

GO Art Executive Director Kiebala thanked Legislators for their support of GO Art for the benefit of its citizens. She distributed an information booklet about some programs offered. There is a new Arts Education Grant for Schools in the amount of \$6,000. Arts Month is coming up and there will be several events including a Member Exhibit, Student art Contest, Print-Making exhibit, Poetry Contest, and a Ghost Writing contest. The Salon Series with themed dinners will be continued. Grants Decentralization Program continues to be their biggest thrust and has a dollars returned average of 7 to 1. Local funding is estimated to bring in \$3 for every \$1 spent. The Agency is undertaking a Strategic Planning Process and a Committee has been formed. Legislator DeJaneiro asked if the Arts Council did any collaboration with the Fair Board. There have been outreach efforts and Ms. Kiebala will try again.

The 2013 Arts Funding Agreement in the amount of \$6905 was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Social Services Commissioner Kirkpatrick requested that due to a retirement, approval of a salary schedule amendment to delete the remaining Receptionist position and create an Intake Clerk be approved. This will complete a process begun last year and does not represent a change in grade, but may represent savings as the positions are refilled with newer staff. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was asked at the last meeting to provide additional information about possible security issues within her Department. She has done extensive research and is reporting back to the Committee as requested. Our current security contract was put in place to maintain order in the waiting and interview rooms and be a presence within the building to assist should an emergency arise. Times have changed significantly since this system was implemented and while she would like to take another look at those arrangements she believes that such a review should include all county buildings. It is a countywide issue and our security committee should be reactivated and new members included. That Committee should then be assigned the task of reviewing security issues. Legislator Ferrando stated that it seems the next step in the process has been identified and he would like to see the Committee reactivated. He believes this is a really important issue and he would like to see quick action. Legislator DeJaneiro requested that possible grant funding be researched. Legislator Leadley stated that she knew from speaking with

the Emergency Management Coordinator that there are Homeland Security funds available for this area. Legislator Lawrence asked if this was a topic scheduled for the upcoming NYSAC Conference. That could not be confirmed. County Manager Gsell will facilitate the reactivation of the Committee and review of current procedures so that a presentation may be made to the Legislature.

Office for the Aging Director and Social Services Commissioner Kirkpatrick have a mutual contract for Personal Emergency Response Systems for their clients. Our current provider has been purchased by M. Sauer Co. – Security Unlimited and has asked Genesee County to sign a “Consent to Assignment and Assumption” document. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Mrs. Whitmore recommended approval of reappointments for two Advisory Board members, Walter Wenhold and Cheryl Venditte through December 31, 2015. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Public Health Director Pettit requested approval of a grant amendment for the Immunization Program cost of living adjustment in the amount of \$2406. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

A grant amendment for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Program cost of living adjustment in the amount of \$1491 was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of a contract for Early Intervention Provider Services with Summit Educational Resources through December 31, 2013 at rates set by the NYS Department of Health. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro. Legislator Hancock expressed concern that the budget impact statement did not present a clear picture of reimbursement. Third party insurance has not been forthcoming in the past.

A contract for Preschool Supportive Health Services Itinerant Teacher Services with Summit Educational Resources through June 30, 2013 was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando. These rates are set by the state.

A contract for Preschool Supportive Health Services Program related services with Summit Educational Resources through June 30, 2013 was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Mr. Pettit recommended renewal of a contract with Amy Wolter at the rate of \$40 per hour plus mileage for the provision of municipality representation on CPSE in the 3-5 Program through December 2013. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Lawrence. It was noted that although the representative does not have a vote, the voice is beneficial when presenting alternatives.

A budget and salary schedule amendment were requested in the Health Department to create a position of supervising Community Health Nurse with estimated salary and fringe at \$9912 for 2013. Originally this was going to be a contracted position but it is now the opinion that this should be a county employee position based on IRS Audit findings. The position will be for approximately 15 per month, and in the future it is possible the position will be part of hybrid duties shared 50/50 with Orleans County. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

A budget and salary schedule amendment to create a Mental Health Clinical Social Worker position was recommended for approval. Orleans County has closed its clinic and is bussing clients to the Day Clinic in a higher than anticipated number, originally estimated at 5-6 but actually 12-15 clients are being seen. The new position will allow us to keep up with demand and will be funded by offsetting revenue. 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. Orleans County is not offering services any longer and Genesee County was the logical alternative for their clients and there will be no increased county cost.

A clarification to Local Laws on the books about the creation and make-up of the Community Service Mental Health Board has been recommended. The board members have always been paid a stipend for attendance at official Board meetings and authority for this is not found in the Local Laws. It is the opinion that the stipend should be officially approved for board members with the exception of the Legislative Liaison who serves without payment for Special Assignment duties. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

A budget amendment to cover additional pass through funding for supportive housing services for Living Opportunities of DePaul in the amount of \$25,280 was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

Mental Health Director Reaves presented his Department Review. The State continues to move towards Managed Care. Genesee County is leading in their position for this change in our area. Rates will be negotiated with the Manager Care provider and not the State. The County's billing system will be up to the challenge due to the many changes we have instituted in preparation. Currently we have very few bad claims and we follow-up on any denial. Gun Control laws may require a new set of reporting based on threat levels.

Soon there will be a new model for care and as a risk based model, all patients cannot be classified at the same level. This will be a big challenge for our system. Mental Health and Substance Abuse services will be combined by the State. Legislator Lawrence asked if there had been any conversation about Mental Health Services and the Affordable Care Act. County Manager Gsell noted that the notion of Mental Health parity is universal.

The next Human Service Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 4.

County Manager Gsell reported that there is movement on a variety of fronts to respond to the Governor's Budget proposals. There does not seem to be a significant disconnect between the State and the Counties. NYSAC continues to press home that Medicaid abuse must be addressed by the State NOW. The IGT Program is continuing. He has submitted the Department Review Schedule for all three Committees to Managers and stressed that concentration must be on budget and finances.

A Committee of the Whole has been scheduled for February 13, 2013 at 5:30 PM to address the RFP for the Professional Services for the marketing of the potential sale, lease or other disposition of the Genesee County Nursing Home.

Chair Leadley reported on the Corporate Compliance meeting held today. Mr. Reaves continues to Chair and be on top of the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Esther Leadley, Chair
Human Service Committee

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