

Present: Legislators Ferrando, Clattenburg, Young, Davis, DeJaneiro, Bausch, Cianfrini, Torrey, Stein, Also Present: County Manager Gsell, Assistant County Manager Landers, Human Resources Anita Cleveland, Commissioner of DSS Eileen Kirkpatrick, Kathy Frank Youth Bureau, OFA Director Ruth Spink, Nursing Home Administrator Christine Schaller, Health Director Paul Pettit, Daily News Reporter Paul Mrozek,

Chair Ferrando called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM at the Old Courthouse. The minutes of the August 3, 2015 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Davis.

Commissioner of DSS Eileen Kirkpatrick presented the Agency Review. The overall DSS budget appears on-track for 2015. All projected funding streams and allocations have remained relatively intact after the SFY budget was adopted in April. They received additional allocation of \$93,458 for subsidized child care to be used 7/1/15 – 6/30/16, and will claim against it over that 12 month period. This is a 100% pass-through of State/Federal funds. Their Medicaid administrative cap was not reduced as they had anticipated, giving them some extra cushion for administrative expenditure in the current SFY. Personnel expenses, specifically overtime, are disconcerting. They overspent by approximately \$10,000 for overtime during 2015. This is due to Medical leaves and staff turn-over, newer untrained employees cannot accomplish the workload. The turnover problem is now reaching throughout their organization, plus sixteen additional people have already announced their intent to retire within the next 18 months.

Commissioner of DSS Eileen Kirkpatrick, She touched base on how their computers are slow and outdated, lack of RAM and have slow processing speed. The State use to provide them with equipment. They did receive computers (cast-offs) from Monroe County, but it is still makes it difficult for the employees to do their jobs properly. She also touched base on how 11,000 people in Genesee County now in receipt of some form of Medicaid. Placement costs for children continue to escalate in direct correlation to an increased number of placements. During 2013 we had 39 placements, 2014 there were 62 placements. In 2014 we finalized 17 adoptions, and 14 more adoptions have occurred already in 2015. At the beginning of 2014, 57 children were receiving subsidy (\$400, 000 annually). That number has increased to 81 (\$625,000 annually). The other negative issue is that once a family adopts children, they rarely continue on as foster parent resources. Lastly the local cost of providing Medicaid to these Genesee County residents would be even more overwhelming if it were not for the Medicaid cap, which no longer has a growth factor built in to raise local share of the program. Genesee County has a local share liability for the Medicaid program of \$9,880,283 annually. That amount has been lowered during the last two State fiscal years as a result of additional Federal funds being available to reduce the local share.

Commissioner of DSS Eileen Kirkpatrick requested a Schedule Amendment for a Temporary Caseworker in the Adult Protective Services. This was referred to Ways and Means with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislature Stein seconded by Legislator Davis.

Next Ms. Kirkpatrick requested a Budget Amendment for personal computers. Increase appropriation A6010-2022.0001 Equipment – Micro Computers by \$41,750. And decrease appropriation A6101-4800.0000 – Medical Assistance by a like amount. This was referred to Ways and Means with the recommendation for place on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislature Stein seconded by Legislator Davis.

Ms. Kathy Frank of Genesee County Youth Bureau requested the acceptance of the AmeriCorps Grant Continuation Award & Supplemental Funding Award. The Youth Bureau has been awarded \$129,311 for the second year of their three year funding cycle. The award will support 34 part-time AmeriCorps members for the time frame of 10/1/2015 through 12/31/2016. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Stein.

Next Ms. Frank requested the acceptance of the Youth Opportunity Supplemental Grant Funding. They were rewarded \$128,484. From New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the period of 10/1/2015 through 12/31/2016. This will provide funds for recruiting 18 disconnected youth members and 6 mentor members. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Davis.

Health Director Mr. Paul Pettit presented an agreement with County Health Departments of Western New York. This would provide Mutual Aid to each other during a public health emergency. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Davis seconded by Legislator Young.

Next, Mr. Pettit presented a contract renewal for the Health Department to renew a contract with Monroe County for the provision of elevated blood lead investigation services for the period 8/1/2015 through 7/31/2016. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon Motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Davis.

Lastly, Mr. Pettit presented a contract renewal with Genesee County Chapter NYSARC for the provision of paratransit services for the Early Intervention and Preschool Supportive Health Services Programs for the period 9/1/2015 through 8/31/2016. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon Motion of Legislator Davis seconded by Legislator Young.

Office for the Aging Director Mrs. Ruth Spink requested a salary schedule amendment to the 2015 Salary Schedule to retain part-time Specialist-Aging Services position, slated to start 1/1/2015 and terminate 9/30/2015 in adopted 2015 budget and the position was not filled until 6/15/2015. This was referred to Ways and Means with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Davis.

Office for the Aging Director Mrs. Ruth Spink presented the renewal of a revised Memorandum of Understanding between the Office for the Aging and Department of Social Services in accordance with NY Connects State Program Standard 1.1 for a written and signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Local Department of Social Services (LDSS). This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Stein.

Lastly Mrs. Spink's presented Insurance Certification for YWCA of Genesee County, Pembroke Community Center, and Gillam Grant Community Center. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Davis.

Nursing Home Administrator Ms. Christine Schaller requested a Salary Schedule Amendment for a temporary full time cleaner to cover for a cleaner who is currently on an extended leave of absence due to severe illness. This was referred to Ways and Means with the recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Davis.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18PM upon motion of Legislator Davis seconded by Legislator Stein.