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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

January 19, 1993

J. Margesson

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Legislators Gallman, Miess, Nielsen

ALSO ATTENDING: Johannes Peeters, Health Department
Kim Toot, Office for the Aging
Deloras Cross, Chairman, Board of Legislators

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Vice Chairman Gallman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 21, 1992 meeting were approved with a motion from Legislator Nielsen and a seconded from Legislator Miess. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Peeters requested committee approval to organize an Early Intervention Program Coordination Counsel. This counsel is responsible to plan and look at delivery of services to children and their families in the 0-3 Program. Services will be provided in the child's "natural environment". (in their home, at a day care center, in a sitters home; wherever the child would be during the day if he/she were not receiving these additional services). After some discussion on the program, approval to organize the counsel was given with a motion from Legislator Miess. Legislator Nielsen seconded and motion carried.

Mr. Peeters also discussed the department's desire to hire an "Early Intervention/Infant Health Assessment Service Coordinator". This person would work closely with parents and provider agencies to assure that appropriate services are provided to children. Mr. Peeters states that currently the department receives grant monies totalling $24000. He would like to redirect the funds to cover this position. The committee took no action on this position. They have asked Mr. Peeters to draw up a comparison as to what the program services now and the cost versus what it would be if the money was redirected to hire the "Coordinator".

One of the department's nurses will be taking a leave of absence due to illness in her family. She will be leaving in February. Mr. Peeters would like permission from this committee to fill her position with a temporary nurse until she is able to return to work. Legislator Nielsen moved on this request with Legislator Miess seconding. Motion carried.

Mr. Peeters mentioned that an individual in the Town of Birdsall is suing the county regarding a sewage disposal system. He feels that nothing will become of this.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING

Ms. Toot requested permission to purchase a meal carrier to replace one that has been damaged. The cost is $150. Approval was given with a motion from Legislator Nielsen, seconded by Legislator Miess, and motion carried.

She also states that they need to replace a typewriter and asked the proper procedure in doing this. She will return to committee for the formal request.

On June 8, 1993 the Director for the State Office for the Aging will be visiting Allegany County. Ms. Toot has invited this committee to attend the meeting.

There was brief discussion on the meal sites as to whether the OFA has had any problems negotiating with the towns on providing space for the meals. She stated that there has been some problems with one of the sites. It was suggested she prepare an article for the newspaper.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Citizens Advisory Counsel asks this committees approval to reappoint the following individuals: D. Pierce of Alfred Station; Harold Babcock of Wellsville; Herbert Hollen, Houghton; Wallace Higgins, Alfred Station; and Emma Miller, Friendship. Their terms are from 1/4/93 to 12/31/95. Approval for these reappointments was given with a motion from Legislator Miess, and a seconded from Legislator Nielsen. Motion carried. The County Attorney should prepare the appropriate resolution.

RESOLUTIONS (2)

The County Attorney requests this committee's formal approval of the contract between the Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped and the County. The County has approved a $7000 amount. Approval was given with a motion from Legislator Nielsen, and a seconded from Legislator Miess. Motion carried.

Livingston County has extended an invitation to attend their

dedication of the remodeled county complex on January 27, 1993 at 3:30 p.m. and the reception following at 4:00 p.m.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The usual bills were reviewed and approved with a motion from Legislator Miess and the seconded from Legislator Nielsen. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Claypool

NOT APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

February 16, 1993

J. Margeson

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MEMBERS ATTENDING: Chairman Frair
Legislators Vander Linde, Miess, Nielsen, Gallman

ALSO ATTENDING: Kim Toot, Office for the Aging
Johannes Peeters, Health Department
Robert Anderson, Community Services

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by Chairman Frair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 19, 1993 meeting were approved with a motion from Legislator Vander Linde and a second from Legislator Miess. Motion carried. Chairman Frair asked Mr. Peeters the status of the sewage disposal system mentioned at last months meeting. The hearing has been postponed until March 15th.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dr. Anderson asked for approval to attend the Associations Legislative Day in Albany on March 22 and 23rd. Approval was given with a motion from Legislator Gallman, and a seconded from Legislator Nielsen. Motion carried.

PREPARE RESOLUTION

Dr. Anderson asked the committee for their approval to hire a part time employee. He explained that they have been working with one less person for approximately a year and it is not working out. Approval to hire a permanent part time account clerk, (no more than 15 hours per week) was given with a motion from Legislator Nielsen and seconded from Legislator Vander Linde. Motion carried. The county attorney should prepare the appropriate resolution.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING

Ms. Toot requested approval to replace her Alfred Site

Manager. Approval was given with a motion from Legislator Vander Linde and a seconded from Legislator Gallman. Motion carried.

One of the OFA's vans was in an accident last year. The agency was served with papers which were turned over to the County Attorney's office.

Ms. Toot states she has been working on the luncheon sites rental fees. Bolivar has reduced their charge, Wellsville is not charging, and Cuba is still not committing. She has started to look for another site in Cuba, but has had no luck so far.

Ms. Toot states that she has been spending a lot of time fund raising to maintain the level of service her agency provides. She states that in the near future she will be coming back to this committee to ask that the county properly fund the Office for the Aging.

Chairman Frair asked if anything had been decided regarding raising the meal cost from $1.75 to $2.00. Ms. Toot has been inquiring at the different sites and has gotten no real objection to this. She feels that those that can pay will, and the others will pay what they can afford.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Peeters has been working on establishing an increased fee for the departments sewage program. The Board of Health has recommended a charge of $75.00 from $25.00. The department always has the option of waiving charges for those individuals who can not afford the charge. The Health Services committee gave their approval with a motion from Legislator Nielsen, and a seconded from Legislator Vander Linde. Motion carried.

The committee had asked Mr. Peeters to draw up a comparison as to what the Early Intervention/Infant Health Assessment Program services are now and the cost, versus what it would be if the money was redirected to hire a "Coordinator". This information was brought to the committee this date. The savings could be as much as a 50% reduction in cost. After discussion, Legislator Vander Lande moved that Mr. Peeters pursue the filling of the Early Intervention/Infant Health Assessment Service Coordintor. Legislator Nielsen supported this motion as long as there are no county dollars involved. Motion carried with Legislator Gallman opposing. The costs to the county from BOCES should decrease with the Coordinator doing the evaluations, administrative costs from BOCES should lower.

Mr. Peeters states he would like to contact the contract agencies, such as Kemps, to see if they can work together to cut

down on transportion costs. Legislator Vander Linde made the motion approving this, with Legislator Gallman seconding. Motion carried. In other discussion, Mr. Peeters suggests looking into taxi service for two children coming from Alfred Almond, and some of the committee members suggested looking into the county purchasing a van/bus to transport these children.

Mr. Peeters requested committee approval for one of the Public Health Nurses attendance to a Physical Assessment Program in New York. The conference fee is $98.00. After a brief discussion, approval was given with a motion from Legislator Gallman, and a seconded from Legislator Miess. Motion carried.

Mr. Peeters would like the Public Health Engineer to attend the Director of Environmental Health meeting in Saratoga Springs. Legislator Nielsen moved on the request, with Legislator Miess seconding. Motion carried.

Mr. Peeters also informed the committee that although no money was allowed for overtime in 1993, nursing services still need to be provided on a seven day a week, twenty-four hour per day basis. The nursing contract states that we need to pay for any overtime worked unless the employee wishes to receive compensary time. The committee states that the only thing he can do is come up with some figures on this. Personal Services will eventually be over spent.

PREPARE RESOLUTION

OTHER BUSINESS

A resolution is needed approving the Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped's expenses for the 1992 budget year. Legislator Vander Linde moved on this, with Legislator Miess seconding. Motion carried.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The usual bills were reviewed and approved with a motion from Legislator Vander Linde, and a seconded from Legislator Nielsen. Motion carried. Legislator Gallman question Ms. Toot regarding a charge of a $3000 evaluation cost under the EISEP Program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Claypool

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

March 16, 1993

J. Margeson

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Chairman Frair
Legislators Nielsen, Miess, Vander Linde, Gallman

ALSO ATTENDING: Kim Toot, Office for the Aging
Johannes Peeters, Health Department
John Margeson, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Frair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 16th were approved with a motion from Legislator Vander Linde, and seconded from Legislator Miess. Motion carried.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING

Ms. Toot requests approval for Dan Washburn to attend a one day conference in Syracuse. The cost is a $20 conference fee and mileage reimbursement. Approval was given with a motion from Legislator Nielsen, and a seconded from Legislator Vander Linde. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

The Office for the Aging has received a federal grant entitled, Health Insurance Information Counseling & Assistance (HIICA) Grant totalling $3000. It is 100% funding. A motion was made by Legislator Vander Linde, seconded by Legislator Nielsen, and carried, to accept this grant. This will also be referred to Ways and Means for their approval.

The committee was given a copy of a letter sent to the Office for the Aging from a client of the EISEP Program, praising the program and thanking OFA for the support they have given.

Ms. Toot stated that the annual meeting of the Office for the Aging Board and the Legislative Board is usually in April. She would like to wait until May. The committee saw no problem with this.

Ms. Toot would like to attend an "Update Workshop" in Bath, NY on March 30. The cost is $10.00 and is a half day session. Approval was given with a motion from Legislator Gallman, and seconded from Legislator Miess. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Peeters discussed with this committee the cost of transportation of children under the 3-5 year program. At present it costs approximately $169,000 to send 18 children from the western part of the county (Rushford, New Hudson, Cuba, Friendship, Clarksville, Wirt, Genesee, and Bolivar townships) to ARC in Allegany, NY. If bids were specific for a location in Allegany County to be transported from, rather than in general, Allegany County, the county could save approximately $72,000. After further discussion, it was moved by Legislator Vander Linde to pursue the bids as stated above. Legislator Gallman seconded, and motion carried. Mr. Peeters is to see the County Attorney regarding the bidding by zones as soon as possible.

Mr. Peeters stated that he would like to start the bid process for the purchase of three automobiles. He also gave the committee comparisons on paying mileage versus having county owned vehicles. Mr. Peeters will only be trading in two vehicles giving the fleet an additional car. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Legislator Vander Linde, and seconded by Legislator Miess, to start the bid process for this purchase. Motion carried. Mr. Peeters was asked if he had ever checked into leasing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Legislator Gallman requested approval for a committee day on February 9th for visiting ARC in Wellsville. A motion was made by Legislator Miess and a second from Legislator Vander Linde approving this day. Motion carried.

Community Services requests a transfer from A4312.402 mileage to A4312.422 gas/oil of $1500. This was approved with a motion from Legislator Vander Linde and a seconded from Legislator Gallman. Motion carried.

Kim Toot and Dan Washburn requested approval to attend a NYSAAAA conference on March 15 and 16th. Approval was given with a motion from Legislator Gallman, and seconded from Legislator Miess. Motion carried.

Committee approval is needed to reappoint Dr. Peter Finlay and Dr. Daniel Kauffman to the Medical Scholarship Board. Their term will expire in 1997. It is recommended to continue this

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board until the last recipient completes his term. A motion was made by Legislator Vander Linde and seconded by Legislator Gallman on the appointments of the above individuals. Motion carried. The appropriate resolution should be prepared.

Chairman Frair, summarized a letter received from Brian G. McBride of the Health Systems Agency. He is requesting this committees support of legislation that would allow HSA to have a funding source, by an assessment fee of .4% of all capital projects of Article 28 facilities. Mr. Peeters stated that he had checked with Jones Memorial and Cuba Memorial for their opinions on HSA, which was not favorable. Legislator Vander Linde moved that at this time, the committee decline their support of the bill that would allow HSA to do this. Legislator Gallman seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Frair stated a letter was received regarding the Survey done by the State for the Health Department. In summary, it stated that they accepted the Departments corrections/explanation of any deficiencies they noted at the time of the survey.

Also, in regard to the Health Department, their Long Term Program operating certificate has been renewed.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The report of the County Administrator was reviewed and approved with a motion from Legislator Vander Linde and seconded from Legislator Miess. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Claypool