

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: K. LaForge, D. Pullen, S. Burt, D. Decker, C. Jessup, T. O'Grady, C. Crandall

Others Present: R. Anderson, L. Ballengee, D. Fanton, K. Francisco, M. Gasdik, V. Grant, K. Graves, D. Healy, T. Hopkins, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora

Media Present: B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Human Services Committee Chairman Kevin LaForge.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried to approve the Human Services Committee minutes of January 7 and 26, 2015.

Community Services

Budget Adjustment

Community Services Director Dr. Robert Anderson requested that the sum of \$72,652 be placed in appropriation account A4314.456 (Arc CSS) with a like sum placed in revenue account A4314.3490.1014 (State Aid MH CSS) due to recent adjustments outlined in the latest State Aid letter. The budget adjustment was approved on a motion by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Vehicle Budget Adjustment

Dr. Anderson also requested a budget adjustment of the following pass thru dollars: a sum of \$20,400 should be placed in revenue account A4220,3486.00 (State Aid-Allegany Council/Substance Abuse) with a like sum placed in appropriations account A4220.458 (Council on Alcoholism & Substance Abuse-Contractual). These are pass-thru State dollars to Allegany Council for their vehicle as part of their contract.

Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Jessup, seconded by Legislator O'Grady, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Accept & Appropriate from the State for Intensive Intervention Services

Dr. Anderson requested a resolution to accept and appropriate \$95,000 to provide for Intensive Intervention Services as a result of the St. James Psychiatric Care Unit closure. The sum of \$95,000 should be placed in revenue account A4314.3490.175A (State Aid-MH ARA Adult Care) with a like sum placed in appropriation account A4313.464A (Mental Health Contracts-Contractual). Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator O'Grady, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Request to Fill Health Home Manager

Dr. Robert Anderson also requested permission to hire an additional Health Home Manager. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator O'Grady, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Office for the Aging

Monthly Report

Office for the Aging Director Madeleine Gasdik reported that the OFA Receptionist had delivered a baby boy. In other news, Ms. Gasdik said that a Meals-on-Wheels van had been totaled in an accident due to the weather. The 83-year-old driver was fine and refused any medical treatments. Ms. Gasdik and he finished his rounds. As pertains to the Ombudsman Program about which she spoke last month, Ms. Gasdik said NYSOFA refused to allow Allegany and Steuben counties to continue to run their own programs, so with great remorse, Ms. Gasdik said OFA is giving up that program. However, she added, she is in conversations with other local agencies such as Catholic Charities, etc., to determine if anyone else would like to assume that responsibility. Finally, she said that OFA is piloting a program with the Alfred-Almond Library to lend books on tape and DVDs to homebound clients. They fill out an "order" form provided by the Library, the Library will drop off the requested items to the Luncheon Center, and the Meals-on-Wheels drivers will deliver them.

Request to Fill Position

Ms. Gasdik requested permission to fill the Belmont Center Manager position which will become vacant due to a retirement. This is a part-time position which pays \$9 per hour. The position manages the Belmont Luncheon Center two days per week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The duties are specific to the Belmont Luncheon Center. Without this position, the Center would close. Funding for this position is 33 percent County match, 40 percent Older American Act Federal Funds, and 27 percent contributions.

Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Pullen, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Department of Social Services**Monthly Report**

Department of Social Services Commissioner Vicki Grant noted that the numbers in her monthly report were on par with expectations. She pointed out that "Family Health Plus" had declined to "0" because of the ACA and Medicaid changes, so that will disappear. Ms. Grant also wanted to recognize and thank her staff for their hard work while she had been out. Finally, Ms. Grant noted that she had recently attended a Healthy Families Advisory Board meeting where her staff was recognized for their hard work and collaborative nature. She said she had been told that the difference between the way Allegany County interacts with this Board and the way other counties interact with it is the difference between night and day. So she wanted to again send kudos to her staff.

Request to Fill Senior Account Clerk Typist

DSS requested permission to fill a Senior Account Clerk Typist position in the Support Collection Unit (AFSCME, Grade 10, Step MIN). This vacancy occurred as the result of a promotion. This position is responsible for overseeing all accounts pertaining to collection of child support payments, building and creating ledgers and income executions for the collection of child support monies, and assisting employers with setting up garnishments. The position is funded by 50 percent federal dollars, and 50 percent local dollars, subject to TANF collections. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator O'Grady, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Health Department**Contract with Southtowns Children's SLP, PT, and OT Associates, PLLC**

The Health Department requested approval of a contract for approved providers of programs, SEIT and/or evaluations for preschoolers with disabilities. The contract was approved

on a motion by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator Pullen, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

The Health Department also requested approval of an Inter-municipal Agreement between Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties for the period January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2017. This agreement is in conjunction with Allegany County's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and allows Cattaraugus County the ability to contract Allegany County to perform Elevated Blood Lead (EBL) Investigation services. In consideration for providing these services, Cattaraugus County will remit payment, not to exceed \$3,000 annually, to Allegany County as follows:

- 2015 \$29.82 per hour, 2016 \$30.57 per hour, 2017 \$31.33 per hour
- Mileage at IRS rate that's in effect at the time of service
- Meals up to \$10, including tip, if the investigation encompasses the Investigator's normal lunch hour.
- Equipment Usage of \$150 per completed assessment

FISCAL IMPACT: Revenue of up to \$3,000 per year.

Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator O'Grady, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Budget Transfer

Public Health Director Lori Ballengee requested a resolution transferring \$1,200 from A4071.456 (Cancer Services-Health Contracts) to A4071.201 (Cancer Services-Equipment) to purchase a white board. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Pullen, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Accept & Appropriate COLA Money for the Cancer Services Program

DOH requests a resolution to accept and appropriate COLA money for the Cancer Services Program for the 2015 Budget year. A sum of \$10,226 should be placed in revenue account A4071.340100 (State Aid), and those funds should also be appropriated as follows:

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| A4071.201 (Office Equipment) | \$2,814 |
| A4071.407 (Office Supplies) | \$ 216 |
| A4071.419 (Printing/Microfilming) | \$ 680 |
| A4071.422 (Gasoline/Oil) | \$ 500 |
| A4071.424 (Legal Advertising) | \$2,327 |
| A4071.802 (Retirement) | \$1,473 |
| A4071.803 (FICA) | \$ 609 |
| A4071.804 (Workers Comp) | \$ 120 |
| A4071.805 (Disability) | \$ 14 |
| A4071.806 (Hosp/Med Ins) | \$1,473 |

Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. following a motion by Legislator O'Grady, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators