

## **HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**APRIL 6, 2016**  
**NOT APPROVED**

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

**Others Present:** R. Anderson, L. Ballengee, H. Budinger, M. Gasdik, K. Graves, D. Healy, R. Hollis, J. Margeson, T. Miner, D. Quinn, D. Rahr, B. Riehle, T. Ross, R. Sobeck-Lynch, J. Tomasi

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

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Human Services Committee Chairman Kevin LaForge.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Deb Root, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried to approve the Human Services Committee minutes of March 2, 2016, as amended. The following amended was authorized: Ms. Gasdik distributed a flyer for the Senior Forum. Instead of Ms. Gasdik distributed a poster for some Office for the Aging programs, including Tai Chi.

### **Health Department**

Public Health Director Lori Ballengee announced that she had to cancel the Corporate Compliance Meeting, and this meeting will be rescheduled. She also indicated there were no complaints and no items investigated.

The Health Department was awarded the Susan G. Komen Grant in the amount of \$17,610.00 for use in the Cancer Services program of Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties. Public Health Director Ballengee asked the committee for a resolution to accept and appropriate the funds. A motion was made by Legislator Deb Root to accept and appropriate the Susan G. Komen Funds. This motion was seconded by Legislator Judy Hopkins and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Mrs. Ballengee reviewed the new environmental health fee schedule and the fee reduction request form which had been approved by the Board of Health at their March 16, 2016, meeting.

Mrs. Ballengee requested permission to apply for a CAPP Grant (Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention). The deadline to apply for this grant is May 1, 2016. This grant provides services and education to our adolescent population. A motion was made by Legislator O'Grady to give permission to apply for the CAPP grant. This motion was seconded by Legislator Root and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Mrs. Ballengee requested permission to create and fill a Public Health Educator position. This position will provide general public health education and develop a wellness program for County employees to help reduce costs of employee/retiree health insurance. A motion was made by Legislator Deb Root to create and fill the Public Health Educator position. This motion was

seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Prepare a Resolution and Refer to Ways and Means for Approval to Fill**

Mrs. Ballengee requested permission to fill the position of the Secretary to the Public Health Director. The person in this position is retiring. A motion was made by Legislator Deb Root to fill the position of Secretary to the Public Health Director. This motion was seconded by Legislator David Pullen and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Mrs. Ballengee requested permission to create and fill the position of Account Clerk Typist. This person will be responsible for financial reporting and accountability for payroll, accounts payable audit, and credit card activity. A motion was made by Legislator Tim O'Grady to create and fill the position of Account Clerk Typist. This motion was seconded by Legislator Charles Jessup and carried. **Prepare Resolution and Refer to Ways and Means for Approval to Fill**

Mrs. Ballengee presented a proposed lease agreement with Sanzo GT, LLC for office space to house the Cancer Services Program of Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties. This office space along with utilities would cost less than the office space which is currently being leased. A motion was made to accept the lease agreement with Sanzo GT, LLC for office space. This motion was seconded by Legislator Deb Root and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

### **Office For the Aging**

Madeleine Gasdik, Director for Office for the Aging, thanked everyone who attended the Senior Forum and public hearing. Madeleine Gasdik disseminated her monthly report for the committee to review. Madeleine entertained questions regarding the monthly report. Madeleine indicated 144 clients were served in the month of February 2016. Almost \$116,000 in refunds was received in February 2016.

### **Department of Social Services**

Julie Tomasi, Deputy Director for Social Services, entertained questions on her February monthly report. Alcohol and drug issues are becoming an increasing problem. Julie reported a Principal Social Welfare Examiner position was backfilled. Julie reported April is Child Abuse Prevention month. DSS will once again be planting a pinwheel garden in front of the Courthouse in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention month. They will also be participating in a Wear Blue Day on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Julie encouraged everyone to check on their neighbors. Offer babysitting to give them a break and offer support. Last year there was an increase in faith based community groups who offered to help with child abuse prevention. May is Foster Care Prevention month. Social Services offers support to foster families.

### **Reappointment to Board of Health**

The six year term of Dr. Leo Cusumano as a member of the Board of Health expires July 7, 2016. The Board of Health would like to reappoint Dr. Cusumano to serve another six-year term commencing July 8, 2016, and expiring July 7, 2022. A motion was made by Legislator David Pullen to reappoint Dr. Cusumano to another term. This motion was seconded by Legislator Charles Jessup, and carried. **Prepare a Resolution**

### **NYSAC Resolutions**

A resolution regarding General Public Health Work, Article 6 State Aid Reimbursement indicates an increase from \$650,000 to \$750,000. Due to the changes at the State level, it is difficult for local health departments to reach this amount. Legislator David Pullen made a motion to approve this resolution. This motion was seconded by Legislator Tim O'Grady and carried.

#### **Prepare a Resolution**

A resolution regarding Rabies Prevention calls for the Governor to increase funding available to counties for rabies awareness and vaccination in the 2016-17 State budgets. Post exposure rabies treatment is very expensive and usually costs about \$5,000 a series. A motion was made by Legislator Charles Jessup to approve this resolution. This motion was seconded by Legislator Tim O'Grady and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

### **Attorney/Client Session**

A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried to go into an attorney/client session at 4:10 pm. Immediately following discussion, a motion was made by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried to exit attorney/client session and return to the regular meeting at 4:30 p.m.

### **Community Services – Budget Adjustment**

Community Services Director Dr. Robert Anderson requested a resolution to accept and appropriate federal funding from A4310.409 (Fees) account to A4310.4490.00 (Federal Salary Sharing) in the amount of \$48,047. A motion was made to accept and appropriate this federal funding by a motion from Legislator David Pullen. This was seconded by Legislator Tim O'Grady, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Lori Ballengee asked the committee if she could make a salary adjustment from base to step one for a Medical Records Computer Operator position before she offered the position to a prospective employee. A motion was made by Legislator David Pullen to approve this salary adjustment. This was seconded by Legislator Tim O'Grady, and carried.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business to come before the committee.

### **New Business**

There was no new business to come before the committee.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Legislator Scott Burt to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Legislator Tim O'Grady and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Norris