

## **HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**MAY 4, 2016**

**NOT APPROVED**

**Committee Members Present:** K. LaForge, D. Pullen, S. Burt, D. Decker, J. Hopkins, C. Jessup, D. Root, and C. Crandall.

**Others Present:** D. Healy, K. Graves, R. Anderson, L. Ballengee, M. Gasdik, J. Margeson, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, and J. Tomasi.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Human Services Committee Chairman Kevin LaForge.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Charles Jessup, seconded by Legislator David Pullen, and carried to approve the Human Services Committee Minutes for April 6, 2016.

### **Health Department**

Lori Ballengee, Public Health Director, reported there were no updates to report regarding Corporate Compliance. Lori reminded all the committee members an email would be sent to all of the committee members who have not already completed the Corporate Compliance Training. The training must be completed to satisfy the rules and regulations and laws for OMIG (Office of the Medicaid Inspector General).

Lori requested a resolution to accept and appropriate CAPP (Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention) Grant Funding from ACCORD. The grant is a six-month extension of the existing grant and covers the period of January through June 2016 for the Family Planning Program 2016 Budget and grant years. The amount of the award is \$7,725. A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to accept and appropriate the CAPP grant money. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Mrs. Ballengee requested a resolution to accept and appropriate COLA money for the WIC program for the 2016 Budget year, 2015-16 grant year (April 1, 2015-March 31, 2016). The amount of the award is \$26,974. A motion was made by Legislator Pullen, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to accept and appropriate COLA money for the WIC program. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Mrs. Ballengee also requested permission to enter into a contract with the Monroe County Medical Examiner's office to perform all forensic autopsies and activities deemed necessary by the District Attorney's Office and Law Enforcement officials. These are specialized autopsies that Olean General Hospital does not perform. A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried to enter into a contract with the Monroe County Medical Examiner's office. **Prepare a Resolution**

Mrs. Ballengee reported influenza cases are on the decline. There have been three pediatric deaths this season.

Mr. Decker thanked Lori for moving the Allegany County Cancer Services program and offices to Cuba. That is a more central location.

Lori reported the person hired for the MRCO position has left the position, and she requested permission to fill the MRCO position for the Cancer Services Program. A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to fill the MRCO position for the Cancer Services Program. **Refer to Ways and Means**

### **Office for the Aging**

Madeleine Gasdik, Director of the Office for the Aging, disseminated her monthly report to the committee for their review.

Ms. Gasdik requested permission to fill an Aging Services Specialist position. This is a full time permanent position. She indicated she would wait until the civil service exam was given and hire at that time. A motion was made by Legislator Jessup, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to fill the position of Aging Services Specialist. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Ms. Gasdik permission to fill a Senior Account Clerk Typist position. This is a temporary, full-time position. The person who currently holds this position is out on medical leave. Legislator Decker made a motion, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried to fill this position. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Ms. Gasdik also requested permission to fill a temporary Typist position. The person hired for this position will work two days a week from noon until four (4pm). A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Decker and carried to fill this position. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Ms. Gasdik requested a resolution to approve a Total Senior Care contract for the Alzheimer's Respite Grant. It was noted there is a new Total Senior Care center located in Wellsville in addition to the Olean location. Both locations offer respite care to caregivers of seniors afflicted with Alzheimer's disease. This Alzheimer's Respite grant is one hundred percent (100%) Department of Health funded. This care is desperately needed for caregivers and their family member who has Alzheimer's. A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried to approve this contract with Total Senior Care. **Prepare a Resolution**

The Alzheimer's Respite Grant also allows for institutional respite care for episodic care over 5 years. Madeleine asked for a resolution to sign a contract with Absolut Care of Houghton LLC for Respite Care. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare a Resolution**

Ms. Gasdik reported a new project working with a traveling vegetable market which would travel to senior luncheon sites around the County. This traveling market would bring the vegetables to the seniors and make it easier for them to access fresh produce. The Office for the Aging offers food market coupons to seniors. In 2014 only 68½ percent of the food market coupons were redeemed. In 2015, Allegany County Seniors redeemed 51 percent of the food market coupons. Southern Tier West interns will sign up to give out the coupons. May 6 will be the deadline for volunteers to sign up.

### **Department of Social Services**

Julie Tomasi, Deputy Director for the Department of Social Services, disseminated her monthly report for the committee to review. Julie indicated there were 3 Social Welfare Examiner positions back filled as well as 1 Senior Care Manager position back filled.

Ms. Tomasi reported May as Foster Care Recognition Month. Social Services recognizes many relatives of children become foster parents. It was noted there is still a great need for foster parents. Non-relatives are not stepping up to the plate to become foster parents. There are classes people can attend who wish to become foster parents. It's a big commitment to become a foster parent.

### **Community Services**

Dr. Robert Anderson, Director of Community Services, asked to have \$49,850 in funds from the Children's HIT Start up Grant accepted and appropriated. The money will be used for Information Technology equipment that would allow care managers to go into the communities to meet with clients and work more efficiently. This new equipment would allow them to scan and print documents on site. A motion was made by Legislator Jessup, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried to accept and appropriate the funds. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Dr. Anderson asked the committee if he could submit a proclamation for the next meeting to recognize May as Mental Health Month. Permission was granted.

### **Allegany County Heroin & Opioid Abuse AD Hoc Committee Update**

Judith Hopkins, Chair for the Allegany Heroin & Opioid Ad Hoc Committee, indicated they met for the first time on April 27, 2016. She indicated members accepted readily to be a part of the committee. She indicated this is meant to be a small group. She read the list of members of this committee which includes the following:

**Lori Ballengee**-Allegany County Public Health Director  
**Marc Chamberlain**-Lead Pastor for the Genesis Bible Church  
**Mike Damiano**-Executive Director for Allegany County ARC and Allegany Rehabilitation Center  
**Leslie Haggstrom**- 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Attorney-Representative for Allegany County DSS in Abuse and Neglect  
**Judith Hopkins**-Legislator for the Allegany County Board of Legislators  
**Kevin LaForge**- Legislator for the Allegany County Board of Legislators  
**Greg Muscato**-Vice President and Director of Human Resources for ARVOS  
**Tim O'Grady**-Chief of Police for the Wellsville Police Department  
**Brenda Rigby Riehle**-Clerk of the Board for the Allegany County Board of Legislators  
**Dr. Ravo Root**-Superintendent for the Fillmore Central School District

The Committee Charges have been identified as follows:

1. Seek impactful ways to educate the public about this heroin and opioid epidemic. (Speaker bureau, memory board, press releases, public events, school programs, etc.)
2. Identify tangible goals toward reduction of use/abuse of heroin. Coordinate with local task force and stakeholders to build effective strategies to reduce/eliminate local heroin and opioid abuse.
3. Develop legislative strategies at the County and State levels that can develop effective prevention and treatment options.

4. Seek and secure funding streams that can benefit Allegany County programs for public awareness, education, and treatment of heroin and opioid drug abuse.
5. Review/interpret available statistics regarding heroin and opioid and opioid abuse in Allegany County, WNY region and New York State. Final ways to improve ways of sharing statistics and information among stakeholder groups.
6. Investigate/develop effective strategies for the use of Narcan that will encourage and facilitate treatment options.

It was decided to have a meeting every two weeks. The next meeting of the Allegany Heroin and Opioid Abuse Ad Hoc Committee will meet on May 12, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers. Mrs. Hopkins noted she would like to have members of the community speak. Chris Morsman, Probation Officer for Allegany County, would like to speak at the next meeting.

Kim Strauser spoke with David Decker about the possibility of holding a Town Hall meeting after the regular Board of Legislators meeting at the Allegany County Fair. Chairman Curt Crandall asked the committee for approval to hold a town hall meeting and refer this to the Allegany County Heroin and Opioid committee to work out the details of the Town Hall meeting. A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Pullen, and carried to allow a Town Hall meeting to be held at the Allegany County Fairgrounds during the fair after the Board of Legislators hold their meeting. **Refer to the Allegany County Heroin and Opioid Ad Hoc Committee**

#### **Old Business**

There was no old business to come before the committee.

#### **New Business**

There was no new business to come before the committee.

#### **Good of the Order**

There was no business to be discussed.

#### **Adjourn**

With there being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Norris  
Secretary to the Public Health Director

