

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

July 6, 2016
NOT APPROVED

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

Others Present: T. Ball (Bonadio), L. Ballengee, T. Boyde, N. Carnes, K. Graves, M. Healy, D. Fanton, K. Hollis, R. Hollis, M. Gasdik, V. Grant, N. Mazza (Bonadio), B. Riehle, T. Ross, J. Tomasi,

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Legislator Chairman Kevin LaForge at 3:02 p.m.

Attorney/Client Session

A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to enter into attorney/client session at 3:02 p.m. Immediately following discussion at 3:45 p.m., a motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Pullen, and carried to end the attorney/client session and return to the regular meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 1, 2016, meeting were approved on a motion by Legislator Pullen, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Services Commissioner Vicki Grant stated that there were no big items on her monthly report. Medicaid is slowly going down, but Safety Net is going up. Long-term care is slowly phasing out.

Social Services – Request to fill Senior Clerk

Social Services Commissioner Vicki Grant requested approval to fill a Senior Clerk (AFSCME, Grant 7) position on a temporary basis to cover a medical leave. The position is in the Accounting Unit and is responsible for verifying third party health insurance as well as recovery of revenue in regards to uninsured medical. The position is funded 50 percent with federal dollars, 30 percent with state dollars, and 20 percent with local County dollars. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Pullen, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means Committee**

Social Services – Request to Fill Social Welfare Examiner

Ms. Grant requested approval to fill a Social Welfare Examiner (AFSCME, Grade 11) position due to a termination during the probation period. The position is in the Temporary Assistance Unit and is responsible for determining eligibility and authorizing the appropriate payments. The position is funded 50 with federal dollars, 6 percent with state dollars, and 44 percent with local County dollars. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Jessup, seconded by Legislator Pullen, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means Committee**

Social Services – Request to Fill Account Clerk Typist

Ms. Grant also requested approval to fill an Account Clerk Typist (AFSCME, Grade 7) position that has been open for a while. Ms. Grant believes the employee should be able to do some work that will allow higher-level staff to work on other things. The position is funded 52 percent with federal dollars, 10 percent with state dollars, and 38 percent with local County dollars. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Jessup, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means Committee**

Ms. Grant indicated that the temporary positions are now gone, and the transition was very helpful. All is going well.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department – Corporate Compliance

Public Health Director, Lori Ballengee, indicated there will not be a corporate compliance report this month. Our new County Administrator Tim Boyde will be the Corporate Compliance Officer, which is required.

Health Department – Request to Fill WIC Outreach Specialist

Mrs. Ballengee requested approval to fill a Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Outreach Specialist (AFSCME, Grade 11, Base-Step 4) position. The position became vacant when the current Outreach Specialist was promoted. The position is essential for marketing and outreach of the WIC Program as well as day-to-day clinic operation. The WIC Program cannot exist without the staff required by the State. The position, salary and fringe, is covered 100 percent by grants and/or Article 6 funding. The WIC Program distributes over \$1 million in checks that are used at local grocery and drug stores, and an additional \$15,000 in checks is given out annually to support local

farmers in Farmers' Market checks. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means Committee**

Health Department – Community Outreach Specialist

Mrs. Ballengee requested approval to fill a Community Outreach Specialist (Non-Union, Grade 4, Base) position due to a resignation effective August 5. The position is critical to finding those that are either not insured or under-insured to receive cancer screenings. The Cancer Services Program provides life-saving cancer screenings and assists with treatment costs for those diagnosed with cancer. The salary and fringe benefit expenses are covered 100 percent by grants. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Pullen, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means Committee**

Health Department – Acceptance and Appropriation of COLA Money

Mrs. Ballengee requested a resolution accepting and appropriating \$3,122 in COLA money for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program for the 2016 Budget year. The grant year runs from October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017. The COLA will be utilized to fund time spent by the Director of Patient Services in the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, to purchase Lead Care II test kit supplies, and to pay for office supply purchases including toner cartridges. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

A4010.101 (Health Dept. – Regular Pay)	\$1,721
A4037.407 (Public Health-Lead – Office Supplies)	\$ 401
A4037.408 (Public Health-Lead – General Supplies)	\$1,000

Revenue Account A4037.3437.00 (Public Health-Lead State Aid) \$3,122

The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Jessup, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means Committee**

Mrs. Ballengee requested a resolution accepting and appropriating \$2,472 in COLA money for the Immunization Program for the 2016 Budget Year. The grant year runs from April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017. The funds will be utilized to fund wages for the Biller which weren't originally covered by the immunization grant, and to purchase two traceable live Wi-Fi data-logging refrigerator/freezer thermometers. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

A4010.101 (Health Dept. – Regular Pay)	\$1,859
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A4010.201 (Health Dept. – Office Equipment)	\$ 513
A4056.409 (Immunization Under 24 mo. – Fees)	\$ 100

Revenue Account A4056.3473.00 (Immunizations – State Aid) \$2,472

The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means Committee**

Mrs. Ballengee requested a resolution accepting and appropriating \$2,540 in COLA money for the Tobacco Enforcement Program for the 2016 Budget year. The grant year runs from April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017. The funds will be utilized to purchase additional billboard advertising from LAMAR Advertising for the Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act (ATUPA) and Clean Indoor Air Act (CIAA) Programs. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

A4051.462 (Tobacco Awareness – Health Contracts) \$2,540

Revenue Account A4051.3450.00 (State Aid-Public Health Other) \$2,540

Mrs. Ballengee noted what a difficult grant this can be to spend as the guidelines are very difficult, and the money can't be spent on prevention or education. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means Committee**

Mrs. Ballengee requested a resolution accepting and appropriating \$1,072 in COLA money for the Rabies Program for the 2016 Budget year. The grant year runs from April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017. The funds will be utilized to purchase additional rabies vaccine for dogs, cats, and ferrets. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

A4043.408 (Rabies Clinics – General Supplies) \$1,072

Revenue Account A4043.3450.00 (State Aid-Public Health) \$1,072

The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Pullen, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means Committee**

OFFICE FOR THE AGING

Committee members reviewed Office for the Aging Director Madeleine Gasdik's monthly report. Ms. Gasdik stated that they are spending a lot of Medicaid dollars on the Alzheimer's Respite Program. The goal is to catch it sooner as the sooner you get on medication, the better the results. They are trying to reduce the stigma so people will seek treatment sooner.

Ms. Gasdik talked about the Medicare counseling, noting that they have helped over 1,000 people better understand Medicare. The OFA provides unbiased information and break down of which programs will work best. There has been a proposal eliminating funding for this type of insurance counseling. Ms. Gasdik has sent letters to our representatives and letters to the editor asking them to keep this funding in the budget.

Office for the Aging – BIP Caregivers

Office for the Aging Director Madeleine Gasdik requested a resolution accepting and appropriating a \$20,000 Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Caregivers Grant. This is part of the federal BIP/NY Connects Expansion and Enhancement Program Grant. The Office for the Aging will use the funding to pay for OFA staff training for caregiver issues, provide training to other agencies in the County, and for people caring for loved ones. The OFA will also provide a limited amount of assistive equipment such as wheelchairs, ramps, or grab bars. Respite care will also be provided. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

A 6790.101 (OFA BIP - Regular Pay)	\$ 6,666
A 6790.210 (OFA BIP – Equipment-Other)	\$ 2,000
A 6790.401 (OFA BIP – Postage)	\$ 300
A 6790.402 (OFA BIP – Mileage)	\$ 810
A 6790.405 (OFA BIP – Conference)	\$ 2,640
A 6790.408 (OFA BIP - General Supplies)	\$ 1,000
A 6790.409 (OFA BIP – Fees)	\$ 2,650
A 6790.416 (OFA BIP – Telephone)	\$ 324
A 6790.419 (OFA BIP – Printing)	\$ 300
A 6790.474 (OFA BIP - Home Care)	\$ 2,000
A 6790.802 (OFA BIP – Retirement)	\$ 667
A 6790.803 (OFA BIP - F.I.C.A.)	\$ 510
A 6790.804 (OFA BIP - Workers' Comp)	\$ 133

Revenue Account #A6790.4772.00 (OFA Bip – Federal Aid) \$20,000

The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means Committee**

Office for the Aging – WillCare PCA

Ms. Gasdik also requested a resolution amending the existing agreement between Allegany County and WillCare dated January 1, 2016, to increase the cost of home care as follows:

	<u>2016 Rate</u>	<u>2017 Rate</u>
PCA I (Housekeeping/Chore Personnel)	\$19.50/hr.	\$20.00/hr.
PCA II Home Care Personnel)	\$19.50/hr.	\$21.00/hr.
And to add RN Supervisory Visit of Aides	N/A	\$98.00/visit

Ms. Gasdik noted that we have been doing business with WillCare for years, and they are raising their rates quite a bit. The New York State Office for the Aging used to have criteria that agencies could not charge more than Medicaid, but those regulations changed last summer. The agreement will extend the agreement for one year, and then it will be revisited. Unfortunately our options are very limited. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Jessup, seconded by Legislator Pullen, and carried.

Refer to Ways & Means Committee

Grandparent's Day

Ms. Gasdik briefly mentioned Grandparent's Day, and a space simulation landing on Haley's Comet. The event is being sponsored by the Allegany Senior Foundation with a grant from the Allegany Area Foundation at the Dresser Rand Challenger Learning Center on Friday, August 19, 2016. Anyone 10 or over, or going into the 5th grade and a Grandparent or Surrogate Grandparent is eligible to attend, and the cost is only \$5 per person.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee a motion was made by Legislator Decker to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m. and this motion was seconded by Legislator Pullen and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Rigby Riehle, Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators