

## **HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**August 3, 2016**

**NOT APPROVED**

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

**Others Present:** L. Ballengee, T. Boyde, M. Gasdik, V. Grant, C. Knapp, B. Riehle, T. Ross, T. Zalar, Laurie Hennessy, M. Healy, D. Fanton, Bobbie B.

**Press Present:** Brian Quinn

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Human Services Committee Chairman Kevin LaForge at 3:22 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the July 6, 2016, meeting were approved on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried.

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

### **Zika Virus**

Laurie Hennessy gave a brief presentation on the Zika virus and its presence in Florida and the concern because it has infected non-travelers. There are only two kinds of mosquitos who can pass it. Some area residents have been tested but no results have been received. The virus is mild unless you are pregnant and some people have no symptoms at all. Mrs. Hennessy addressed the safety concerns regarding sexual transmission and possible effects on the blood supply.

### **Corporate Compliance Plan**

Public Health Director Lori Ballengee gave a brief Corporate Compliance Plan Update. She discussed the need for the plan to be updated with job descriptions and the need for someone to be dedicated solely to Corporate Compliance. The next Corporate Compliance meeting will be scheduled for October and because it is necessary for anyone billing Medicare and Medicaid the Office for the Aging will now have to be included.

### **Acceptance and Appropriation of CAPP Grant**

Public Health Director Ballengee requested a resolution accepting and appropriating \$7,725 for the CAPP (Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention) Grant. The grant is a six-month extension of the existing grant and covers the period of July through December 2016 budget and grant years. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

A4010.201 (Health Dept. – Office Equipment)	\$6,125	
A4010.206 (Health Dept. – Health Equipment)	\$1,600	
Revenue A4035.2280.00 (Health Services for Other Gov.)		\$7,725

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

### **Transfer with Special Education/PHC**

Mrs. Ballengee requested approval to transfer \$30,000 from A2960.421 (Special Education – PHC – Education/Schools) to A2960.441 (Special Education – PHC – Contractual) to cover anticipated SEIT (Special Education Itinerant Teacher) expenses through December 2016. In the past, the Health Department has not had enough SEIT providers to offer that service; however, they secured a new provider who has been able to meet this need so expenses for this line item will increase. It was noted the SEIT services are less expensive than Center Based Tuition services so they want to provide more SEIT services and less Center Based. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Pullen, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried. **Notify County Treasures Office**

### **Request to Fill WIC Nutritionist**

Mrs. Ballengee requested approval to fill a Women's, Infants', and Children's (WIC) Nutritionist (AFSCME, Grade 15, Base – Step 7) as the WIC Program cannot exist without this staff required by the State. The salary and fringe for the position are covered 100 percent by program grants and/or Article 6 funding. The WIC Program distributes over \$1 million in checks that are used at local grocery and drug stores. An additional \$15,000 in checks is also given out annually to support local farmers in Farmer's Market checks. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Jessup, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

### **WIC Lease Update**

Mrs. Ballengee reported that they are currently working to secure a new, less expensive site for the WIC clinic, and hope to move by the end of the year.

### **Cancer Services Women's Health Initiative**

Mrs. Ballengee reported that Senator Cathy Young has secured an additional \$50,000 for Cancer Services. Appropriations are in the process of being determined. It is anticipated that Senator Young's office will plan an event at which the money will be presented.

## **OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

### **Office for the Aging Monthly Report**

Office for the Aging Director Madeleine submitted her monthly report for review. Ms. Gasdik thanked everyone for helping with the recent Senior picnic. Over 700 meals were served including seniors, volunteers, and sponsors. Also discussed was the new case note program NYSOFA is creating. This will be very similar to the program ACOFA is currently using. There will be downtime from August 7, 2016 to September 16, 2016 when the current program information is going to be uploaded to the new statewide program. Staff will be keeping manual notes and will enter all notes when the new program goes live on September 15, 2016. One issue is that the program ACOFA uses to track meals and driver routes will no longer be able to upload meals information into the new system. It will cost \$4,000 to get the two programs to "speak" to each other. However, the current meals program is over 16 years old and has no program support. ACOFA is looking into seeing if a new program can be created at a reasonable cost.

### **Allegany Senior Foundation Donations**

Ms. Gasdik requested a resolution accepting \$36,428 in donations from the Allegany Senior Foundation as follows:

\$10,000	To Home Delivered Meals from the Senior Gala
\$ 9,000	To Home Delivered Meals from a United Way Grant
\$13,100	To MercyLine from a United Way Grant
\$ 4,328	To MercyLine from an Alfred Station Community Chest Grant

It was noted that these funds have already been included in the 2016 Budget. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Jessup, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

A request was made for an executive session by Ms. Gasdik. A motion to enter into executive session was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. Immediately following discussion, a motion was made to end executive session and return to the regular meeting by Legislator Pullen, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried.

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **Social Services Monthly Report**

Social Services Commissioner Vicki Grant submitted her monthly report for review. There are not any big fluctuations at this point but are anticipating some with new programs such as Health Homes. Also pointed out that it has been a record year for adoptions with 14 having been completed so far this year.

Ms. Grant invited the committee to the Department's upcoming Lunch on the Lawn on August 24. Ms. Grant also noted that Julie Tomasi has been asked by the state to assist at Spring Valley Regional Office in regards to our being foremost in KinGap. We have the highest numbers in the state. Ms. Grant will be speaking on the 26<sup>th</sup> on Trauma Informed Care at the Statewide Implementation for Child Welfare Outcomes meeting in Albany. Mr. LaForge requested that she prepare a press release on both of these items.

### **Accept and Appropriate NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Funds**

Ms. Grant requested a resolution accepting and appropriating a \$46,792 NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Grant for provision of supportive employment services to eligible noncustodial parents. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

A6010.101 (Social Services Admin. – Personnel)	\$10,612
A6010.402 (Social Services Admin. – Mileage)	\$ 720
A6010.407 (Social Services Admin. - Office Supplies)	\$ 500
A6010.476 (Social Services Admin. – Contractual)	\$33,235
A6010.482 (Social Services Admin. – Contractual)	\$ 6,952

Revenue A6010.4610.00 (Federal Aid – DSS Admin.)	\$46,792
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The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Pullen, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

*Ms. Grant indicated that this money is used to help non-custodial parents with expenses related to finding employment.*

### **Heroin & Opioid Abuse Ad Hoc Committee Update**

Legislator Judy Hopkins did a brief presentation on the recent meeting of the Allegany County Heroin & Opioid Abuse Ad Hoc Committee. Keith Watkins, Director of the Cattaraugus County Health Department, was the key speaker at the last meeting. It was noted that Cattaraugus County has been dealing with the issue much longer. The committee will be looking at working with them regionally.

The committee has also committed to working with Ardent Solutions to map how people interact with the County during their entrance into the system. They hope to develop a direction that Allegany County can take to fight this issue and feel that the program that Ardent Solutions has laid out will be a good foundation. The next scheduled meeting is August 11, which is subject to change as the focus groups for this committee will be meeting on August 12.

### **Old Business**

Lori Ballengee answered an earlier question regarding what equipment (a new scale and surface pros for the clinics) would be purchased with the CAPP grant funds.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee a motion was made by Legislator Burt to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 p.m. and this motion was seconded by Legislator Decker and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Zalar, Secretary to the Social Services Commissioner