

MINUTES

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, June 3, 2019 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Verno, Baldrige, Emmel, Robusto, Jacobs, Miller, Crane, Chatfield and Groat, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Ken Blake, Veterans Services Director Jason Eldridge, Aging and Youth Department Representatives Penny Shockley and Amy Haskins, Commissioner of Social Services Josh McCrossen and Director of Social Services Shelly Bentley.

Minutes from the May 6th Committee meeting were approved as written.

Mr. Eldridge reviewed his monthly activities report with the Committee. During April 241 contacts were made to the Office by Veterans or their family members. There were 91 transportation units to or from to the Canandaigua Veterans Medical Center and 18 units of transportation to the Syracuse Veterans Medical Center. Thirty-five Wayne County veterans passed away during April, with one indigent burial paid for by the County.

Mrs. Crane thanked the veterans that helped with her sister's funeral held in April.

Supervisors were informed Mr. Eldridge and members of the 914th Food Service Team received the 2019 Air Force Reserve Command Hennessy Awards Program trophy. Supervisors congratulated Mr. Eldridge on receiving this honor.

The following transmittals were presented for the Office of Aging and Youth:

--Authorization for the Director of the Department of Aging and Youth to sign 2019 Office of Family and Children Services budget amendments. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to submit the 2019 Office of Children and Family Services Resource Allocation Plan. Approved 5-0.

The discussion on the need to fill Personal Care Assistant positions was discussed again this month. These individuals provide direct personal care and at the end of 2019 the County's contract with Lifetime Care for these services will end; as Lifetime Care now comes under Rochester General Hospital. Personal care services, whether for physical care or helping with light chores in an elderly person's home reduces the time they will need to be in a nursing home. At the request of Supervisors, Mrs. Shockley priced out the cost to contract for this service or to provide the service with County staff. She noted besides her Office, the Department of Social Services and Public Health Office will need to have Personal Care Assistants on staff. A meeting has been scheduled between these three departments and County administration to draft a job description for the positions; as they will vary between the departments slightly. Ms. Shockley said she believes she can hire individuals to fill these positions and still remain within budget. It was noted the County will continue its contract through Lifetime Care for personal services; these services include housework. Mr. Miller questioned if the County should hire both levels of Personal Care Assistants. Mrs. Shockley noted this is a national workforce shortage and to attempt to find individuals who will fill just the one level of care will be difficult. The Department of Aging and Youth receives State and Federal funds to pay for Personal Care Assistants; the

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Department would not receive the funds if they were not providing the service. Mrs. Shockley said a transmittal will be presented to this Committee next month that will hopefully resolve the issue.

The following transmittals were presented for the Department of Social Services:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an amended agreement with child caring institution Hillside Children's Center. The contract needs to be amended to reflect modifications reflecting Raise the Age Legislation and Family First Preventive Services verbiage. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with Snell Farm Children's Center. The contract will reflect Raise the Age Legislation and Family First Preventive Services verbiage. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to accept an allocation of SNAP bonus funds in the amount of \$57,142 from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to be used to improve SNAP-related customer services and enhance the County's ability to prevent SNAP-related abuse and fraud. The State approved the County's Plan for expenditure of these funds. Improvements that will be made to the system were reviewed by Mrs. Bentley. These funds are 50% State and 50% Federal. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a renewal contract for child-only services with Wayne ARC at an annual cost of \$76,710. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a renewal contract for services to the working impaired with Wayne ARC for intensive case management services for a price not to exceed \$75,247. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign the Workforce Innovative Opportunity Administration, Adult, Dislocated Worker and Career Center Services contract for 2019-2020 for a price of \$125,476. Mrs. Bentley said the paperwork for this contract will arrive later today. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Youth Services contract for 2019-2020 at a price of \$103,730. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Wayne CAP for the administration of a child abuse reduction program through a parent education service program at a cost of \$19,750. The County Attorney has yet to approve this request. Approved 5-0.

The following reports were presented for the Department of Social Services:

- Financials: Through the first four months of the year, the Department expended 34.5% of their County budget. Mrs. Bentley noted overall expenditures are down slightly.
- Caseload: At the end of April there were 788 County residents receiving temporary assistance, 5,611 on medical assistance and 8,193 receiving food stamps. Mrs. Bentley explained the process to receive temporary assistance; noting all income and assets of an applicant are considered.

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Mr. Verno wished Mr. McCrossen well during his upcoming retirement and thanked him for his service to the County. Mr. McCrossen stating he has enjoyed and learned a great deal during his time with the County. Other Supervisors also thanked Mr. McCrossen for the assistance he gave them during his tenure and the pleasure they had working with him.

Mr. Verno made a motion the Committee enter into executive session at 9:11 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter with Personnel Director Chris Kalinski present, Mr. Robusto second. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is scheduled for Monday, July 1st at 8:30 a.m.