

## MINUTES

### HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, July 1, 2019 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Verno, Baldrige, Emmel, Jacobs, Miller, Chatfield, Crane, Groat and LeRoy, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Ken Blake, Veterans Services Director Jason Eldridge, Aging and Youth Director Penny Shockley and Interim Commissioner of Social Services Shelly Bentley. Supervisor Robusto was not present for the meeting.

Minutes from the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee meeting were approved as written.

The monthly activities report for the Veterans Service Office was reviewed. During May 265 Veterans and or their family members had contact with the local office. There were 73 units of transportation to or from the Canandaigua VA Medical Center and 18 to or from the Syracuse VA Medical Center. The deaths of 44 Wayne County veterans were reported to the local Office in May.

Next month Mr. Eldridge will be requesting the new position of part-time Veterans Service Counselor. The need for this individual to have official certification to provided necessary services to veterans was stated.

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

--Authorization to appoint Jona Wright to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to amend the TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Summer Youth Program budget to reflect an increase in appropriations of \$18,146. Approved 4-0

Monthly reports for the Department of Social Services were reviewed:

- Caseload: At the end of May the Department had 777 County residents receiving Temporary Assistance, 5,593 on Medical Assistance and 8,094 receiving Food Stamps. All numbers are down from the previous month.
- Financials: Through May the Department expended 42.3% of its County budget; this is slightly less than last year at the same time.

The following transmittals were presented for the Aging and Youth Department:

--Authorization to create two full-time Home Health Aide positions to provide personal care services for eligible seniors and amend the County budget. Ms. Shockley stated Lifetime Care has been a contractor for this service; however, ever they are currently serving only 60% of the Department's eligible seniors and will no longer be serving any Personal Care Assistant Level I clients effective January 2020. The positions will be paid \$16.69 an hour and will serve 27 assessed eligible seniors currently on a waiting list for these services. The request also includes the purchase of two vehicles for \$35,000. The additional cost to the Department in 2019 is totally reimbursed through State Aide. The budget line that would pay Lifetime Care's contract can be utilized to pay for the additional positions. At this time the Office cannot meet the requests that are being made for personal care aid services. Ms. Shockley believes County residents would

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receive better services if the providers are on staff; they would be members of her Department. It is not believed it would be difficult to fill the positions if they were part-time. Mrs. Bentley noted Social Services has been having difficulty in finding individuals to provide these services to Medicaid recipients. Public Health Director, Diane Devlin, came into the meeting, stating if these positions were hired under her Department it would cost more, as professional supervision of the individuals would be required. It was agreed wording would be included stating the positions are contingent upon continued State funding. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to extend the position of temporary part-time Services Assistant through the end of 2019. Ms. Shockley reviewed the circumstances for the request. There is no additional County cost to have this temporary position filled. The transmittal will include language that the position will be terminated if the staff member returns to full-time status. Approved 4-0.

Ms. Shockley reported there are 13 certified lifeguards working at Sodus Point Beach this summer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is scheduled for Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.