## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Present: Legislators Young, Clattenburg, Deleo, Dibble, Also Present: Legislators Stein, Torrey, Hilchey, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Assistant Manager Matt Landers, Health Department Director Paul Pettit, OFA Director Ruth Spink, RSVP Coordinator Courtney Iburi, BEA Coordinator Karyn Winters, Esther Leadley, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Brian Quinn-The Daily News, Howard Owens-The Batavian

Human Services Chair Young called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm in the Legislative Conference Room at the Old Courthouse.

The agenda was amended to add adjourn to Executive Session for a privileged and confidential discussion with the county attorney regarding County Liability Risk upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, Carried unanimously.

The agenda was amended to add Executive Session regarding the employment history of a particular employee upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Office for the Aging Director Ruth Spink explained that OFA wishes to renew the agreement with Leisuretimes Residential Services to host a meal site twice a week for the congregate meal program. The agreement includes a stipend of \$450 for April 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink requested approval of a contract renewal with Doyle Security Systems for personal emergency response units. Contract period is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$4,450. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink requested renewal of a contract for social adult day care services with Tender Loving Family Care. Cost of services is included in the 2019 budget. A Title III-E Respite grant, Expanded in-home services for the elderly grant and WNY Alzheimer's Disease Caregivers Support Initiative cover the cost. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink and Senior Services Specialist Courtney Iburi requested acceptance of a grant award for a three year period, renewable annually for the RSVP program. The grant amount for the period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 is \$40,000 and is included in the 2019 budget. The grant award is from the Corporation for National and Community Service. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink requested approval of a revision to the OFA Advisory Committee By-Laws to allow for telephone presence as an acceptable form of attendance and voting at advisory council

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meetings. Ms. Spink explained the intention is to ensure a quorum and participation when travel to a meeting may be difficult. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink and Ms. Iburi stated that April 10<sup>th</sup> is designated as the County Day of Recognition for National Service and requested the Legislature consider a proclamation saluting RSVP, our volunteer program in Genesee County that places people 55 and older in various volunteer positions. A proclamation will be prepared and presented next week.

Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves stated the contract for psychiatry services with Gary Rosenberg fell through therefore he was withdrawing his agenda item and resolution.

Health Director Paul Pettit requested the County accept a \$25,000 performance incentive grant fund awarded by the State. The funds were awarded due the department completing all incentive objectives. A budget amendment is required since the amount of the incentive grant was unknown when the 2019 budget was adopted. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit explained the Health Department received notification from NYS Department of Health that their Rabies Reimbursement Program contract was approved in the amount of \$46,983 for April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2022. The grant award each year of the multi-year contract is \$15,661. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit stated that his department works with EMS on the Ready Genesee App. He is requesting authorization to execute a contract with Quickseries Publishing for services associated with the App. Costs are split between Health Department and EMS and are eligible for state aid reimbursement. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit explained the Health Department is collaborating with Orleans Health Department to co-host a Center for Disease Control Public Health Associate Program Fellow for two years. The contract identifies that the host department is responsible for mileage reimbursement at the federal rate. The county attorney stated the Fellow will not be required to carry additional professional insurance and while he serves as a Fellow he will be covered the same as any County employee. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit stated he received notification from the New York State Department of Health that Genesee County's Drinking Water Enhancement Program contract has been awarded in the amount of \$85,922. The program period is April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. The revenue must be used to support local drinking water enhancement activities. This was approved for

placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit indicated his department received notification from the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Community Environmental Health and Food Protection that Genesee County's Tobacco Enforcement contract will be awarded in the total amount of \$32,360. Contract period is April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. Mr. Pettit stated that NYS was raising the age for tobacco and vaping product purchases to 21. His department will continue to do compliance checks at local retail outlets. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Lastly, Mr. Pettit requested permission to apply for a \$20,000 grant that would allow the County Health Department to use National Network of Libraries Medicine funds to create an education and outreach app associated with the opioid overdose crisis. The app would include information and links on where 24-hr assistance and detox services are available among other things. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Business Education Alliance Coordinator Karyn Winters reviewed highlights and future challenges for the BEA during her department review. They have had a 60% increase in camp participation. Camps include a farm to table culinary camp and a dessert-focus culinary camp. Camp Hard Hat was featured on WHAM television. Job Shadow day is April 2 and they have many students set to participate. Oakfield-Alabama School students toured the business incubator at Harvester where they learned that it's the first business incubator in the country. They have a hands-on career day planned with a variety of hands-on career activities including Ag related career offerings. Challenges include funding; with an increase in school dues planned for Fall 2019. The Annual Breakfast is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> at Terry Hills where future entrepreneurs of Genesee County will be featured.

County Manager Jay Gsell presented a resolution to approve an agreement with the Business Education Alliance for \$3,107 for the term January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019 for services and programs that promote the formation of partnerships among businesses and schools. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Ms. Esther Leadley provided a report on Community Action of Orleans and Genesee. Ms. Leadley is the Legislature appointee to that board. The Agency serves people who fall through the cracks by providing services and emergency assistance. Their budget is \$7.7 million with most of it coming from the Federal government. There are approximately 125 employees and 2 of the services directors have 25 years with the agency. Programs are income-eligible and include Head Start, Weatherization, The Main Street Thrift Store and Community Action Angels to name a few.

County Manager Jay Gsell shared an update on the NYS budget based on what information is available. More specific information will become available in the coming days.

County Attorney Kevin Earl stated that Purdue Pharma settled with Oklahoma for \$270 million. The Oklahoma AG accused the drug maker of aggressive marketing of the opioid painkiller and fueling a drug epidemic resulting in thousands of deaths. He said there is still a trial date set for May against the remaining defendants. He stated that the lawsuit Genesee County is included with requested amendments to include the Sackler family of Purdue Pharma, makers of OxyContin as well as their associated companies. He said it will be a while before we know anything concrete and that any contact with the media should go through the Napoli Shkolnik law firm.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is April 29, 2019.

At 5:24 pm the Committee adjourned to executive session for a privileged and confidential discussion with the county attorney regarding liability risk upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

The Human Services Committee meeting reconvened at 5:33 pm upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

At 5:33 pm the Committee adjourned to executive session to discuss a personnel matter relating to the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Andrew Young, Chair Human Services Committee Submitted 4/5/19 phl