## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Present: Legislators Young, Deleo, Maha, Torrey, Also Present: Legislators Hilchey, Dibble, Yunker, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Asst. County Manager Matt Landers, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia, Historian Mike Eula, OFA Director Diana Fox, Public Health Director Paul Pettit

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

Minutes of the December 2, 2019 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Maha carried unanimously.

Historian Mike Eula requested permission to apply for three grants:

Public Scholar Program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously. Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives FY 2021, from the National Archives. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously. Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant (LGRMIF). This was approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Office for the Aging Director Diana Fox explained there is a vacancy on the OFA Advisory Council and Karen Gayton who works for RTS Genesee has submitted an application. The term is January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Ms. Fox described the need for medical transportation for the elderly and rural transportation and recommends a contract renewal with RTS-Genesee for a term of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 at a cost of \$56,531. She explained that initially RTS indicated they were unable to continue with door to door service however, they were able to continue with that level of service therefore she is recommending renewal of the contract. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Ms. Fox requested approval of a Master Service Agreement with Western New York Integrated Care Collaborative, Inc for the provision of OFA services to improve health outcomes for participants enrolled in a WNYICC Program. She further explained the request for an addendum to the master agreement to allow for the provision of in-home post-acute discharge meal delivery for up to 14 meals for 7 days. The WNY Integrated Care Collaborative works as a broker to get appropriate reimbursement for services. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Ms. Fox requested approval of a budget amendment due to an unexpected increase in Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Population program for the period of April 1, 2019 thru March 31, 2020. The total amount of \$102,000 will be utilized for expansion of in-home services to clients. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next

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Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia explained how she has been evaluating positions and staffing and determined that a salary schedule amendment will benefit the department and patients. She stated there are two vacant in-take clerk positions and she is requesting one in-take clerk be eliminated and create one clinical therapist. The department will see a savings since the therapist provides a billable service which generates income. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Ms. Battaglia explained the State provided funding for a peer-to-peer program in the amount of \$40,000 for 2019. The funding was never included in the 2019 budget therefore she is requesting a budget amendment. Services were provided by WNY Heroes in 2019. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Ms. Battaglia requested approval of a Budget amendment for 2020 for State funding for the Peerto-Peer program. Notification was not received from the State until after the County Budget was adopted. Funding for 2020 is also in the amount of \$40,000 and the county will contract for services with WNY Heroes again. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit requested approval of a contract renewal with Monroe County for the provision of pathology and medicolegal death investigation services. \$80,700 has been appropriated in the 2020 Health Department-Coroner budget. This was approved for placement on the next legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit explained that eight Western New York Counties, including Genesee, are desirous of establishing an inter-municipal agreement for the provision of providing mutual aid to each other during a public health emergency for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025. This was approved for placement on the next legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of a letter of agreement with Perry Vet Clinic for the provision of mutual Rabies Program related services valued up to the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per year. This three-year agreement is effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. Services provided beyond the valued amount shall be reimbursed on a pro rata basis. This was approved for placement on the next legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit presented contracts for the provision of related services to eligible children in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program. The contract is with Batavia City School District and is retroactive to July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 per the established rate schedule. This

was approved for placement on the next legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of a contract for the provision of services to eligible children in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program. This contract is also with Batavia City School District for the provision of Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT) Services, Classroom Services (CB), and Evaluator Services in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program retroactively dated to the period of October 15, 2019 through June 30, 2021 at the rates established by State of New York. This was approved for placement on the next legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit explained that the department is requesting approval of an affiliation agreement with Roberts Wesleyan College. The department has had agreements with the College previously. This was approved for placement on the next legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

County Manager Jay Gsell expressed that we are working with NYSAC to breakdown and look closely at the Governor's proposal for Medicaid.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Monday, March 2, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Andrew Young, Chair Human Services Committee Submitted(2/5/20 phl