

**STEBEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

*Wednesday, February 6, 2019  
9:00 a.m.  
Legislative Committee Room  
Steuben County Office Building  
Bath, New York*

**\*\*MINUTES\*\***

**COMMITTEE:** Carol A. Ferratella, Chair                      Hilda T. Lando, Vice Chair                      K. Michael Hanna  
                    Steven P. Maio

**STAFF:** Jack K. Wheeler                                      Amy Dlugos                                      Christine Towner  
                    Jennifer Prossick                                      Craig Patrick                                      Hank Chapman  
                    Bill Caudill    Darlene Smith                                      Lise Reynolds  
                    Kathy Muller

**LEGISLATORS:** Joseph J. Hauryski                                      Kelly H. Fitzpatrick                                      John V. Malter  
                    Aaron I. Mullen    Frederick G. Potter                                      Thomas J. Ryan

**ABSENT:**                      Randolph J. Weaver

**OTHERS:**                      Mary Perham

**I.      CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Ferratella called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Ms. Towner to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II.     APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2, 2019, MEETING MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

**III.    DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS**

A.      Youth Bureau  
          1.      **Contracts** – Mr. Caudill requested authorization to renew contracts with Lisa Baker for the Vulnerable Youth Initiative and James Gallagher for the administration of Youth in Government/Youth Leadership.

Mr. Wheeler stated he would also recommend the committee waive the insurance requirements for both as has been past practice. He also stated that in full disclosure, James Gallagher is his father-in-law.

**MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE YOUTH BUREAU PROGRAM COORDINATOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH LISA BAKER FOR THE VULNERABLE YOUTH INITIATIVE (\$1,800) AND JAMES GALLAGHER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT/YOUTH LEADERSHIP (\$15,600) AND WAIVING THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

2.      **Youth Board Dinner** – Mr. Caudill announced the annual Youth Board Dinner will be held on March 4, 2019 at the Bath Country Club.

B. Office for the Aging

1. **Augmented Funding for Background Checks** – Ms. Towner informed the committee that CNCS (Corporation for National and Community Service) has amended their procedures for the criminal history background check requirements for all personnel in covered positions. For RSVP, this now includes the coordinator and two contracted workers. CNCS has provided augmented funds in the amount of \$675.00 to offset the expenses accrued for these required checks. She requested authorization to accept these additional federal funds and appropriate to their line item for background check fees.

**MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO ACCEPT \$675.00 IN ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING TO AUGMENT THE COST OF ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENTS AND APPROPRIATE TO THEIR LINE ITEM FOR BACKGROUND CHECK FEES MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

C. Office of Community Services

1. **Ira Davenport Hospital Contract Renewal** – Dr. Chapman requested authorization to renew the contract with Ira Davenport Hospital to provide substance abuse evaluations on individuals in the hospital's detox program. The rate is \$54.00 per hour.

Mr. Maio asked what is the caseload? Dr. Chapman replied it varies, but they average about one to two per week. Mrs. Lando asked how many beds do they have? Dr. Chapman replied they have six beds. They are not always filled, but generally have three to four filled. Mrs. Ferratella asked has there been an increase or decrease in the numbers? Dr. Chapman replied the numbers have stayed about the same since we started doing the evaluations. It is interesting to note that quite a few individuals are coming in from surrounding counties, which highlights the need in general. Mrs. Lando asked are Steuben County residents given preference? Dr. Chapman replied yes, Steuben County residents are given preference, but the beds are open to anyone.

Mr. Hanna asked is this a 30-day program? Dr. Chapman replied no, this is only a one to two week detox program. From there the individual can go for further inpatient treatment or is released to an outpatient program. Mrs. Ferratella asked have you tracked the success rate? Dr. Chapman replied our program can specifically track the outcomes for those individuals that continue their treatment in our outpatient program. For folks that go elsewhere, we are unable to track those numbers.

**MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH IRA DAVENPORT FOR THE PROVISION OF ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE EVALUATIONS ON INDIVIDUALS IN THE HOSPITAL'S DETOX PROGRAM AT A RATE OF \$54.00 PER HOUR MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

D. Public Health

1. **Contracts** – Mrs. Smith requested authorization to enter into contracts with Livingston-Wyoming ARC – Kidstart for preschool evaluation services at the State approved rate, and with Genesee Valley Central School District to provide a preschool 1:1 aide at a rate of \$18.00 per hour.

**MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH LIVINGSTON-WYOMING ARC – KIDSTART FOR PRESCHOOL EVALUATION SERVICES AT THE STATE APPROVED RATE AND WITH GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE A PRESCHOOL 1:1 AIDE AT A RATE OF \$18.00 PER HOUR MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Committee Goals* – Mr. Hauryski stated he has been trying to look back at what each committee has done over the past year and he has been pleased with what he sees each of the committees doing. This year he is asking that you assess your departments with regard to what they are doing and if they are being more effective and efficient in their

work; and if you think they have the tools they need. With Raise the Age and Indigent Defense, the State promises to pay, but he thinks you are dreaming if you think they will pay. The State needs to rework their budget and we will be left holding the bag. Mr. Hauryski stated that he would like to commend the departments. When he first came on the Legislature, we had over 1,000 employees and now we are down to 853. In the horizon, he doesn't see things getting any easier. This committee does a great job; keep it up.

B. *Smart Steuben* – Mrs. Lando informed the committee that she attended the Smart Steuben meeting yesterday and they will be scheduling a priority setting meeting in April. Mrs. Smith explained we are in a three-year cycle and we need to complete our CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) and our CHA (Community Health Assessment). In April, we will take all of the data that we have collected from our 21 focus groups through a survey. The results of that will determine where they believe the priorities for the County should be. Based on that feedback, it will be scored and assigned a priority.

C. *Smoking Legislation* – Mrs. Ferratella commented that she sees that three Conifer Properties in the County will be going smoke-free. With regard to proposed T-21 legislation, she doesn't see any immediate movement there, but she is still hopeful.

D. *Steuben Prevention Coalition* – Mrs. Lando stated the County and Catholic Charities have provided the Prevention Coalition with some funding. The Coalition is working on grants to resubmit. They did receive a grant from the Bath Elks in the amount of \$1,500 to do a youth retreat. She stated the Coalition does not have the funds to provide the TIPS training or the Drug Impairment training program. The board members are going out and asking for additional funds.

E. *Senior Nutrition Program* – Mrs. Lando reported she attended the senior nutrition meeting. Corning Meals on Wheels is now in the black. They served 59,302 meals in 2018. ProAction served a total of 78,000 meals, and 33,000 congregate meals in Steuben and Yates counties. Mrs. Ferratella commented ProAction is continuing to have issues with kitchen units in Bath and are trying to work through that. Mrs. Lando stated the results of a ProAction survey showed that people are pretty satisfied with 61 percent who thought the quality of the meals were excellent or great.

F. *Hunger Coalition* – Mrs. Lando stated the EBT cards for WIC started at the end of January. Hopefully this will be easier for individuals to use to receive their benefits. She stated that the Food Bank has been reorganized and she believes this will be good for the coalition and the food pantries.

G. *Sex Trafficking* – Mrs. Lando informed the committee she attended one of the training sessions and it was interesting. Mr. Caudill commented they have trained 70 people so far in January.

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC OFFICERS' LAW, ARTICLE 7§ 105.1F. THE MEDICAL, FINANCIAL, CREDIT OR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON OR CORPORATION, OR MATTERS LEADING TO THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION, DISMISSAL OR REMOVAL OF A PARTICULAR PERSON OR CORPORATION MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

Mr. Maio was excused.

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0. (MR. MAIO ABSENT FOR VOTE)**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR.  
MOTION CARRIES 3-0. (MR. MAIO ABSENT FOR VOTE)**

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman  
Deputy Clerk  
Steuben County Legislature

**\*\*NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR\*\*  
Wednesday, March 6, 2019  
Legislative Committee Room  
9:00 a.m.**

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