

STEBEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 2, 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 Henry Chapman Patty Baroody
 Christine Towner Kathy Muller Darlene Smith
 Andy Morse Jennifer Prossick Bill Caudill

LEGISLATORS: Joseph J. Hauryski Kelly H. Fitzpatrick Robin K. Lattimer
 John V. Malter Frederick G. Potter Thomas J. Ryan
 Scott J. Van Etten

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 Mr. Van Etten to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2018, MEETING MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Office of Community Services
 1. **Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Contract** – Dr. Chapman stated that with the retirement of Dr. Khan, we are down to one psychiatrist, Dr. Nobilski, that can work with children and that is not feasible as we have upwards of 250 children being treated with medication. He requested authorization to contract with Diane Scagliola, a psychiatric nurse practitioner, to work one day per week, and to also provide coverage when Dr. Nobilski is out. The annual contract will not exceed \$62,500 and he has money in the budget.

Mr. Hanna asked so we have ended up with only one psychiatrist on staff? Dr. Chapman replied no, we have two part-time psychiatrists; Dr. Neerukonda and Dr. Touchstone, who work part time. Dr. Nobilski only works with children.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO CONTRACT WITH DIANE SCAGLIOLA, PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER, TO PROVIDE SERVICES ONE DAY PER WEEK AND ALSO TO PROVIDE COVERAGE IN DR. NOBILSKI'S ABSENCE, AT AN ANNUAL RATE NOT TO EXCEED \$62,500 MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO FOR DISCUSSION.

Mrs. Lando asked we have 250 children on medication? Dr. Chapman replied yes, and we have upwards of 900 children who are seen for services. Mrs. Lando asked is that number normal or higher than normal? Dr. Chapman replied that has been our normal for several years now.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

B. Office for the Aging

1. **2019 RSVP Contracts** – Mrs. Baroody asked for approval of the contracts with Institute for Human Services – Special Projects for \$21,795 and Institute for Human Services – RSVP Volunteer Coordinator for \$44,961.00.

MOTION: APPROVING THE FOLLOWING 2019 RSVP CONTRACTS: INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES – SPECIAL PROJECTS - \$21,795; AND INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES – RSVP VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR - \$44,961 MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

2. **Award Legal Services Contract** – Mrs. Baroody informed the committee that John McCarthy, Esq., who they contract with for legal services for the elderly, is retiring. They put out a request for quotes and there was a tie for the lowest quote. She recommended splitting the contract between William B. Joint, Esq. of Bath, and Center for Elder Law and Justice of Buffalo at a rate of \$75.00 per hour. The maximum for each contract would be \$7,095.

Mr. Hanna commented he will be abstaining due to a relationship with Mr. Joint.

MOTION: AWARDING THE LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY CONTRACT TO WILLIAM B. JOINT, ESQ. OF BATH, NY AND THE CENTER FOR ELDER LAW AND JUSTICE OF BUFFALO, NY AT A RATE OF \$75.00/HOUR NOT TO EXCEED \$7,095 ANNUALLY FOR EACH CONTRACT MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. MOTION CARRIES 3-0-1. (MR. HANNA ABSTAINED)

3. **Full Circle America** – Mrs. Ferratella stated there have been challenges with internet connections; is that because the clients do not have access or because there is no internet service? Mrs. Baroody replied it is both. The challenges with some of the clients have to do with equipment, connectivity and the ability to pay for the internet. There is also an issue with the provision of internet services and there are areas of the County that may not have any service. With each case, it takes us hours and hours to figure out the issues.

Mrs. Lando asked do we have paying clients? Mrs. Baroody replied yes. We have eight households that are currently enrolled. Three of the current members have transitioned from the Pioneer Club and are self-paying on an income-based sliding scale fee. Mrs. Lando asked was there an issue with the physician being licensed? Mrs. Baroody replied Dr. Teel is not currently licensed in New York State, however the plan was for him to collaborate with a local physician and that has worked out well.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Public Health Monthly Report* – Mrs. Ferratella asked Mrs. Smith for an explanation about the support letter regarding lead line replacements. Mrs. Smith replied NYSACHO (New York State Association of County Health Officials) sent out a support letter on the behalf of all of the Health Departments in the State to urge the replacement of all water lines that have lead in them. Mrs. Ferratella commented in your report you note that you are monitoring 15 – 18 children with lead? Mrs. Smith replied yes. That number is a little higher than usual. We do have a lead map of the County which shows all of the older homes and where they are located throughout the County. She commented she will email that to the Legislators for their information.

Mrs. Lando asked Mrs. Smith to send them the list of issues that were found during their accreditation review. Mrs. Smith replied she will send that out as well.

B. *Food Bank* – Mrs. Lando announced the Food Bank Backpack event was held in December. She commented she was the only County representative in attendance, other than Assemblyman Palmesano. We had a challenge with Broome County and they packed 1,000 backpacks and we packed 1,080. This was a good event for us.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

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

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
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Wednesday, January 30, 2019**