

STEUBEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

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 Randolph J. Weaver

STAFF: Jack K. Wheeler Mitchell Alger Lise Reynolds
Cathy Baker Darlene Smith Bill Caudill
Jennifer Prossick

LEGISLATORS: Joseph J. Hauryski Dan C. Farrand Kelly H. Fitzpatrick
Robin K. Lattimer John V. Malter

OTHERS: Mary Perham

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ferratella called the meeting to order and asked Mrs. Lando to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 3, 2017, MEETING MADE BY MR. HANNA, SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Youth Bureau

1. **2017 Youth Development Allocations** – Mr. Caudill reviewed the proposed 2017 Youth Development Fund allocations. Total funding is \$87,661 which is about \$1,000 less than what we received last year. This funding is used for youth centers, summer recreation programs, substance/alcohol prevention and youth leadership. He noted they will not be renewing their contracts with the Center for Dispute Settlement for youth mediation, or with the Institute for Human services for the runaway/homeless youth outreach.

MOTION: APPROVING THE FOLLOWING 2017 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING CONTRACTS: CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF STEUBEN COUNTY - \$11,435; CITY OF CORNING - \$2,459; CITY OF HORNELL - \$2,193; FAMILY SERVICE SOCIETY, INC. - \$16,520; HORNELL AREA CONCERN FOR YOUTH - \$20,663; PROACTION OF STEUBEN & YATES, INC. - \$5,195; THE FRIENDS OF THE ADDISON YOUTH CENTER - \$8,964; TOWN OF CAMPBELL - \$1,052; AND YOUTH BUREAU SERVICES - \$18,060 MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **Trytle Beach** – Mrs. Lando commented that she attended the Trytle Beach festivities this year. It was very well done and raised a lot of money. Mr. Caudill stated this year they raised \$38,249. With that funding, we will be funding the largest number of programs ever done to date.

3. **Sexually Exploited Youth (SEY) Funding** – Mr. Caudill informed the committee of the availability of SEY funding in 2018 through Safe Harbour NY. There is a big push from the State to provide

programming to raise awareness of sexually exploited youth. There will be \$20,000 - \$25,000 available to counties. He stated in his current model for the Youth Bureau, this is not something that he could take on. However, we could work with the Department of Social Services and Schuyler County Department of Social Services to create a regional approach. The Department of Social Services already shares a Staff Development Coordinator position with Schuyler County. The goal would be to launch an awareness campaign and promote wraparound services available in the community.

Mrs. Ferratella asked would you also work with the schools? Mr. Caudill replied he would think we would want to talk with the schools and other agencies that work with youth to raise awareness of the issue. The 2018 funding will be available January 1, 2018.

B. Office for the Aging

1. **RSVP Recognition Event** – Ms. Baker informed the committee that they recently hosted the RSVP Volunteer Recognition Event on May 18th. They had anticipated 130 attendees and the committee had approved spending up to \$1,500. We actually ended up with 150 attendees and the actual cost of the event was \$2,139. She requested authorization to pay the invoice with money they have available in that line item.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO PAY AN INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,139 REPRESENTING THE ACTUAL COST OF THE MAY 18, 2017, RSVP VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MR. WHEELER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **Nutrition Task Force** – Ms. Baker distributed a handout showing the results of the survey that was done regarding the new Cook-Chill program for home-delivered meals. There were 113 respondents and of those, 34.55 percent ranked their satisfaction as very good. About 50 percent of clients responding have opted for the weekend frozen meals and 49 percent of those receiving weekend frozen meals were satisfied.

C. Department of Social Services

1. **RFP – Cost Allocation Plan** – Ms. Reynolds requested authorization to issue an RFP for the cost allocation plan. This plan will establish the chargebacks for maintenance in lieu of rent and will also include Public Health.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR, TO SOLICIT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE COST ALLOCATION PLAN MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

D. Public Health

1. **Contracts** – Mrs. Smith requested authorization to contract with Deanna McManus and Jessica Wenck, Speech-Language Pathologist, to provide Preschool related services at a rate of \$65.00 per individual session and \$32.50 per group session.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH DEANNA MCMANUS AND JESSICA WENCK TO PROVIDE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES TO HE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM AT A RATE OF \$65.00 PER INDIVIDUAL SESSION AND \$32.50 PER GROUP SESSION MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **Preschool Transportation Bid Update** – Mrs. Smith informed the committee that she contacted the vendors and all of them said that for the most part the increase in price was due to the increase in minimum wage. We have sent letters to all of the CPSE Chairs asking them to remind parents that they can transport their children and be reimbursed for the mileage in both directions. Mrs. Ferratella asked will that reduce our cost?

Mrs. Smith replied our reimbursement rate is still less than what we are paying the vendors. One of the other factors the vendors mentioned was that sometimes when they go to pick up a child, they are a no-show. They still have to charge for that. We are also reminding parents to call if their child is unable to attend.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. **Steuben County Nursing Scholarship Proposal** – Mr. Creath stated he is not here today as a representative of Corning Community College, but as a private citizen. He would like to propose the creation of a full scholarship at Corning Community College initially dedicated to the nursing program. This will help fulfill a need for more nurses in our County. In our tri-County area of Steuben, Chemung and Schuyler counties, there are an estimated 200 vacant nursing positions in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and doctors' offices. This proposal would cap the County's obligation at \$10,000. The total cost for a student to complete one year of nursing school at Corning Community College is \$14,500. The estimated cost of tuition that would be paid for by TAP, the Pell Grant and the NYS Excelsior fund is \$4,500. Approximately 75 – 80 percent of our students get some type of financial aid. Mr. Creath commented the problem with most of our students is the other expenses that are involved with attending college. Room and board at Perry Hall is \$8,200 per year, college fees, nursing fees and uniforms are estimated at \$560 per year, books are estimated at \$900 per year and other miscellaneous expenses are estimated at \$320 per year.

Mr. Creath stated this proposed \$10,000 scholarship would be needed more for a non-traditional students. For those students who are single parents and not staying in Perry Hall, he would suggest giving them the \$10,000 to cover expenses such as child care, transportation and other living expenses. Students that qualified for the scholarship would be low to moderate income or middle class. The dropout rate for single mothers is due to the above-mentioned costs. If they received this, they would have to claim this income against their welfare payments. He is proposing this scholarship for one year and if it is successful, then it could be continued for additional years. The selection of a candidate would be based on the need and their promise/abilities.

Mr. Creath stated recipients of this scholarship would be known as a Steuben Scholar. His intent is to also make this request of Chemung and Schuyler counties. The recipients in those counties would be known as a Chemung Scholar and a Schuyler Scholar. He would like to see Steuben County take the lead on this. He will also be going to Guthrie and Arnot to make the same proposal.

Mrs. Lando asked will there be multiple awards? Mr. Creath replied he is suggesting that we do this for two years. We would initially award to a first-year student. If that student is successful, you could award for the second year. After that point, you could start one student every year and have two scholarships.

Mr. Weaver asked would this be for one student per County? Mr. Creath replied yes.

Mr. Hanna asked who would be overseeing the scholarship? Mr. Creath replied he would think Corning Community College would. The Nursing Department could make the recommendation and send a name to the Legislature for endorsement. Additionally, he would think that the Department of Social Services would have a better handle on who would have more promise and ability to successfully complete the program.

Mr. Weaver asked would there be a built-in mechanism that the student maintain a certain grade point average? Mr. Creath replied it would follow the guidelines of the Excelsior Program.

Mr. Hanna asked would it be better to split the \$10,000 and support two students with \$5,000 each? Mr. Creath stated the student will be awarded \$5,000 per semester and will be billed per semester.

Mrs. Lando asked have we done anything like this before? Mr. Wheeler replied we had a medical scholarship that was not very successful. Certain requirements had to be met such as a predetermined GPA and a residency requirement following graduation. That program was discontinued as the County spent a lot of time collecting reimbursement. Mr. Weaver asked wasn't that geared more towards physicians? Mr. Wheeler replied yes.

Mr. Maio asked has this request been run through the Law Department? Mr. Wheeler replied no.

Mrs. Ferratella asked how many students are currently enrolled in the Nursing Program? Mr. Creath replied we have 120 seats in the first year class. Mr. Malter asked upon graduation, will they be required to fulfill a time limit in which they will work in Steuben County? Mr. Creath replied we will follow the State's guidelines. If they receive assistance through the Excelsior Program for two years, they are required to work in the State for two years. He would suggest you follow that requirement.

Mrs. Ferratella asked how will you recoup the money if the student does not fulfill their obligation? Mr. Creath replied you could get a statement from the student and the employer. It is not worth chasing someone down for \$5,000.

Mr. Weaver commented for the scope of this, it is not a lot of money, however, he is in favor of the proposal. Mr. Creath stated 90 percent of our nursing students stay in the County.

Mr. Hanna asked where would the money come from? Mr. Wheeler replied you already give the college \$3 million. It would likely be another budget item. He stated he thinks we need a little time as we need to discuss this with the Law Department and work out the details for the committee's review. Mrs. Lando commented she doesn't think we know enough about this. We could take it under advisement and do more research. She has a lot of questions.

Mr. Hauryski commented another point is the fact that Mr. Creath is coming to the committee as a citizen and not as a member of the Board of Trustees for the college, but that places this proposal in a gray area. You say you are making this request as a citizen, but you sit on the Board of Trustees for Corning Community College. Personally, we need to take this under advisement. There is a major conflict of interest with you making this proposal. Mr. Creath replied he cannot speak for the Board of Trustees and that is why he is here today as a private citizen. Mrs. Ferratella stated we will take this under advisement and look into it further.

V. GOALS

Mrs. Ferratella distributed the final version of the committee's 2017 goals. They are:

- Continue to learn about the activities of each of the agencies that report to our committee. Understand what they do, what our committee can do to help with the barriers they face. Develop a list and prioritize the agencies to review.
- Investigate how the agencies that report to our committee communicate support and resources that are available to our residents.

MOTION: FORWARDING THE HSH&E COMMITTEE'S 2017 GOALS AS PRESENTED, TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATURE MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Mrs. Lando asked what about the goals for the other committees? Mr. Hauryski replied a lot of them dovetail with the Chairman's Goals. Mrs. Lando asked do we have something that says what the goals are for all of the committees? Mr. Hauryski stated he would get a copy of that.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Recognition** – Mr. Hauryski stated that he would like to congratulate Mrs. Lando who recently received some formal recognition from the United Way for her outstanding volunteer service. *Congratulations!*

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR****

****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE**Wednesday, July 12, 2017**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE**
9:00 a.m.**

**Please send your agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
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Wednesday, June 28, 2017.**