

STEUBEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

9:15 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: Mitchell Alger Patty Baroody Cheryl Crocker
 Jennifer Prossick Lise Reynolds Kathy Muller
 Vince Spagnoletti

LEGISLATORS: Joseph J. Hauryski John V. Malter Thomas J Ryan
 Robert V. Nichols

ABSENT: Randolph J. Weaver

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ferratella called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and asked Mrs. Baroody to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 2018, MEETING MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. MOTION CARRIES 3-0-1. (MR. HANNA ABSTAINED AS HE WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE APRIL MEETING)

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. County Manager

1. **Contract Approval – Raise the Age Facility** – Mr. Alger requested authorization to enter into a contract with Treahy Consultation Services, LLC to help us with a regional detention plan for secure and specialized secure facilities to comply with the new Raise the Age Law. This contract will be in conjunction with the nine counties in our regional consortium. He requested authorization to spend up to \$15,000 for this. Mrs. Ferratella commented in your handout you indicated that Tompkins and Wayne counties are questionable. If they decide to join at a later time, would they be included in the cost sharing? Mr. Alger replied yes. Mrs. Ferratella stated in Schuyler County they have the Monterey Camp. Is there any hope of being able to utilize that facility? Mr. Alger replied no. They are looking at that facility for a potential economic development project.

Mrs. Lando commented we do not have a choice and really have to go with a regional concept. Mr. Alger informed the committee the State is saying they will cover all costs associated with the new law, however, we have already heard that they have put a cap on expenses for Probation Officers at \$80,000. That may not be the only thing they limit reimbursement on.

Mr. Hanna asked why did we choose this consultant? Mr. Alger explained Mr. Treahy used to operate Glove House and has some experience with the youth population that we would be housing. Mr. Malter asked if there are nine counties involved in this, the facility will be quite large. How many beds will there be? Mr. Alger replied we are not sure. That is one of the things that Mr. Treahy will be looking at. The other piece is how the

governance of a shared facility would be handled. Mr. Malter asked would this be a stand-alone facility? Mr. Alger replied it might be.

Mr. Ryan asked will this be proportional, meaning the larger counties would have a larger cost in the building of the project? Mr. Alger replied for the study cost, it is being distributed evenly among the counties. For the use of the facility, it would be based on how many beds are used.

Mrs. Lando asked is there anyone else in the State doing this? Ms. Muller replied no. The regional consortium that we decided to do is unique. Mr. Maio commented the north country counties may not have the resources individually to do this and they will likely form a group. Mr. Nichols commented working with other counties is better because you cannot trust the State – look at what happened with the Health Care Facility.

Mr. Hanna asked where would it make sense to have this facility? Mr. Alger replied closer would be better for us. It is not ideal to have kids going far away and you would also have transportation costs. The solution may end up being multiple regional housing facilities. Mr. Malter stated we would have to look at building our own facility and looking to see how many units we would need. Mr. Alger replied he does not think we want to build our own facility.

Ms. Muller stated for our county, we are looking at two beds, possibly four beds, per year. The fallout will be for secure and non-secure kids coming into placement. Mr. Malter asked will you incorporate all facets? Mr. Alger replied yes.

Mr. Hauryski asked what will happen October 1st if we do not have anything in place? What happens with the kids? Do we operate as normal? Ms. Prossick replied this will be kids under Probation's supervision. Mrs. Crocker explained the facilities are supposed to be used to make sure the kids make their court appearances. If we do not have a facility in place, then we would utilize GPS. Ms. Prossick stated it also depends what they get charged with. Mr. Alger explained Mr. Treahy will also look to see if there are interim solutions that we could utilize. The State wants this to happen. If we are making efforts toward coming up with a solution, he does not believe the State will penalize us. Mrs. Crocker explained, now when a kid is arrested and they are waiting for the court process, they are just out on their own. Come October 1st, they will be under our supervision and we can start diversion services, depending on the resolution of their case.

Mrs. Ferratella asked what about Broome County? Ms. Muller replied they opted out of the consortium. Mrs. Crocker commented we would not want to mix our kids with the city kids as they are two entirely different cultures.

Mrs. Lando asked when would the contract start? Mr. Alger replied it would be retroactive to May 1, 2018.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TREAHY CONSULTATION SERVICES, LLC FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000, RETROACTIVE TO MAY 1, 2018, MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. ***Drug Free Zone Signage*** – Mrs. Lando stated she had asked Mr. Spagnoletti about putting up signs in County parks stating they were drug free zones. Mr. Spagnoletti stated he thinks this is a good idea. Mrs. Ferratella commented we should be able to get free signs from STTAC (Southern Tier Tobacco Awareness Coalition). Mr. Spagnoletti stated we already have no smoking signs, but Mrs. Lando is asking for something specific to drugs. This is a separate issue from the no smoking signs that we have in the Parks which we are able to enforce.

MOTION: TABLING DISCUSSION ON DRUG FREE SIGNAGE IN COUNTY PARKS UNTIL THE JUNE 6, 2018, MEETING MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

B. *Goals* – Mrs. Ferratella stated the goals she had written up were to obtain feedback from the specific stakeholders regarding the COPE Plan to measure the effectiveness of the program. For the committee, those measures would be the number incarcerated with drug related issues by month and the number accepting the in-jail treatment program. She stated that Mrs. Lando expanded upon those goals by including a requirement for a quarterly report detailing the number of inmates with drug related issues, the number of inmates signed up for the program and the number of inmates who successfully completed the program. Additionally, Mrs. Lando included the implementation, by December 31, 2018, of a Local Law for Narcan/Overdose Reporting and Outreach and having a Community Impact Panel in place by September 30, 2018.

Mr. Maio stated he likes the idea of keeping track of what is going on with the treatment component and making sure that we have measures for the law enforcement and treatment components. Is there a target date for when the treatment plan will be set up? Mr. Alger replied he does not think so. Mr. Maio commented the first step should be getting COPE set up. Mr. Alger stated he knows that we are working on it and making progress. Mr. Maio stated it would be beneficial to have an update on where COPE stands before next month and then set up a joint meeting at some point to discuss. Mr. Alger stated he will look into that.

Mr. Hauryski stated one other component of COPE was setting up a youth court. WENY 18 News recently did a segment on Chemung County Youth Court. He asked if Mr. Alger would contact the District Attorney to find out where he is in this process and to make arrangements to hold a press conference once the program is up and running.

C. *Executive Sessions* – Mr. Hauryski asked Mrs. Ferratella to remind the committee about Executive Sessions. Mrs. Ferratella stated if we need to go into Executive Session, we need to make sure that if something needs to be reported out, that we adjourn executive session and reconvene in regular session, then the motion would be reported out in regular session, and then adjourn.

Mrs. Lando announced Bob Freeman will be in the City of Corning on May 29th to provide a discussion on Open Meetings Law.

Mrs. Ferratella reminded the committee that the Youth-In-Government Simulated Session will today at 10:15 a.m. and additionally, for those Legislators that are interested, Mr. Alger will provide a tour of the New Office Building and Records Storage Facility.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HANNA. 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, June 6, 2018
Legislative Committee Room
9:00 a.m.**

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