

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**April 13, 2009**

**PRESENT:**

Elizabeth Young- Chairwoman  
Lynda Scheer  
Bart Delaney Jr.  
Raymond Staats  
Roy Brown

**ABSENT:**

Jesse DeGroodt-Notified  
Edward Cross

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Alberta Cox, Deputy Clerk  
Jessica Shufelt Youth/DWI  
Kary Jablonka \_ OFA  
Paul Mossman – DSS  
Philip Williams  
William Hughes Jr.

**PRESS: 0**

**Chairperson Young called meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.**

**Youth/DWI: J. Nabozny-Shufelt:**

Informal update on OCFS budget and funding issues: Received informal notice that the Block Grant was rejected. Will be figuring on a 10% cut.

Spoke on the Recognition Events for High School Students. She secured \$500.00 from Hudson River Bank for use on Scholarship. Plans are for having a small reception, recognition of all the Students and announcing the Scholarship winner will take place before the May Full Board in May.

**OFA: K. Jablonka :**

**Program Update:**

Two aged-out vehicles being replaced with vans that have seats. This allows them to be used as dual-purpose, for delivering meals and transportation of clients.

Statewide Aging Management System (SAMS) training scheduled for April 28-29.

P. Williams stated that there is a US Department of Labor Program called Path Stone (SCSEP) that have trainees that could be used for clerical work ,etc. Suggestion was made to look into it and perhaps share resources with Mental Health

**Program Management:**

OFA will receive \$20,000 ARRA (stimulus) funds earmarked for Nutrition Program.

The staff is working on the Records Management and Retention Initiative. Much of it can be shredded.

**Resolution Requests:** Contract with Town of Canaan for Nutrition Site to provide space at no cost for a one-day/week nutrition program. Motion to approve made by W. Hughes, seconded by L. Scheer, motion carried.

**Resolution Requests:** Permission to fill 3 P/T Relief Worker positions, GR 7 at a rate of \$9.06/hour, in the Nutrition Program and 1 Clerk/Typist position GR 10 at 2007 step 1 salary of \$23,650.00. These positions were preapproved for a 30 day extension at a special Home Committee/Budget & Salary meeting.

P. Williams stated that he had spoken with B. Pinto from Facilities who said that their Department could be available if needed for Meal Deliveries.

**DSS: P. Mossman:**

**Fiscal Update:** P. Mossman spoke briefly on the State budget and how it will affect his Programs. There will be 10% cuts in the Youth Grant Blocks which covers the secure and non-secure prevention programs.

Updated on the Budget, Stimulus packet, Case Load for Day Care, Child Care; Food Stamps, Medicaid and Heap programs.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING:** Authorization for the Commissioner of Social Services to increase the Commissioner's Revolving Fund from \$4500 to \$7500. P. Mossman said he had spoke to K. Wilber on the increase and it was agreed that it could be done with possible automating funds directly to the Treasurer's Office. Motion to approve made by R. Brown seconded by L. Scheer, motion carried.

**Satellite Office/Workgroup meeting:** Took a tour of the 325 Building to see how it could be best used.

Planning a trip this month to Dutchess County to look at their Satellite Office, and in June to Ontario County to check out their Offices as well.

Spoke briefly on the Kinship program which he hopes to start up in the fall.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> a Foster Care Picnic will be held at the Greenport Town Park. It will be sponsored by the DSS staff, Berkshire and Northeast's staff. Cindy Jennings is the contact person.

With no further business a motion to adjourn at 2:50PM by R. Staats seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion carried.