

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
January 20, 2009

PRESENT:
Lynda Scheer
Philip Williams
Roy Brown
Raymond Staats
Edward Cross
Jesse DeGrootd
Bart Delaney, Jr.

ABSENT:
Elizabeth Young-Notified

ALSO PRESENT:
Alberta Cox, Deputy Clerk
Paul Mossman – DSS
Kary Jablonka _ OFA
Jessica Nabozny- Youth/DWI

PRESS: 1

Chairperson Scheer called meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

DWI: J. Nabozny:

Resolution Request: Authorizing to enter into contract with the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services for the acceptance of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to fund the purchase of calibration machines and alco-sensors for county agencies and other municipal departments in need of such equipment. Also, for the purchase of educational materials and other supplies used to promote the Columbia County STOP DWI Departments initiatives. Motion to approve by R. Brown, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Youth: J. Nabozny

No agenda for this month, discussion on options and possibilities for the continued operation of the Youth Bureau and other funded agencies with the committee and the Commissioner of DSS. Due to the proposed “Youth Program Block Grant” will provided updated information at the next meeting.

OFA: K. Jablonka :

Program Update: a).Heap applications were up to 909 so far this year. b).Chatham’s new nutrition site is up and operating. K. Jablonka thanked J. DeGrootd, P. Boehme for their help. c).This year’s 2009-10 Annual Implementation Plan was sent in on time. d). Will be having a meeting with the State on Friday at 325 Columbia St. site, on the NY Connects program. e).Interagency Case Management Coordination manager has been meeting with DSS and it has been working smoothly and efficiently. f). The Ice storm was a learning experience dealing with coordinating and distributions of Meals. The Red Cross has contacted OFA and has set up a meeting with them on Disaster management.

Resolution Request: Request permission to renew contracts with home care agencies, consulting dietician, nutrition sites. Recommending contracts be for a three year period to make renewal process more efficient. Motion to approve by B. Delaney Jr. and seconded by J. De Grootd, motion carried. Refer to Finance

Resolution Requests: Authorization to abolish the current temporary position of Community Services Assistant and create and fill one full time Data Base Clerk at grade 10C at a starting salary of \$25,419.00. Motion to approve by R. Brown, seconded by B. Delaney Jr., contingent upon Budget and Salary review. Motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request: Permission to fill one part time Relief Worker position GR7, hourly rate of \$9.06. This vacancy at the Philmont kitchen site was created by the resignation of the incumbent. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by R. Brown, contingent upon Budget and Salary review. Motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request: Permission to backfill one Clerk/Typist vacancy created by resignation of the incumbent. Motion to approve by R. Brown, seconded by B. Delaney Jr., contingent upon Budget and Salary review. Motion carried. Refer to Finance.

DSS: P. Mossman:

CASELOAD UPDATE: Heap applications are up 76% so far this year. Medicare applications going up, but the back load case applications are down.

New York State 2009-2010 Budget is a major concern to DSS.

Resolution Request: Requesting authorization for the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services to fill the following vacant, budgeted positions effective February 12, 2009: One (1) DSS Attorney/Special Counsel to Commissioner, FPE, 2008 salary \$67,113 with full medical benefits effective as of the date of hire, and to fill any vacancy created due to internal appointment to this position. Vacancy due to resignation. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by E. Cross contingent upon Budget and Salary review, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request: One (1) Caseworker, FP15, 2008 salary \$34,471. Vacancy due to resignation. This is a 30 day extension. P Williams will check if this needs to go to Budget and Salary. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by L. Scheer contingent upon Budget and Salary review, motion carried.

Refer to finance.

Chairperson Scheer asked if any other business to be addressed. Supervisor Cross wants it noted that he feels it would have a negative impact for the Departments of DSS and Health to be moved out to the Ockawamic site.

With no further business a motion to adjourn at 3:20 PM by J. DeGroot, seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion carried.