

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
September 14, 2009

PRESENT:

Elizabeth Young
Edward Cross
Jesse DeGroot
Bart Delaney, Jr.
William Hughes, Jr.

ABSENT:

Lynda Scheer - notified
Raymond Staats-notified
Roy Brown- notified

ALSO PRESENT:

Alberta Cox, Deputy Clerk
Kary Jablonka
Paul Mossman

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Chairwoman Young called meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Youth Bureau:

Resolution Request: To amend the 2009 budget to reflect a decrease of \$1,635.00 dollar amount, and to enter into a contract with Mental Health Assoc. of Columbia & Greene Counties Inc. to provide diversionary services to the Pre-Pins population. Motion to approve by W. Hughes Jr., seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Conference Request: to attend the Embrace the Challenge: Reconnect, Rethink and Recommit to NYS's Youth, to be held on 10/5/09-10/07/09, at no cost to the county. Motion to approve by W. Hughes Jr., seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion carried.

Office for the Aging: K. Jablonka:

Program Update: Farmers Market Coupons program are up and running and having a very good response from the community. The Columbia County Fair went very well.

Request approval to apply for a grant from the Council on the Arts to provide art workshops at congregate meal sites. Motion to approve by B. Delaney Jr., seconded by W. Hughes Jr., motion carried.

Program Management: Request approval to suspend Nutrition Program operations on the following days: Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and New Years Eve. Motion to approve by B. Delaney Jr., seconded by W. Hughes Jr., motion carried

Resolution Request: Permission to fill one (1) full time Site Worker position, GR7, vacancy due to resignation of the incumbent. Motion to approve by J. DeGroot, seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary review, and Finance.

Resolution Request: Permission for the Office of Aging to contract with Eddy/Northeast Health to provide Home Delivered Meals for Long Term Health Care Clients at a rate of \$6.00/meal. Motion to accept by W. Hughes Jr. seconded by B. Delaney Jr. Motion carried. Refer to Finance Committee.

DSS: P. Mossman:

Resolution Request: Authorization to amend 2009 budget to transfer funds of \$10,000.00 from .4 account to .2 account for the purchase of a commercial shredder, not to exceed \$10,000.00, to replace the current 20 year old one. This is to be funded through HEAP. Motion to approve by B. Delaney Jr., seconded by J. DeGroot. Motion carried. Refer to Finance Committee.

Discussion on the Back to School Payment program that was set up by the State/Federal Stimulus funds.

Resolution Request: Authorization to fill the following vacant, budgeted positions effective October 15, 2009, pending Budget and Salary Review Committee approval:

Two (2) Social Welfare Examiners, GR12, 2009 Step 1 Salary \$30,253.00 vacancies due to resignation and termination. Motion to approve by W. Hughes Jr. seconded by B. Delaney Jr., Motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary and Finance.

Resolution Request: Authorization to fill a vacant, budgeted position of Sr. Clerk, GR11, 2009 base salary \$32,628.00, effect October 15, 2009. Motion to approve by B. Delaney Jr., seconded by W. Hughes Jr. Motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary and to Finance.

Resolution Request: Authorization to hire a Consultant for the Chronic Care Unit at an hourly rate of \$16.50, no fringe benefits, not to exceed a total of 30 hours and \$500, effective October 15, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Motion to approve by B. Delaney Jr., seconded by J. DeGrootd., Motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Committee members requested the Clerk to send out reminders on the Budget & Salary committee meeting, so they can attend to show support for the filling of the vacant budgeted positions.

Discussion on the recent occurrence of a Social Service Client, who was released from the Hospital with a reported case of H1N1 flu, that came to DSS for assistance. This warranted a visit from the DOH to do training regarding the H1N1 flu.

The Commissioner again reminded the Committee of the Softball Game between Greene County DSS and Columbia County DSS on Friday September 18th - 5:30pm, at Elliott Field in Catskill.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fun.

With no further business a motion to adjourn at 2:28 PM by J. DeGrootd, seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion carried.