

Social Programs Committee Minutes

March 9, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Grattidge; Supervisors Collyer, Jenkins, Veitch, Yepsen, Southworth, M. Johnson and Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Tina Potter, Social Services; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging.

Chairman Grattidge called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Veitch the minutes of the February 10, 2010 were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Potter provided the following caseload statistics:

- Home Energy Assistance has seen an increase of 21% in applications from 2008 vs 2009
- Temporary Assistance has seen an increase of 14% in the caseload from 2008 vs 2009
- Medicaid has seen an increase of 10 ½% from 2008 vs 2009. The average number of individuals in 2008 was 16,886 and in 2009 it was 18,662. In looking at the figures for the first two months of 2010 there has been an additional 5% increase to 19,556.

Food Stamps – has seen an increase of 34% from 2008 vs 2009. In 2009 11,608 people received services, and in the first two months of 2010 an additional 17% received services for a total thus far of 13,581.

Mrs. Potter said New York State has provided information through local districts and has reported an increase in food stamp recipients for a current total of approximately \$1,387,412, which is at the highest level in the States history. The number of food stamp recipients nationwide has increased by 41% since December of 2007.

Mrs. Potter said recently the major increase has been with individuals who have never been in the program before. Many of these people have held high paying jobs and are now unemployed and applying for services.

Mrs. Cross distributed a copy of the Office for the Aging 2010 EISEP Subcontractors to all committee members. She said the subcontractors remain the same as 2009; however, the rates are set by the State and may be slightly different. These are the healthcare agencies that are used to provide health care services under the funding stream of (EISEP) Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program.

Mrs. Cross requested a resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreements with the eleven subcontractors.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve a resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreements with the eleven EISEP subcontractors for the Office for the Aging healthcare services. Unanimous.

Mrs. Cross requested a resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Capitaland Taxi to provide transportation for five towns: Edinburg, Galway, Providence, Charlton and Town of Saratoga. The contract is not to exceed \$27,000. The reimbursement rate is \$180/day.

A motion was made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Ms. Yepsen to approve a resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Capitaland Taxi to provide transportation for five towns: Edinburg, Galway, Providence, Charlton and Town of Saratoga for a total not to exceed \$27,000. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Veitch the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom