

Social Programs Committee Minutes

May 11, 2010 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Grattidge; Supervisors Barrett, Collyer, Jenkins, Veitch, Yepsen and Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Tony Scavone, Employment and Training; League of Women Voters.

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 April 13, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Scavone said Employment and Training is funded on a program year basis beginning in July. For the three county areas, including Saratoga, Warren and Washington counties there was an increase of 46%. Saratoga County received \$552,000 in 2009 and \$771,000 for 2010.

A motion was made by Ms. Yepsen, seconded by Mr. Collyer to accept Workforce Investment Funding in the amount of \$771,000. Unanimous.

Mr. Scavone requested authorization of a renewal agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension for youth services in the amount of \$40,000. This is a program that has been in effect since 2000. Cornell Cooperative Extension has done a very good job in working with a hard to serve population, including GED training, filling out applications, writing resumes, etc.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve a renewal contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension for youth services in the amount of \$40,000. Unanimous.

Mr. Scavone requested authorization to renew an agreement with Saratoga Bridges for DPN services in the amount of \$37,500, which would include the three counties, Saratoga, Warren and Washington. DPN is a disability program navigator, allowing for a half time counselor working with handicapped individuals. The program has been in operation for two years and there is enough money to continue running the program through December of 2010, he said.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve a renewal agreement with Saratoga Bridges for DPN services in the amount of \$37,500. Unanimous.

Mr. Scavone requested authorization of the 2010 Workforce Investment Board Budget and agreements. Each year the chief executives of Warren, Washington and Saratoga

Counties appoint the Workforce Investment Board, which is made up of 38 members. The budget is approved to support the office of the WIB director, which is a required position. The budget that was voted on by the WIB executives was distributed to all committee members for their review. The total of the approved budget was for the timeframe beginning 7/1/10-6/30/11 for a total of \$97,357.

A motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Collyer to approve the 2010 Workforce Investment Board Budget and agreements for a total of \$97,367. Unanimous.

Mr. Scavone requested authorizing a contract with J.J. Young for WIB staffing services.

A motion was made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Ms. Yepsen to approve authorizing a contract with J.J. Young for WIB staffing services. Unanimous.

Mr. Scavone said Microsoft has given his office a number of vouchers to be used for on-line computer training. All vouchers will need to be activated by June 24, 2010, with completed training within 12 months of activation. This is available to any Saratoga County resident. Anyone interested should contact the Saratoga County Department of Employment and Training.

Mr. Scavone said last year the employment program had approximately 115 people enrolled. This year, due to reduced funding, there will be approximately 45 openings.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom