

SOCIAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 9, 2008 – 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Lucia; Supervisors Daly, Richardson, Veitch, Wright; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Sandi Cross, Aging; LWV Observers (2); Press

Vice-Chairman Lucia called the meeting to order.

Mr. Veitch moved to approve the minutes of the March 11th meeting. Mr. Richardson seconded. Unanimous.

Mrs. Cross requested a **resolution to contract with Capitaland Taxi Corp. for the 5-town transportation.** She stated this is for transportation for the Towns of Galway, Providence, Charlton, Edinburg and Saratoga. She said we pay the vendor only if someone rides because it is very sporadic. She said they went out for an RFP, and she received two responses back from 10 that were sent out. She said they did contract with them at \$150/day, and they quoted \$180/day. She said the other response was from A&H at \$325/day. **Ms. Daly moved to approve this resolution. Mr. Veitch seconded. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross said in thke State of New York, May is proclaumed Senior Citizens' Month. She requested that May be proclaimed Senior Citizens' Month in the County. She said every year they are requested to nominate two people to bring to Albany who help people stay in their community or in their homes. We have nominated Carol Silva, of Care Links, and Jeanne Gutheil, of the Town of Moreau, she said. We will be going to the Empire State Plaza on May 6th, she said.

Mrs. Cross handed out invitations to their annual senior luncheon that will be held at the City Center on May 29th. She stated it will be a Mexican Fiesta.

Ms. Daly said she will be giving a presentation today at the Agenda meeting, along with Matt Veitch, on behalf of the Saratoga County Autism Council. We will be rolling out an exciting contest to be conducted during the month of April and declaring April as Autism Awareness Month, she said. She said there a tremendous resource in this County in the Community Handbook from Public Health. We redesigned this handbook and included special areas for autism. We are proud of everything we were able to accomplish, she said. We immediately identified Saratoga County had no way to reach out to its residents from the very beginning. Often, when a family leaves a pediatrician's office after a child has been diagnosed with autism, there is nothing in hand, she said. She said they designed a brochure, and she passed around a draft of it to the Committee members. We wanted to make a promise to serve our residents and are committed to finding support for all of our residents affected by autism, she said. This brochure can be a mailer as well as handed out to a family. There are people out there to navigate you through this, she said.

Vice-Chairman Lucia congratulated the Autism Council for putting together a program so quickly. Ms. Daly said they have a superb support staff – Wes Carr and Cathi Duncan, as well as Council member Mary Beth Hynes.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Ms. Daly, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann