

## SOCIAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING

June 9, 2009 – 3:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Sausville; Supervisors Jenkins, Raymond, Southworth, Veitch, Wormuth; Connelly, Wright; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Wes Carr, Youth Bureau; Tony Scavone, Employment & Training; LWV Reps (2)

Chairman Sausville called the meeting to order.

Ms. Wormuth moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jenkins seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Carr distributed copies of the 2008-2009 YDDP and SDPP Funding Allocations and Municipality and Agency Summaries 2009. He requested a **resolution authorizing the Youth Bureau 2009 funding applications and contracts (\$357,131)**. He said this is an annual resolution to appropriate State funding. He mentioned this package was approved by the Advisory Youth Board, and it is a 20% decrease compared to 2008 figures. He said they tried to spread the cut as fairly as possible to the various agencies. **Ms. Wormuth moved to approve this resolution. Mr. Jenkins seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Scavone requested a **resolution to accept Workforce Investment Act Funds for Program Year 2009 (7/2009 – 6/2010) and authorize the Chairman to sign the grant package**. He stated Saratoga County's share is \$552,727 and represents a 14% increase from last year. **Mr. Veitch moved to approve this resolution. Ms. Southworth seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Scavone requested a **resolution to accept TANF Summer Youth Employment funds in the amount of \$149,631 from the State**. He said this is to employ youths 14 to 20 years of age and is an increase of 11% from last year. We are looking to employ 70 kids on that program for an eight-week summer program which begins June 29<sup>th</sup>. We have received 200 requests, he said. Chairman Sausville asked how they decide when they have too many requests. Mr. Scavone said they have a priority system. The feds require us to spend 30% of the program on older youth, and veterans would be a priority. Ms. Raymond said for children not able to be employed in this program, could we plug them in the labor side of the office? Mr. Scavone said they give a packet to kids 14-15 years of age that hopefully is of some use. Most employers do not want to deal with that age because of the labor law, he said. Ms. Southworth mentioned that farms take that age group. **Mr. Jenkins moved to approve this resolution. Ms. Raymond seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Scavone requested a **resolution to enter into a renewal agreement with Saratoga Bridges to provide a Disability Program Navigator for Saratoga/Warren/Washington Counties for an amount of \$75,000.** He said this person works 20 hours per week and works with the handicapped. This year, he served 129 people, and he does good work. He stated the current contract is through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Raymond asked how much the salary was for this person, and Mr. Scavone stated the \$75,000 represents the cost of 1 ½ persons. **Ms. Wormuth moved to approve this resolution. Mr. Veitch seconded. Unanimous.**

Chairman Sausville invited everyone over to the GlobalFoundries closing tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. at the Malta Hyatt. It will be a day to celebrate, he said.

A representative from the League of Women Voters asked if the County is doing anything special to get information on 2-1-1 to people who are interested. She said there are so many services to our citizenry that a lot of people are unaware of. Ms. Raymond said in her town, they are 2-1-1. We work on a more personalized basis with people, she said. She said it works better if people work with their own town halls. Ms. Southworth said in her town, their Clerk's office does a phenomenal job directing people to where they should go. Mr. Hellwig said he personally responds to e-mails submitted to the County. Ms. Raymond stated a Board of Supervisors is more personable, as a town legislator may have no idea what is available at a county level.

On a motion by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Veitch, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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