

Social Programs Committee Minutes  
February 10, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Grattidge; Supervisors Barrett, Collyer, Jenkins, Sausville, Veitch, Yepsen, Wood and Southworth; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Robert Christopher, Social Services; League of Women Voters.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Chairman Grattidge announced the appointment of Mr. Veitch as committee Vice Chair. Mr. Veitch accepted.

Mr. Christopher said Social Services applied for a Detention/Prevention Grant from NYS. The grant application was approved for \$159,251, which is 100% state aid. What is traditionally done with this money is to pass it through the Probation Department where they provide services that prevent placement in detention/prevention services. Mr. Christopher requested a resolution to accept a grant in the amount of \$159,251 from the State. There will be no budget impact to the county.

**A motion was made by Ms. Yepsen, seconded by Mr. Sausville to accept a NYS grant in the amount of \$159,251 to be passed to the Probation Department to be used for Detention/Prevention services with no budget impact. Unanimous.**

Mr. Hellwig said next month the Probation Department will be going to the Public Safety Committee to get approval to enter into a contract to spend the money.

Mr. Christopher said family specialists work in conjunction with Probation to provide services to the children to keep them out of care. There are approximately 40 people that the program serves, and all of those 40 people were kept out of placement. This is significant when the cost of a residential placement is \$100,000/yr. for one child and \$73,000 for a group home placement.

Mr. Grattidge asked Mr. Christopher to give a brief overview of the HEAP program.

Mr. Christopher said there has been an increase in the number of people applying for the HEAP Program. Applications were mailed out earlier and they are allowing some applications to be done over the telephone. There has been an increase in many departments including Food Stamps – up 40%; Medicaid – up 20%; Public Assistance was up 40% for the month of January.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom