

## Social Programs Committee Minutes

August 11, 2010 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Grattidge; Supervisors Barrett, Collyer, Jenkins, Sausville, Veitch, Yepsen, and Southworth; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging; Press.

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 May 11, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mrs. Cross requested a resolution to contract with Community Human Services to provide the Care Links Program in the amount of \$30,000 to go from September 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. The program is funded through Community Services for the Elderly, she said.

Mr. Barrett said there was concern that with the change over, and new people coming in that some people might be missed. Mrs. Cross said the Office for the Aging had contacted all people in the Care Links Program and there have been no complaints.

Mrs. Yepsen asked what geographic area is covered? Mrs. Cross said when the program began it was Malta, Clifton Park and Halfmoon. When Senator Bruno was leaving he had given the Office for the Aging money, which in turn they gave some to the Care Links Program for the expansion into Mechanicville as they have, percentage wise, ore seniors than any other town. Now that Community Human Services is going to take charge of the program, the program may in the future go toward the town of Ballston and perhaps up to Ballston Spa. In its current form it can't go any further than that without becoming a much larger organization with more funding, she said.

Mr. Collyer asked what the program does. Mrs. Cross said the program recruits volunteers and matches them with seniors that need assistance, whether it is mowing the lawn, shoveling the sidewalk, shopping or just visiting.

Mr. Barrett said he is very appreciative of all the very dedicated volunteers with the amount of time, energy and their own money that they put into the program helping people.

Ms. Yepsen asked if there are volunteers why is there a need for \$30,000? Mrs. Cross said the program has to be managed and money is needed for administrative costs.

Mr. Grattidge said since the program is transitioning from one group to another, the supervisors whose towns are being affected have been requested to bring any issues to the attention of Mrs. Cross and the committee to ensure a smooth transition.

Mr. Sausville asked if there is any duplication of the program offered through the Red Cross or federal programs? Mrs. Cross said, no, the program has been recognized nationally.

**A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Ms. Yepsen to approve authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Community Human Services to provide the Care Links Program beginning September 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross said every year on the last Tuesday in August there is a Chicken Barbecue held at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds for seniors. This years Senior Picnic will be held on August 31<sup>st</sup>. All Supervisors are invited to attend as well as department heads and elected officials.

Ms. Yepsen asked if there would be a conference in the fall. Mrs. Cross said yes. She said she would print off the preliminary flyer and newsletter all Supervisors.

**On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the meeting was adjourned. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom