

Social Programs Committee Minutes
May 14, 2013 – 3:30 pm.

Present: Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Barrett, Collyer, M. Johnson, Hargrave, Lucia, Yepsen, and Sausville; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Wes Carr, Youth Bureau; Lisa Scaccia, Employment and Training; Tina Potter, Social Services; Brian O’Conor, Auditor; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; League of Women Voters; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Barrett the minutes of the April 9, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Carr said in the past few months the Early Intervention Program has gone through some changes. As of April 1, 2013 the State is taking over the Early Invention Program. The Early Intervention service providers are now contracting directly with the state instead of the counties, and the state’s fiscal agent is responsible for paying the vendors, and the county will now pay an estimated monthly amount into an escrow account.

Mr. Carr is requesting an amendment to resolution 325 of 1982 to allow payment of deposits to the NYS DOH Early Intervention Program Escrow Account without vendor certification.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to approve amending Resolution 325 of 1982 to allow payment of deposits to the NYS DOH Early Intervention Program Escrow Account with vendor certification. Unanimous.

Mrs. Potter gave a brief report on the Emergency Housing for Safety Net Population as follows: She said beginning in 2010 it was noticed that there was a significant increase in people who needed emergency housing. In 2010 to 2011 there was approximately an 18% increase and between 2011 and 2012 approximately a 27% increase. She said the definition of Safety Net Population is singles with no children and in that population there was also a change in regulation in 2011 with the change in reimbursement, so the local share on this population is currently 71% local, 29% State reimbursement. Prior to that it was 50% State 50% local.

Mrs. Scaccia said as a part of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Employment and Training is required to have a WIB Board (Workforce Investment Board) for Warren, Washington and Saratoga County. There is an annual budget that is brought to the WIB Board each year for the two directors. The complete budget for the WIB is \$94,900 for this year. She said there are a couple of additional costs from last year including a video bridge maintenance charge, which involves entering into a STEM Grant for careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, which allows video conferencing with other web stop centers for various trainings that are being offered.

Mrs. Scaccia requested approval of the WIB Budget beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

A motion was made by Ms. Yepsen, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve the Workforce Investment Board Budget for the period beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Unanimous.

Mrs. Scaccia said that J.J. Young is the staffing service that prepares the payroll services for the Employment and Training budget. She said the reason for it being set up that way is so that the county doesn't incur any costs for workman's compensation or payroll costs associated with that. The fee for J.J. Young is \$7,745/annually. Mrs. Scaccia said she reached out to other staffing companies to compare pricing and was unable to obtain competitive pricing.

Mrs. Scaccia said the \$7,745 is a part of the full budget which is split amongst all partners.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve a contract with J.J. Young Staffing Service at an annual cost of \$7,745. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Lucia the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom