

SOCIAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 1, 2006 – 4:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Hargrave; Supervisors Grattidge, Keyrouze, Yepsen, and Gutheil; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Robert Christopher, Tina Potter, Social Services; Press.

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

On a motion made by Ms. Yepsen, seconded by Mrs. Keyrouze the minutes of the April 3, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Christopher said the federal government has added additional money to the HEAP, allowing the program to continue for a longer period of time. He has requested an additional \$1 million to be put into the budget for the HEAP program. This would increase both the expenditures and revenues by \$1 million, resulting in no budget impact to the county.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mrs. Keyrouze to accept an additional \$1m from the federal government to be added to the HEAP funds for the continuation of the Home Energy Assistance Program. Unanimous.

Mr. Christopher said the Intergovernmental Transfer does affect the Medicare Program, but it is primarily aimed at the nursing home. New York State applies for a waiver from the Healthcare Financing Administration (HFA) to draw down federal funds in order to help the publicly funded nursing homes receive a higher rate. This amount changes every year, he said. This year the total amount of the IGT (Inter Governmental transfer) is \$842,452.

In order to draw the money down and in order for Maplewood Manor to receive it, the county would have to expend half of it in the Medicaid budget. Therefore, he is asking, in addition to the Medicaid budget, to receive \$421,226, which would be an expense that would not be matched

with a revenue. The money would go directly to the Maplewood Manor Nursing Home, resulting in a net gain to the county of \$421,226, he said.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Ms. Yepsen to approve additional funding through an Intergovernmental Transfer of \$842,452. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Ms. Yepsen the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom