

SOCIAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES

NOVEMBER 6, 2007 – 3:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Daly; Supervisors Grattidge, Hargrave, and Keyrouze; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging; Tony Scavone, Employment and Training; Bob Hummel, WIB; Lee Nelson, Helen Cranshaw, League of Women Voters.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mrs. Keyrouze the minutes of the September 12, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Cross distributed copies of a list of the 2008 providers to the Office for the Aging to all committee members for their review. She requested a resolution to accept the Office for the Aging contracts for 2008. All contracts are the same as last year, she said.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Grattidge to approve a resolution to accept the 2008 provider contracts for the Office for the Aging. Unanimous.

Mrs. Cross requested a resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the State for a four-year financial plan for the Office for the Aging. The plan is currently be worked on and will be completed in December, she said.

Ms. Daly requested that Mrs. Cross provide a copy of the plan for the committee to review prior to authorizing a resolution.

The committee decided to call a special meeting of the Social Programs Committee on Wednesday, November 14th at 3:45p.m., to review the Office for the Aging financial plan.

Mr. Wickerham suggested that copies of any changes to the plan be distributed to all Supervisors before the Board Meeting on November 14th for their review.

Mr. Scavone introduced Mr. Hummel, WIB Director for Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties made up of a board consisting of 39 members to oversee workforce programs. Mr. Hummel is here today to talk about a \$500,000 upstate grant, which is a regional grant that the State requires be submitted on a regional basis. Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Fulton, Montgomery, Schoharie, Columbia, Greene, Saratoga, Warren and Washington have developed this grant that was approved. One of the requirements of the grant is that the local elected officials in the eleven counties show their support for the grant.

Mr. Hummel said last summer the State sent out an RFP looking for a grant entitled “Regional Economic Transformation Strategies”, which would develop increased cooperation between various components of the workforce system, whether it is education, economic development or the workforce board. There were two grants that were available; the first was a tier one grant for \$50,000, which is a one time only grant. It is funding grant to develop strategies to come up with a regional plan. For those regions that were further along in the process, they could also put in a tier two grant for \$500,000. This would be for regional implementation of various programs for workforce training among various partners. Saratoga County is one of only three in the state that has received an award of both grants. The purpose of the grant is to improve the areas global competitiveness.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mrs. Keyrouze to approve a resolution of support for the “Regional Economic Transformation Strategies Program” and to support the Workforce Consortium for Emerging Technologies. Unanimous.

Mr. Grattidge said there will be an increase in the HEAP program this year. He requested that Mr. Christopher be contacted and attend the next Social Programs Committee meeting to provide the committee with details.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom