

Social Programs Committee Minutes

May 10, 2011 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Lucia; Supervisors Collyer, Grattidge, Jenkins, Richardson, Rowland, Sausville, Wood; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Lisa Scaccia, Employment and Training; Lauren Herbs, Bree Pisacane, Richard Rothwell, Lisa Adams, Committee of Preschool Special Education; Wes Carr, Youth Bureau; Helen Cranshaw, Margot Ammon, Cliff Ammon, League of Women Voters.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Sausville the minutes of the March 8, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Grattidge said discussions took place about the pre-school special education rates and related services. The recommendation of the subcommittee was, because these are substantial costs that would be incurred in the middle of the year that hadn't been budgeted for, this would be an area that would have to be considered in the 2012 budget. A mid-year adjustment would be a substantial burden on the existing budget, as the fund balance is diminishing. An idea out of the subcommittee was to possibly change the 30-minute session and increase it to 45 minutes two days a week instead of the current three days a week. The subcommittee agreed to take a look at this in the 2012 budget. This is just another unfunded mandate by the State, he said.

Mr. Richardson asked if there was any discussion on compensation changes?

Mr. Carr said he would follow the recommendation of the subcommittee. He said when he is preparing his 2012 budget he will review what is being paid by surrounding counties and offer alternatives as to what would be a realistic rate.

Ms. Scaccia from the Employment and Training Department said her department would continue to offer summer youth employment as in the past. There are approximately 125 youth applications received thus far, and at this time there are 30 confirmed work sites, with additional applications coming in on a daily basis.

Ms. Scaccia said federal funding is still uncertain. The Employment and Training budget year begins on July 1, 2011 and runs through June 30, 2012, and she said she would update the committee as soon as the funds become available. She said the spending cuts are expected to be approximately 5% over last year.

Ms. Scaccia said Employment and Training reports to the Workforce Investment Board, in addition to Saratoga County. For the budget year 2011-2012 they currently have one Workforce Investment Board Executive Director, Robert Hummel. This year the

Workforce Investment Board has decided to have two part-time positions, consisting of an Executive Director and an Associate Executive Director. There will be no additional costs, as the salary for the Executive Director will be split in half. Currently JJ Young is providing the staffing, and at this time there is an ad in the newspaper to recruit for the second position. The budget for the Workforce Investment Board for 2011 is \$91,162, and of that amount Saratoga County will be responsible for \$9,747.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Rowland to approve the Workforce Investment Board budget for the program year 2011 in the amount of \$91,162, and authorizing agreements with Warren and Washington Counties to fund the WIB services with no budget impact. Unanimous.

Mr. Richardson asked if Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties pay the same dollar value?

Ms. Scaccia said, no, it is based on the number of staff personnel you have. Saratoga County currently has four people operating from the Workforce Investment Board funding. The county share is \$9,747, compared to Warren County at \$15,108.

A motion was made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Richardson to authorize the chairman to enter into an agreement with JJ Young, LLC to provide administrative services for the Workforce Investment Board with no budget impact. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom