

Social Programs Committee Minutes
June 12, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Lucia; Supervisors Barrett, Collyer, Wormuth, M. Johnson, Wood, Grattidge, Jenkins, Southworth, Sausville and Raymond; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging; Wes Carr, Youth Bureau; Bob Christopher, Tina Potter, Social Services; Karen Levison, Public Health; Cliff Ammon, Margot Ammon, League of Women Voters; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Collyer the minutes of the May 8, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Carr requested a resolution to approve the 2012 Youth Bureau funding. This is an annual resolution requesting funding for the municipalities and youth agencies in Saratoga County. The traditional funding streams are for the Youth Development/Delinquency Prevention (YDDP) and the Special Delinquency Prevention Program for a total of \$73,995.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Collyer to approve 2012 Youth Bureau Funding in the amount of \$73,995. Unanimous.

Mrs. Cross requested a resolution to contract with the Town of Stillwater for the purchase of a van for their senior program. Mrs. Cross said \$15,000 in funding would be given to the Town of Stillwater toward the purchase of the van and the remainder would come from the Town.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth to provide \$15,000 in funding toward the purchase of a senior transportation van in the town of Stillwater. Unanimous.

Mrs. Cross requested a resolution to contract with the Town of Clifton Park for the purchase of a van for their senior program. She said \$20,000 would be given to the Town of Clifton Park with the remainder to come from the Town of Clifton Park for the purchase of the senior van.

A motion was made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve \$20,000 in funding toward the purchase of a senior transportation van in the Town of Clifton Park. Unanimous.

Mrs. Scaccia said the Office of Temporary Disability and Assistance is the State agency that gives Employment and Training their funding. She is requesting approval to accept an increase in funding of \$7,682. Mrs. Scaccia said the summer youth program is coming along nicely and all supervisors will be receiving an invitation to a picnic on August 31st giving out rewards to youth who participate.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Barrett to accept \$7,682 in additional funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program and amending the budget thereto. Unanimous.

Mr. Moore said the proposal with regard to nursing transfers to DSS is to abolish three nursing positions with Public Health and create three at the Department of Social Services for the purpose of handling nursing assessments for DSS programs.

Ms. Levison said this proposal would free up public health nurses to do Medicare Homecare and Long Term Care Medicaid. She said if these positions were moved over to DSS there would not be as much paperwork and the billing component would be taken out freeing up the billing staff at Public Health. Mrs. Levison said this proposal is how most of the larger counties are currently working, where the nurses are housed in DSS, teaming up with the case workers and making it a much more efficient process.

Mr. Christopher said he supports this proposal from the Department of Public Health.

Mrs. Southworth asked how this would affect the supervisory staff. Mr. Christopher said there is a grade B supervisor that does home care and two senior case workers who are supervisors as well. It would actually be easier for them than trying to supervise the current arrangement.

Mr. Grattidge said since there were two new positions that were funded this year. He asked if an evaluation could be done before the budget is put together for next year to see how things are going with regard to the caseload, mix, and resources, and if it is possible to do the job with two full time nurses.

Mr. Christopher said it is his opinion that the clients would suffer if there were only two people to do the job.

Ms. Levison said this couldn't be done with two people. She said because she has the homecare nurses to back her up, that is essentially how they are making ends meet. There are four hundred clients and many assessments that have to be done. Currently the nurses that are doing that are all getting over time and comp time.

The committee supported the proposal and agreed to forward this on to the Personnel Committee for their consideration.

On a motion made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mrs. Johnson the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom