

Social Programs Committee Minutes  
April 9, 2013 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Collyer, Yepsen and Grattidge; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging; Wes Carr, Youth Bureau; Karen Levison, Public Health; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Ms. Yepsen, seconded by Mr. Collyer the minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mrs. Cross requested a resolution proclaiming May as Senior Citizen's Month.

**A motion was made by Ms. Yepsen, seconded by Mr. Collyer to approve a resolution proclaiming May as Senior Citizen's Month. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross announced that the Annual Senior Luncheon will take place on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Saratoga Springs City Center.

Mrs. Cross requested a resolution to amend Resolution 136 of 2012 to increase the amount from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for the purchase of a senior transportation bus for Clifton Park.

**A motion was made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Ms. Yepsen to approve a resolution to amend Resolution 136 of 2012 to increase the amount from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for the purchase of a senior transportation bus for the Town of Clifton Park. Unanimous.**

Mr. Carr requested a resolution to authorize the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the NYS Department of Health as a result of changes in the New York State Public Health Law which went into effect on April 1, 2013. Commencing on April 1, 2013 the NYS Department of Health or its assigned fiscal agent, will assume the responsibility for the fiscal management and payment for the Early Intervention Program claims. As such, counties are now required to transmit sufficient funds to the Department of Health escrow account that has been established for this purpose. The agreement has been developed to initiate the transmittal of funds from the DOH escrow account. The first payment is estimated at approximately \$147,000 and there will not be any additional impact to the county as the funds are included in the 2013 budget.

**A motion was made by Ms. Yepsen, seconded by Mr. Collyer to approve a resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the NYS Department of Health to establish an escrow agreement to manage payment for the Early Intervention Program. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Scaccia said the Employment and Training Department is looking to continue in assisting individuals with disabilities in finding employment as well as any Saratoga County resident that comes seeking services for employment. The Office of Mental Health for NYS and the Department of Labor has formed a partnership for Employment and Training to become a covered NYS employment network. Currently, individuals that are receiving Social Security Disability have received an incentive program through the Social Security Administration referred to as the "Ticket to Work" Program. Mrs. Scaccia is requesting approval for the Employment and Training Department to become a part of the employment network or a Ticket to Work provider. By doing this, the same services will be provided, but Employment and Training would be able to receive a Ticket to Work payment as a provider in an amount up to \$1,400 per customer. She said the payment may be split between several State agencies depending on the services that the customer receives.

**A motion was made by Ms. Yepsen, seconded by Mr. Collyer to approve a resolution authorizing the Employment and Training Department to participate as a "Ticket to Work" Provider for individuals receiving Social Security Disability Insurance. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Scaccia said after looking at the Governor's preliminary budget it looks like the funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program will remain the same as 2012. The application for the Summer Youth Employment Program can be accessed on the County website under the Department of Employment and Training.

**On a motion made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Ms. Yepsen the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom