

Social Programs Committee Minutes
November 12, 2013 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Barrett, Collyer, M. Johnson, Hargrave and Jenkins; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging; Tina Potter, Social Services.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Collyer the minutes of the October 8, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Ms. Cross requested a resolution authorizing the annual Implementation Plan and the 2014 subcontracts. A copy of the 2014 subcontracts was distributed to all committee members for their review. Ms. Cross said the only change that was made from last year was to Evergreen Adult Day Care as the demand for adult daycare is down.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the Annual Implementation Plan and 2014 Subcontracts for the Office for the Aging. Unanimous.

Ms. Cross requested a resolution for the Chairman to enter into a contract with the Town of Hadley for the purchase of a Senior Van in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, to approve a resolution for the Chairman to enter into a contract with the Town of Hadley for the purchase of a Senior Van in an amount not to exceed \$12,000. Unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson asked if there was a maximum amount that the county will contribute toward a van. Ms. Cross said it varies depending on how much State money she has.

Mrs. Potter gave a brief overview of the Safety Net Housing Project. She said the trend has been going upward, and a workgroup has been formed that meets monthly to identify what can be done. Some of the actions taken were to do a comprehensive investigation of what factors there are that brought the individual in, and the circumstances that made them homeless. The development of an independent living plan is done, specifically looking at the barriers and challenges. She said, as a result, the emergency housing placements have been reduced by approximately 54% between 2012 and 2013, and expenditures have been reduced by approximately 45%, representing a savings of approximately \$248,000 in the past eleven months.

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

Respectfully submitted, Chris Sansom