

SOCIAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

May 9, 2016

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Chairman Dick Lucia; Supervisors Preston Allen, Gardner Congdon, Vincent DeLucia, Peter Martin, Tim Szczepaniak, Kevin Tollisen and Chairman of the Board Mo Wright; Chad Cooke, Deputy County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Tina Potter, Social Services Commissioner; Press.

Mr. Lucia called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

On a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

Mrs. Potter said she is asking for approval of a contract with Saratoga Center for the Family to administer the Safe Harbour funding. This is a grant for this year in the amount of \$90,000. Previous approval had been given to amend the Department's budget for this funding which is 100% State funded and is a 5 year grant. The grant was awarded from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services to coordinate the development of the human trafficking awareness program and services for youth who have been identified as victims. The contract with the Saratoga Center for the Family will be for \$85,000 and with the funding they would hire a part-time coordinator through the Center for the Family, part-time case manager through Catholic Charities, provide respite for children or families who were victims, education and educational materials and training for clinical staff.

Mr. Tollisen asked for clarification in the amount being authorized. Mrs. Potter replied that \$5,000 would be kept in house and the \$85,000 was all the services mentioned. Mr. DeLucia asked if children have already been identified. Mrs. Potter said that one of the requirements is to develop awareness in the County and to educate people to identify victims. Mr. Martin commented that a lot of services are being provided for the \$85,000.

On a motion by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Martin unanimous approval was given for a contract with Saratoga Center for the Family to administer the Safe Harbour Program.

Mrs. Potter distributed to the Committee an informational brochure of the services available through the Department of Social Services. Mr. Wright suggested copies of the brochure be given to all Supervisors to be brought back to their Town Halls. Mr. Lucia said the brochure was a good job and needed.

On a motion by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Martin the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Wright
Clerk of the Board