

Social Programs Committee Minutes  
March 13, 2017 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dick Lucia; Supervisors Phil Barrett, Peter Martin, Jean Raymond and Kevin Tollisen; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Tina Potter, Social Services; Sandy Cross, Judy Dahoda-Taylor, Aging.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Raymond, the minutes of the January 10, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Martin, to authorize a renewal contract with Saratoga Center for the Family from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 to administer the County's Human Trafficking Awareness program in the amount of \$108,000. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Potter said that this agreement is for the Safe Harbor program. Last year a NYS 5-year grant was accepted for the resources to support the development of a system to provide a response and servicing for youth who have or are at risk of experiencing sex trafficking. Funding is in the 2017 budget and Mrs. Potter's intention is to contract with Saratoga Center for the Family annually as long as funds are available. 12 victims have been identified since the program began in July 2016. Funding for year 3 is \$108K, year 4 is up to \$91K and year 5 they expect to receive \$70K. Mr. Martin commended the Saratoga Center for the Family on the great job that they do.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Martin, to authorize an amendment to Resolution 238-2016 to increase the contract amount for A & H Services to the 4 towns and the Town of Saratoga from \$130 per day to \$250 per day. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross said that this went out to bid and two responses were received, one for \$250 and one for \$499 per day. The Towns covered are Edinburg, Providence, Galway, Charlton and Saratoga.

**A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Tollisen, to authorize a contract with Colonie Senior Services Center, Inc. d/b/a Bright Horizons in the amount of \$20,000 for adult care services as part of the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross said that previously the service was provided by Evergreen Wesley, she was notified in February that they will no longer provide the service. Bright Horizons will cover the southern area of Saratoga County.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Martin, to authorize a 1-year contract with Lena's Adult Day Care Services in the amount of \$20,000 for adult day care services as part of the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross said that Lena's will cover the service needed in the northern area of Saratoga County. Previously Evergreen Wesley was the provider for the entire county. Mrs. Raymond said that it's convenient for those who need the service to have locations in different areas of the county.

**A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Martin, to authorize a contract with the Senior Citizens Center of Saratoga Springs, Inc. to provide \$15,000 in funding for the Center's Community Connections Program. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross said that the intent was to start the program in Saratoga Springs and if it succeeds within the City, it could possibly expand to other municipalities. Malta is currently covered under Care Links.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mrs. Raymond, to authorize renewal contracts for the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross said that this is an annual housekeeping item. There are nine home care agencies involved with a flat rate of \$23 per hour.

Mrs. Cross introduced Mrs. Judy Dahoda-Taylor who is the new Deputy Director of Aging.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Deputy Clerk of the Board