

Health & Social Services Committee Minutes
January 8, 2019 – 2:30p.m.

Present: Chairman Dick Lucia; Committee Members Tara Gaston, Darren O'Connor, Dan Pemrick, Tom Wood; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging; Michael Prezioso, Mental Health & Addiction; Cathy Medick, Public Health; Gordon Boyd.

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

Mr. Lucia announced the appointment of Mr. Wood as the Committee Vice-Chair.

On a motion made by Ms. Gaston, seconded by Mr. Wood, the minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, to authorize an amendment to Resolution 248 of 2018 to revise the contract amount for O'Connell and Aronowitz from \$30,000 to \$34,334. Unanimous.

Mrs. Cross said that the reimbursable amount from federal funds is \$30,000. The match and contribution was omitted by mistake in the previous resolution. The correction will include \$1,000 in contributions and \$3,334 in matching funds. The agreement is to provide legal services to seniors 60 and older. The firm meets once a week with seniors regarding wills, power of attorney, and other legal information. They are not allowed to provide services that are income generating or for lawsuits.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, to authorize an agreement with the New York State Department of Health for the funding and administration of the Rabies Program. Unanimous.

Ms. Medick said that this is a three year grant and this is the first year of the grant. The amount for this year is \$33,711, the total amount of the grant is \$101,133. The funds can only be spent on treatment of those exposed to rabies and for animal rabies vaccinations.

Ms. Gaston requested that a subcommittee be formed for public transportation to the new Public Safety facility. Ms. Gaston said that right now the Public Health Department is located in Saratoga Springs where there is access to public transportation, and the Public Health Department will be moving to the new facility. Ms. Gaston said that there is currently no CDTA bus stop planned for the new facility however, CDTA are open to adjusting their services and will need to know from the County what the needs and usage would be. Ms. Medick said that Public Health began collecting data from clients months ago on how they traveled to the current offices. Mr. Lucia said that he would prefer to appoint the sub-committee next month as there are two committee members absent today and he would like a chance to speak with everyone before appointing the committee.

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Ms. Gaston, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board