

Health & Social Services Committee Minutes  
March 6, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dick Lucia; Committee Members Darren O'Connor, Tom Wood and Chairman of the Board Kevin Tollisen. Supervisor Ed Kinowski; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging; Pat Maxwell, Social Services; Craig Hayner, Christine Rush, County Clerk; Michael Prezioso, Mental Health & Addiction.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, the minutes of the February 6, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Wood, to authorize a renewal contract with A&H Services to provide transportation services for seniors in the towns of Galway, Charlton, Providence, Edinburg and Saratoga. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross said that this is an extension of the current agreement. The rate is \$250 per day and it is only paid for if a senior uses it. Currently the service is available three days a week and is used approximately two days per week.

**A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Tollisen, to authorize the acceptance of a grant from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$70,000 for substance abuse services, contract with ECS Psychological Services, P.C. for implementation of the services, and amend the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.**

Mr. Maxwell said that ECS Psychological Services will work with Child Protective Services staff to assist families experiencing substance abuse disorders. The funding is available to States and then the Office of Children and Family Services allocates the funding to the districts. The behavioral health clinician will work with DSS Staff to become knowledgeable in the CPS process, will accompany the staff into the field to help identify adults and children with substance abuse problems, and help to work out services or referrals to services in the community. Mr. Maxwell said that the grant period runs through November 30, 2019.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Wood, to declare April as Donate Life month in Saratoga County. Unanimous.**

Mr. Hayner distributed a handout on Donate Life registry statistics. Since 2013 the number of registrants in the Donate Life program in Saratoga County has risen from 68,576 to 98,355, which is 53.8% of the eligible 18+ population. The national average is 54% and the NYS Average is 35.2%. Staff in the Saratoga County DMV's will be wearing pins throughout April, information will be provided on the TV monitors at the DMV's and the Center for Organ Donation & Transplant will be providing giveaways. As in past years, the Donate Life flag will also be raised for the month.

Mr. Lucia said that he recently visited the DMV in Wilton and commended the staff there. Mr. Hayner said that the renovations in the Clifton Park office are moving along and they intend to be open by June 1.

Mr. Tollisen gave a brief update regarding the Year of the Senior event. A meeting was held on Monday and plans are progressing along. Save the dates will be going out soon. Mr. Tollisen said that he would like all Supervisors to attend to present plaques and proclamations to their Senior Organizations.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Deputy Clerk of the Board