

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

Present: Chairman Dick Lucia; Committee Members Tara Gaston, Darren O'Connor, Dan Pemrick, Sandra Winney, Tom Wood; Supervisor Ed Kinowski; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging; Tina Potter, Social Services; Shauna Sutton, County Clerk .

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Ms. Gaston, the minutes of the November 6, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Ms. Gaston, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, to authorize a contract with O'Connell and Aronowitz in an amount not to exceed \$34,334 for Office of the Aging legal services. Unanimous.**

Ms. Cross said that under Title 3-B of the Older Americans Act they are required to provide free legal services to seniors. This went out to bid and the contract is being awarded to O'Connell and Aronowitz. Ms. Cross said that they provide these services every Wednesday afternoon and it rotates between the Saratoga Springs, Halfmoon, Moreau and Malta. There is a set schedule for the year and they have appointments for 4 people each Wednesday. They are currently booked into February. Services provided include POA's and wills.

Mrs. Gaston asked Mrs. Potter for an update on the status of the Code Blue building. Mrs. Potter said that prior to the holiday weekend she spoke with the Executive Director of the Shelter and at that point she anticipated the building being available this week. Mrs. Potter said that she called the Executive Director yesterday and again today for an update but has not received a return phone call yet. Mr. O'Connor said that he was at a function recently where a volunteer from Code Blue expressed their thanks for all the county has done recently.

Mr. Lucia thanked the committee and county support staff for all of their work and commitment throughout the year. Mr. Lucia asked the Department heads to relay to their staff how appreciated they are.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Deputy Clerk of the Board