

Health & Social Services Committee Minutes
November 4, 2020 – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dick Lucia; Committee Members Todd Kusnierz, Darren O'Connor, Sandra Winney, Benny Zlotnick; Supervisors Tara Gaston, Mo Wright and Chairman of the Board Preston Allen; Chad Cooke, Matt Rose, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; J. Wes Carr, Youth Bureau; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging; Cathy Medick, Public Health; Michael Prezioso, Mental Health & Addiction.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Zlotnick, seconded by Mrs. Winney, the minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Winney, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, to authorize the Youth Bureau's 2020 Funding Applications and Contracts. Unanimous.

Mr. Carr said that this is an annual item. Mr. Carr previously emailed the breakdown of the funding and descriptions to committee members. Funding this year represents an approximate 10% cut due to the State budget situation. The programs and agencies that receive funding work towards the goals of the County plan for delivery of Youth services. Safe health development, safe healthy environments, opportunities to meet the needs of the physical, social, moral and economic growth of our children.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusnierz, seconded by Mr. Zlotnick, to accept a donation from the Light Rain Foundation in Stillwater in the amount of \$1,000 and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Ms. Cross said that the donation was received with a letter thanking the Office for the valuable work that is being done in the community. The funds will be designated to the Senior Nutrition Program.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusnierz, seconded by Mrs. Winney, to authorize 2021 subcontracts for the Office for the Aging. Unanimous.

Ms. Cross said that this is an annual item. Ms. Cross distributed a list of the providers. The list is attached to these minutes. Ms. Cross said that everything is the same as last year with the exception of PERS which is the Personal Emergency Response Systems. During Covid they saw an increase in the demand for these as more seniors are staying at home. An additional \$4K was added to that contract. Ms. Cross said that the funding for the remaining items is flat from last year.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Zlotnick, to authorize a major contract with Shelby Farrelly for contact tracing services in an amount not to exceed \$52,000. Unanimous.

Ms. Medick said that Ms. Farrelly was hired under Resolution 201-2020 which allowed for 50 contract tracers to be hired. Currently they have hired 19 and of that 19, 3 did not work out leaving a total of 16 on staff. 10 of the staff are working part time hours and the other 6 work full time hours. Ms. Farrelly is working full time hours and will exhaust the minor contract amount of \$15K by the end of the month. Ms. Medick said that Ms. Farrelly has been working a lot of overtime hours and there were not a lot of contact tracers willing to do that. Ms. Medick said that students in the healthcare field such as Ms. Farrelly, that are home attending college virtually seem to be working out well for this job. Ms. Medick said that the cost is covered by grant funds.

Ms. Winney asked about the status of the new testing machine. Ms. Medick said that they had two almost successful runs last week. Mechanically the machine did very well however two of the slots were not working properly. Ms. Medick said that she is waiting to hear back from them yet again. Ms. Medick said that another County is purchasing the machine because of the reliability and the testing accuracy that some of the other machines don't have. However, the machine initially had mechanical issues, and now there is another issue. Ms. Medick said that the machine is still undergoing QA testing and is not being used for the public yet. QA testing typically takes 1-2 months to ensure accuracy. There were many problems with the first machine, Ms. Medick and the County Administrators office had a phone conference with the Company, who agreed to replace the entire unit. The machine was replaced on October 16th. The good news is that mechanically it is working however they are not sure if the two non-functioning units are mechanical or analytical. Ms. Medick said that the company has been handling any problems with the machine at their expense, and the County has not endured any additional costs in the process of getting it up and running correctly. Ms. Medick said that the replacement of the machine means that the QA testing period starts over again. Ms. Medick said that they expect QA on this machine to be completed within the next week and a half.

On a motion made by Mr. Kusnierz, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board



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PROVIDER	FUNDING	SERVICE	TERM	AMOUNT
A & H Services 5 Thompson View Ballston Spa, NY 12020	IIIB, AAA Transportation and Community Services for the Elderly (CSE)	Transportation (City of Saratoga Springs)	1/1/21-12/31/21 Contributions Match Reimbursement	\$450.00 per day \$1,500.00 \$0.00 \$112,500.00
A & H Services 5 Thompson View Ballston Spa, NY 12020	IIIB, AAA Transportation and Community Services for the Elderly (CSE)	Transportation (6 Town)	1/1/21-12/31/21 Contributions Match Reimbursement	\$450.00 per day \$1,500.00 \$0.00 \$112,500.00
A & H Services 5 Thompson View Ballston Spa, NY 12020	WIN, AAA Transportation and Community Services for the Elderly (CSE)	Transportation (5 Town)	4/1/21-3/31/22 Contributions Match Reimbursement	\$250.00 per day \$0.00 \$0.00 \$50,250.00
Town of Corinth 600 Palmer Ave Corinth NY 12822	Community Services for the Elderly (CSE)	Transportation	4/1/21-3/31/22 Contributions Match Reimbursement	\$30,200.00 \$200.00 \$7,500.00 \$22,500.00
City of Mechanicville 36 North Main Street Mechanicville, NY 12118	Community Services for the Elderly (CSE)	Transportation	4/1/21-3/31/22 Contributions Match Reimbursement	\$8,640.00 \$3,000.00 \$1,440.00 \$4,200.00
Captain Community Human Services 543 Saratoga Road Glenville, NY 12302	Community Services for the Elderly (CSE)	Care Links Program	4/1/21-3/31/22 Contributions Match Reimbursement	\$40,000.00 \$0.00 \$10,000.00 \$30,000.00
Town of Clifton Park 1 Town Hall Plaza Clifton Park, NY 12065	CSE	Senior Center Recreation and Education	4/1/21-3/31/22 Contributions Match Reimbursement	\$13,334.00 \$0.00 \$3,334.00 \$10,000.00
O'Connell and Aronowitz 1 Court Street Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	IIIB	Legal Services	1/1/21-12/31/21 Contributions Match Reimbursement	\$34,334.00 \$1,000.00 \$3,334.00 \$30,000.00
Christine Kudlacik, RD 79 Loudon Road Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	Title IIIC WIN	Dietician Services	1/1/21-12/31/21 4/1/21-3/31/22	\$45.00/hour \$45.00/hour



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Greater Adirondack Home Aides 25 Willowbrook Road #4 Queensbury, NY 12804	IIIE & EISEP	In-Home Respite Care	1/1/21-12/31/21	\$24.00 per hour
NEC Care, Inc. Home Instead Senior Care 12 Mountain Ledge Dr. #3 Gansevoot, NY 12831	IIIE & EISEP	In-Home Respite Care	1/1/21-12/31/21	\$24.00 per hour
Wesley Senior Solutions 396 Loudon Road Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	IIIE & EISEP	In-Home Respite Care	1/1/21-12/31/21	\$24.00 per hour
Mechanicville Area Community Services Center P.O. Box 30, 6 South Main St. Mechanicville, NY 12118	CSE	Elder Care Services	4/1/21-3/31/22	\$56,000.00
			Contributions	\$0.00
			Match	\$14,000.00
			Reimbursement	\$42,000.00
Lena's Adult Day Services 230 Bluebird Road South Glens Falls, NY 12803	EISEP	Social Adult Day Care	4/1/21-3/31/22	\$33,334.00
			Contributions	\$0.00
			Match	\$8,334.00
			Reimbursement	\$25,000.00
GTL, Incorporated dba Link to Life 27475 Meadowbrook Road Novi, MI 48377	EISEP	Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)	1/1/21-12/31/21	\$24,000.00
			Contributions	\$0.00
			Match	\$0.00
			Reimbursement	\$24,000.00