

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

April 18, 2012

### PRESENT:

Elizabeth Young, Chairwoman  
Matt Murell  
William Hughes, Jr.  
Ellen Thurston  
Arthur Bassin  
Edward Cross

### ABSENT:

Richard Keaveney

### ALSO PRESENT:

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk  
Paul Mossman  
Michele Ublacker-OFA  
William Fisher  
Dr. Mustapha  
Sarah Sterling  
Chairman Grattan  
Ronald Caponera

PRESS: 1

Chairwoman Young called the meeting to order at 4:59 PM.

**Dr. Mustapha:** He has retired from his practice which started in 1972. He is trying to promote ways for retired individuals to get involved. He would like to see organizations set up within the County and Towns where retired /seniors can go for services or shared services that are needed. There is a need for volunteers in many agencies that would be good for seniors. Also he spoke on forming an Advocacy group to work with helping seniors' select health insurance and prescription plans that suits their needs and cost savings. Chairwoman Young recommended for Dr. Mustapha to contact K. Flood /Tourism to possibly see for signage in towns throughout the County. Chairman Grattan stated this would be a good project for our summer youth program. Get it up our website and good information and services that are out there.

### **OFFICE FOR THE AGING:** M. Ublacker

#### **Program Updates:**

##### **Public Events:**

Senior Citizen of the Year/Senior Citizen Month, there were thirty (30) submissions which have been forwarded to the Healthcare Consortium.

Volunteer Recognition Event: May 24, 2012 at Greenport Town Park, more information will follow.

Senator Saland is sponsoring "Health and Well-Being Seminar" on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM to 12 PM at CGCC in the Professional Academic Center, Room 612.

#### **Program Management:**

Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP), we have reduced hours to continue this service for everyone.

Web-Based Applications (Implementing Tyler-MUNIS and SAMS 3.0), this is up and running still working on some bumps.

#### **Program Development:**

Rebranding Nutrition Program/Senior Programming, the numbers have dropped at the congregate sites. OFA is working on trying to bring seniors/residents together. Possibly changing the name of the congregate sites to something simpler.

Advisory Council Development Initiative, K. Jablonka will send out to all Supervisors.

**Home-Delivered Meals:** these numbers are down also, we need more volunteers in all areas of the county.

**Conference Form:**

Request approval for Administrator to attend the annual statewide Aging Concerns Unite Us Conference (ACUU) in Albany on June 5-6 at a cost of \$160 with One (1) attending, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, carried.

**DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES: P. Mossman**

**Emergency/Transitional Supportive Housing Services**

**RFP Update:** the legal Notice has been posted for 10 days, it is due back on May 11<sup>th</sup> by noon time, the opening will be at 1:00 PM at DSS. There were 5 interested organizations that asked for the RFP.

**DSS Internal Restructuring:** P. Mossman informed the committee that they are working on providing better services, scheduling of runs to be more efficient of 5 full-time drivers, program efficiencies. Providing more support with the telephone operators and the new phone system. Also residents can apply for food stamps on line which will move this more quickly.

**FAIR HOUSING: W. Fisher**

**Update on the Annual Fair Housing Poster Contest:** scheduled for April 24, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Cornell Cooperative Extension Meeting Hall. They have chosen the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade winners and they will receive certificates of participation, savings bonds and art sets. Also will give a short presentation on the History of Fair Housing. A reception will follow with punch and cookies.

With no further business a motion to adjourn at 6:35 PM by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.

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