

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
JUNE 20, 2012**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Richard Keaveney, notified

ALSO PRESENT:

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Kary Jablonka
Gary Flaherty
Michele Ublacker
Michael Williams Riordon
Richard Scalera
Sarah Sterling
Paul Mossman
Rob Fitzsimmons
Ronald Caponera
William Fisher
Patrick Grattan

PRESS: 2

Chairwoman Young called the meeting to order at 4:57 pm.

Department of Social Services: P. Mossman

Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood – Presentation

This group is working to provide access to quality education through strong family, school, and community support that will prepare the students of the Hudson City School district to reach their full potential. This school-community partnership seeks to strengthen and unify efforts to improve academic achievement and parental engagement, promote physical, emotional and social well-being, establishes safe, healthy environments, create leaders of all ages, and develop universally accessible, culturally diverse opportunities. There is a lot of funding streams and awarding plan funding also. This is to help them plan their project by joining a working group.

Homeless Services Initiative – Update

P. Mossman met with Galvin Foundation & M.H., he will be bring another proposed agreement to next month's committee meeting. Areas of discussion are case management, affordable housing and services & costs.

Resolution Request: Authorization to fill the following vacant, budgeted positions, effective July 12, 2012, pending approval of Budget & Salary Review on June 28, 2012 and Finance Committee on July 3, 2012:

Two (2) Account Clerks, GR10B, 2012 base salary \$32,953, Step 1 salary \$28,010.

Vacancies due to resignations (Accounting and Child Support Units), motion by W.

Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved Forward to Finance.

Veterans Agency: G. Flaherty

Mailouts: there were to 204 letters to veterans and applications.

Federal Legal Services for Veterans: G. Flaherty has been appointed as a consultant.

Suicide rate information: exceeding casualties in Afghanistan.

Resolution Request: Authorization to fill One (1) Part-time Transportation Aide, GR 11, \$16.0651 hourly rate, effective June 29, 2012 due to the retiring of current Transportation Aide, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved Forward to Finance.

Office for the Aging: K. Jablonka

Program Updates:

Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP): the desire of this program is to keep residents in their own homes, running approximately \$18,000 short.

Potential Site Closure Process: Meeting this week with all participants to find out why there is low participants.

Program Development:

LGBT Elder Initiative – Hudson Pride Event, very successful event.

Advisory Council Development Initiative: The Advisory Council will be revising the by-laws this summer.

Tai Chi- Yoga, is in the Wellness Program at the Stuyvesant site.

Resolution Request:

Permission for the Office for the Aging to contract with Home Aide Service of Eastern, NY d/b/a/ Eddy Lifeline to provide Lifeline services for seniors at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved Forward to Finance.

K. Jablonka also informed the committee they conducted a “Introduction to Medicare”, with about 10 to 12 residents.

Youth Bureau: Jessica Shuflet

Update: Columbia County’s youth population has decreased to 14,943 from 17,134 . Special Delinquency and Prevention “Type A” funding is \$8,637.00, “Type B” funding is \$3,221.00. Youth Development Funding is a total of \$29,028.00 (Services is \$11,611.00, Recreation \$12,951.00 and Initiative \$4,466.00). Administration Funding (which is used as reimbursement for a small portion of J. Shufelt’s salary is \$5,849.00.

Each municipality’s funding for summer recreation programs will be formulated by each individual municipality’s population and it works out to be approximately 0.86 cents/per youth.

Resolution Request: Authorizing the Youth Bureau to create and fill two (2) seasonal per diem recreation attend positions at an hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour, the wages of the two (2) attendants are to be funded through the NY Junior Tennis foundation Grant, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by M. Murell, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved Forward to Finance.

Fair Housing : W. Fisher

Distributed to committee pamphlets on Housing Discrimination.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn at 5:41 PM by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by M. Murell, motion carried.

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