

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

July 18, 2012

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Paul Mossman
Gary Flaherty
Kary Jablonka
Jessica Nabozny
Michelle Ublacker
Lynn Kutski
Mayor Hallenbeck
Donald Moore
Sarah Sterling
Robert Fitzsimmons
Barrett Mack
Patrick Grattan
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PRESS: 2

Chairwoman Young called the meeting to order at 4:56 PM.

Office for the Aging: K. Jablonka

Program Updates:

Albert Tripp Senior Community Center Building: Philmont, doing a lot of renovations, AC, duct work, cooling station for emergencies, making it more energy efficient.

Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP), watching funds very closely and re-assessed, OFA has reduced 14 cases and hours.

Potential Site Closure Update: this is RoeJan at Our Lady of Hope, this center is aging out, has been meeting with participants, at the last mtg. over 70 residents attended. We are gathering some ideas from participants to increase and continue services.

Program Operation:

Project Lifesaver-M. Ublacker explained exactly what is entailed in this program. This is an ankle or wristband for elderly residents, and they have transmitters with batteries and straps, so if they wander off, they can be tracked through the Sheriff's Dept., much easier to find them.

Performance Indicators- OFA has active cases, increase of six (6), nine (9) are pending cases.

Resolution Request:

Authorization to increase the 2012 OFA budget for the EISEP Program (AO-7E-7610-4729-E40000) and State Aid Programs for Aging (AO-8R-3772-0000-8R3772) in the amount of \$12,020 as a result of increased state aid allocation, to amend the budget, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Thurston, carried. Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved forward to Finance.

Youth Bureau: J. Nabozny

Resolution Request: Authorizing the Youth Bureau to enter into contract with Nine (9) Youth Service Agencies in 2012, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, carried. Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved forward to Finance.

Resolution Request: Authorizing the Columbia County to enter into contract with Three (3) Not for Profit Special Delinquency Prevention "Type A" Programs (SDPP) Youth Service Agencies for the 2012 budget, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, carried. Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved forward to Finance.

Resolution Request : Authorizing the Columbia County Youth Bureau to enter into contract with Two (2) Not for Profit Special Delinquency Prevention "Type B" Programs (SDPP) Youth Service Agencies for the 2012 budget, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, carried. Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved forward to Finance.

Update on CC Youth Advisory Board: J. Nabozny informed the committee they are in need of representation, she will send out a letter to all Supervisors.

Tennis Program Update: J. Nabozny has hired 2 instructors at the Chatham site; J. Nabozny covers the Livingston area. There were at least 30 children this year.

Social Services Department: P. Mossman

HOMELESS SERVICES:

Resolution requesting authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with a not-for-profit provider for the provision of a Case Manager/Housing Specialist to collaborate with the Columbia County Department of Social Services in pursuing housing and employment related outcomes that promote long term self-sufficiency to homeless families and individuals currently placed in area motels. Total cost of the agreement not to exceed \$65,000, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved forward to Finance.

Resolution authorizing the Columbia County Department of Social Services to enter into and sign a five (5) year lease agreement with Galvan Initiatives Foundation to provide emergency/transitional housing and intensive case management supportive services, including 24/7 supervision for homeless individuals, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, carried. Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved forward to Finance. E. Thurston opposed.

Veterans: G. Flaherty

Monthly report distributed with review:

Columbia County Van Services transported 86 Veterans who had appointments at the VA Medical Center in Albany. Responded to 120 phone calls, assisted to 31 office visits and 14 mailings, including 2 applications for Presidential Memorial Certificates and Government Memorial Grave Markers.

The Leather stocking Honor Flight took place on June 2, 2012. We are now accepting applications for a future flight honoring veterans of the Korean Conflict.

One (1) Indigent burial was processed through Columbia County Veteran's office.

A motion by M. Murell, seconded by E. Cross to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:02 PM, carried.

REASON: Personal Information

A motion by M. Murell, seconded by E. Cross to return to REGULAR SESSION at 6:12 PM, carried.

With no further business a motion to adjourn at 6:13 PM by R. Keaveney, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried.

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