

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 15, 2012

### PRESENT:

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

### ABSENT:

Richard Keaveney, notified  
Ellen Thurston, notified

### ALSO PRESENT:

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk  
Kary Jablonka  
Gary Flaherty  
Micheale Williams-Riordon  
Robert Pinto  
Chairman Grattan  
Sarah Sterling  
Ronald Knott  
1 – Public

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Chairwoman Young called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

### Department of Social Services: M. Williams-Riordon

Reviewed the List of Renovations with R. Pinto

The Facilities Dept. was never in-charge of the DSS Bldg. since the County now owns it, the Facilities Dept. will do cleaning, painting, worked on Heating/Cooling System, all maintenance that other County Bldgs. receive. Also will work on some of the renovations that Facilities can handle.

**RESOLUTION REQUEST:** To work with Commissioner Robinson to bring in an architect for the redesign of the first floor, cost not to exceed \$5,000.00, motion by A. Bassin, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried.

### VETERANS: G. Flaherty

There is One (1) Veteran in the program right now.

Work seminars at the VA: the program starts in September with workshops for unemployed Veterans.

Indigent Burials: There were two (2) in July.

Monthly report: reviewed.

Distributed to the committee the 2012 Capital Region Homeless Veterans Stand-Down poster.

This is for free help ie. food, clothing, medical screening, legal assistance, information about programs and services, Saturday September 29, 2012, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Colonie BPO Elks #2192, or contact Columbia County Veterans Office @ 828-3610.

### OFFICE FOR THE AGING: K. Jablonka

Program Updates:

Program Management

- Albert Tripp Senior Community Center Building- the Facilities Dept. fixed the problem with the air-conditioning
- Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP)- continuing to watch numbers with a resolution request below.

- **Potential Site Closure Update-** the numbers at this site are not going up, they will close at the end of the Year, this site is in Copake Falls.
- **System Integration Funds:** Grant to receive \$38,600.00 next year.

**Conference Objective Form:** 2012 NYS Association of Area Agencies on Aging Leadership Institute, October 30<sup>th</sup> -Nov.1<sup>st</sup>, in Saratoga, one (1) attending at a cost of \$425.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, carried.

**Resolution Requests:**

**Authorization to transfer \$22,000 in budgeted funds from Ancillary Services to the EISEP Program in response to the increased demand for in-home services, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by M. Murell, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review Committee, if approved forward to Finance.**

**Authorization to transfer \$3000 from Service/Repair to Building Maintenance for installation of doors at the Al Tripp Senior Center in Philmont, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, motion carried. Forward to Finance.**

**K. Jablonka spoke to the committee on the thoughts for the 2013 budget. He distributed an Organizational Chart, specifically on 3 positions he was thinking to create: (1) One Deputy Administrator, (1) One Senior Case Manager and (1) One Volunteer Coordinator. A. Bassin is opposed to Depts. having Deputies, or creating those positions. This will continue with discussion at the Home Committees, Budget & Salary Review Committee, and with the Budget Officer. Chairman Grattan stated the budgets need to be presented to the Home committees to iron out any/all potential increases or positions prior to proceeding to other committees.**

**With no further business a motion to adjourn at 6:12 PM by M. Murell, seconded by A. Bassin, motion carried.**