

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

October 17, 2012

### PRESENT:

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

### ABSENT:

Elizabeth Young, notified  
Richard Keaveney, notified

### ALSO PRESENT:

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk  
Kary Jablonka  
Gary Flaherty  
Micheale Williams Riordin  
Michelle Ublacker  
Paul Mossman  
Sarah Sterling  
Public – 1

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Deputy Chairman Murell called the meeting to order at 4:57 PM.

### Office for the Aging: K. Jablonka

#### Program Management and Development updates:

New Senior Site – it will be in Copake: seizing the Roe Jan site and the new site in Copake is at no cost.

Tripp Center Maintenance/Capital Improvement: the work continues to be done.

Performance Indicators: distributed to committee a Performance Indicator Summary which involved caseloads of In-Home-Services and Home-delivered Meals.

Advisory Council Development: the by-laws have been completed, working on strengthening the Advisory Council and it will be voted on.

#### Resolution Requests

Authorization to contract with the Town of Copake to provide a location for Nutrition Site operation two (2) days/week at no cost, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, carried, forward to Finance.

Authorization to modify 2012 budget by transferring \$16,100 from under budget accounts to accounts requiring additional funds during the last quarter of 2012, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Thurston, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

#### Department of Social Services: P. Mossman

##### Resolution Request:

Authorization to abolish One (1) Principal Social Welfare Examiner, GR 16, 2012 Base Salary \$50,225.00 (vacancy due to retirement) and to create and fill One (1) Senior Social Welfare Examiner, GR 13C, 2012 Base Salary \$43,165.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by A. Bassin, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

##### Resolution Request:

Authorization to fill One (1) vacant, budgeted position of Social Welfare Examiner, GR 12, 2012 Step 1 salary of \$32,018.00 (vacancy due to a resignation), motion by E. Cross, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

##### Resolution Request:

Authorization to create and fill One (1) Senior Child Support Specialist, GR 13C, 2012 Base Salary of \$43,165.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

##### Resolution Request:

Authorization for the Columbia County Department of Social Services to enter into the following contracts for services to be provided to children in the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Dept. of Social Services on a per diem basis as follows:

Comprehensive Neuropsychological Services –Neuropsychological testing: \$200.00 - \$800.00 per test

Mental Health counseling and psychotherapy services: \$75.00/hour

Clinical Social Work Services: \$75.00/hour; motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by A. Bassin, on all three (3) contracts, carried.

Edith Casey Christmas Stocking Fund: Registration begins Nov. 15, 2012 and Flyers will be sent out.

**Best Practice Initiatives: Teaming and Family Assessment Response- Open House on November 2, 2012 from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM.**

**Veterans: G. Flaherty**

**Up-date on Outreach: Approximately 175 letters were sent out on benefits to our veterans.**

**Soldier-on Rehab Program: 2 soldiers are in this program.**

**Up-Date on Veterans Stand Down Project: fourteen (14) veterans from Columbia County attended.**

**G. Flaherty would like to thank the Columbia County Sheriff's Office for the escort to Albany.**

**With no further business, a motion to adjourn at 6:08 PM by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by A. Bassin, motion carried.**

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**Elizabeth Young, Chairwoman**

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