

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

April 17, 2013

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Kary Jablonka
Paul Mossman
Gary Flaherty
Michelle Ublacker
Michael Williams-Riordon**

PRESS: 2

Chairwoman Young called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Office for the Aging: K. Jablonka

Senior Citizen of the Year- 2 have been chosen, Arlene Brow and Joyce McDonald

May is Senior Citizen Month; I will have a Proclamation done for May's Full Board.

Resolution Request: authorization to contract with VNSNY to provide Home-Delivered Meals for their Managed Long Term Care enrollees at a per meal price of \$8.00; motion by A. Bassin, seconded by M. Murell, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Veteran's Service Agency: G. Flaherty

G. Flaherty received an invitation to NYS Vietnam Museum. This is open to the public in which G. Flaherty handed out the booklet to the committee members.

An update on a County Veteran in Mental Health lockdown which is doing pretty well now.

G. Flaherty worked on 3 new compensation cases since last month.

Based on Gary's experience, he has been invited to the Training Program on PTSD in Saugerties.

Issues in the Office, G. Flaherty has resolved with an Office Policy.

Chairwoman Young read a letter from Fair Housing Officer, William Fisher, who could not attend the mtg. this evening. The letter was in reference to the 2013 Fair Housing Poster Contest. The theme this year is "Houses and People on my Street". The winners will be recognized at a reception at 7:00 PM Wed. April 24th in the Cornell Cooperative Extension Mtg. Hall. Please consider this as an invitation to all Supervisors to join in on April 24th.

Chairwoman Young read a memo from Jessica Nabozny, Executive Director who was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict with her Full Youth Advisory Board mtg. at 4:00 PM this evening. The mtg. was to review the nominations for our Youth Leadership Award Ceremony that is taking place on Monday April 29, 2013. J. Nabozny wanted to let the committee know that the Reorganization Proposal between the Youth Bureau and the Department of Social Services has been submitted to the NYS Office of Children & Family Services and a meeting is scheduled in the near future with J. Nabozny, Chairman Grattan and R. Fitzsimmons regarding the future of the STOP DWI Dept.

Department of Social Services: P. Mossman

The 2011 Annual report was submitted last month & needs approval this month, motion by M. Murell, seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.

Resolution Requests:

Authorization to fill the following vacant, budgeted positions:

One (1) Social Welfare Examiner, GR 12, Step 1 salary \$32,818.00, vacancy due to employee accepting position in the Civil Service Office as Personnel Assistant, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

One (1) Deputy Commissioner, FM-4, 2013 base salary \$63,127.00; vacancy due to employee accepting position in another County agency, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by M. Murell, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

A sub-committee was set up with the Interview Process for the Deputy Commissioner's position, the committee included E. Young, A. Bassin, E. Cross, M. Murell and W. Hughes, Jr. A. Bassin asked about a job description, which P. Mossman stated he will have to update the current description and advertise.

P. Mossman spoke on the homeless situation in the county which has dropped drastically. The current status on homeless is a total of 14 individuals including in that number is one (1) family. P. Mossman credits his staff on the restructure of the temporary assistance unit. He also credited his staff for working through the change in the way that cases are processed. This change allows his staff more time to interview and process residents. Interviews are now done by telephone, rather than lengthy in-person interviews.

P. Mossman thanked his Deputy Commissioner for her service to the Department. Mossman described M. Williams –Riordon as very bright, intelligent, and always I could depend on her. A. Bassin described her as “irreplaceable”. M. Williams-Riordon then thanked P. Mossman stating she has never worked for someone who has such a purpose and care for the County residents.

With no further business a motion to adjourn at 4:55 PM by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.

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