

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

May 15, 2013

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Arthur Bassin, notified

ALSO PRESENT:

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Kary Jablonka
Paul Mossman
Gary Flaherty
Michelle Ublacker

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

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: K. Jablonka

Senior Citizens of the Year: There were two (2) Honorees, A. Brown of Healy Blvd and J. McDonald of Philmont.

Case Load Status: 200 HDM

Financial Mngmt.: watching very closely

Conference Object Forms:

Ageing Concerns Unite Us, in Albany, NY on June 4 & 5, One attending at a cost of \$85.00; motion by E. Cross, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., carried.

Nutrition Outreach and Education Program Outreach Convention in Albany, NY on May 22, 2013, One attending at no cost to the County, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by M. Murell, carried.

Resolution Request: Authorization to fill the vacant Case Manager for the Elderly at a salary of \$40,020.00 (Grade 15, Step 1) motion by M. Murell, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved forward to Finance.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES: P. Mossman

Building Renovation Subcommittee: A plan to make some changes for interior and exterior, cost & working with Architect, Priorities are first, this would be the phone system.

Cost Savings Initiatives: Non-reimbursable expenditures: Received a check for Residential Facility in the amount of \$33,000, Institutional foster care, Disproportionate Minority Representation: (DMR) Initiative - OFCS – Pilot Project which has a high percentage in foster care of Latinos and Minorities. Application made in the amount of \$30,000, dialogues, communities on “Healthy Eating”, Supervisor Cross and Supervisor Hughes, Jr., will sit on this program, Chairwoman Young also would like to help on this program.

Resolution Request: Authorization to fill the vacant position of Social Welfare Examiner, GR 12,2013 Step 1 \$32,818.00 vacancy due to employee accepting another position within the Department, motion by E. Cross, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved forward to Finance.

Application Processing is at 95%, statewide 92%.

VETERANS AGENCY: G. Flaherty

Next World War II Honor Flight Trip is Saturday May 18, 2013. The next Honor Flight will be for the Korean War Veterans, starting in June, 2013.

There has been an increase in settlement of County Compensations cases that are old, twelve (12) have been settled. G. Flaherty toured Columbia County Jail with town justices and Judge Nichols, it was amazing to see the inmates working within the dog program. The dogs live in the cell with the inmate.

There are approximately 7.5% unemployed veterans, and right now there are none that are homeless.

Distributed to all committee members was an update from J. Nabozny, Executive Director of the Youth Bureau. The Youth Bureau/DSS reorganizational proposal has been received by the NYS OCFS and they are just awaiting a response/approval from our state representative. The Youth Bureau held it's 17th Annual Youth Leadership Award Ceremony on April 29, 2013. Again, it was a great success. J. Nabozny thanked Chairwoman Young and Board Chairman Grattan for attending. The High School student who won the award and \$500.00 Scholarship was Kayla Carson of New Lebanon and Kirstyn Suchoski from Ichabod Crane Middle School. J. Nabozny informed the committee she has been attending "The Greater Hudson Promises Neighborhood" Grant program, the Capital District Youth Bureau Association and the Youth Council. J. Nabozny also included in your memo the summer recreation workshop scheduled for Saturday June 15th from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon at CGCC. She is asking that all Supervisors encourage your recreation staff director to send as many counselors as they can. There are several very informative workshops taking place that morning.

J. Nabozny appreciates all of your support and will keep you informed on our formal state allocations once they have been received and reviewed.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn at 6:15 PM by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.

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