

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
JUNE 19, 2013**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Matt Murell, notified

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk  
Paul Mossman  
Jessica Nabozny  
Gary Flaherty  
William Fisher  
Kary Jablonka  
Michele Ublacker  
Lynn Kutski

**PRESS: 2**

Chairwoman Young called the Human Services Committee meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

**OFFICE FOR THE AGING:** K. Jablonka

Program/Management Updates:

Staff Status: Currently we are at Full Staff. There are no positions for this month that are needed.

Redefining the Operation Environment: Aging, Disability and Health Care. Having reviewed last month, the Demographics at this point are 25% of population in Columbia County is over sixty (60) years of age.

Advisory Council Development Initiative: working Partnerships for seniors – letter going out shortly which will lay-out an agenda.

Livable NY: this will be a targeted area which will be discussed next month.

**VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY:** G. Flaherty

Updates:

Attended a PTSD/TBI education program and tour of the re-integration center at AF National Guard Base in Scotia NY. G. Flaherty gave a briefing on Columbia County Programs and our success at the NYS homeless coalition. Flaherty continues to work on helping Dutchess County to form a program similar to ours in their Justice Program as requested by Judge Clarke and approved by the Chairman of the Board. G. Flaherty met with the American Red Cross in Albany on their new program assisting veterans and their families. Also Flaherty attended at the request of W. Fisher of the Fair Housing to discuss homeless programs and veterans programs.

Monthly Report:

Van Services transported 79 Veterans with appts. in Albany.

Office Responded to 102 phone calls, assisted to 31 office visits and 28 mailings, including 6 applications for Presidential Memorial Certificates and Government Memorial Grave Markers.

**YOUTH BUREAU:** J. Nabozny

CFSP Approval: this plan is with Probation, DSS and the City of Hudson.

2013 Allocation as Presented with the distribution of said information.

Re-Organization with DSS update: J. Nabozny informed the committee they still do not have approval.

Legal Terms are needed to be put into plan. She, Paul and County Attorney will meet on this.

USTA: Tennis Grant received in the amount of \$1,000.00 and Columbia & Greene Counties Council on the Arts Grant, received \$2,025.00.

**FAIR HOUSING:** W. Fisher

Poster contest awarded to winners on May 22, 2013. W. Fisher is still trying to get more schools involved in this. 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners received a \$100.00 Savings Bond, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place received a \$75.00 Savings Bond and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners received a \$50.00 Savings Bond. All winners received an art set complete with wooden carrying case and a framed certificate of participation.

W. Fisher also commended G. Flaherty for no helping to have no veterans homeless.

A motion to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:10 PM by E. Thurston, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried.

REASON: to discuss personnel

A motion to return to REGULAR SESSION at 6:40 PM by E. Cross, seconded by A. Bassin, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to transfer funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Safety Net Account to the Food Stamp Nutrition Program, motion by E. Cross, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried. Refer to Finance.

**Resolution Request:** Authorization for the Commissioner of DSS to enter into and sign an agreement between the Columbia County Dept. of Social Services and Steven Silverman, PhD. For the provision of psychological evaluation services for a cost of:

**\$175.00 per hour** which includes face to face contact with clients and collaterals, telephone consultations, psychological testing, scoring and interpretation, report writing;

**\$1, 1225.00: flat rate** – court appearance

**\$612.00 - \$750.00: per evaluation** (cognitive/IQ evaluation) includes review of IEP, Psycho-social history, consultation with Community Based Clinician, administration of Intellectual testing and any other appropriate tests and report writing., motion by E. Cross, seconded by E. Thurston, motion carried. Refer to .1 Committee, if approved forward to Finance.

**Resolution Request:** Requesting authorization to fill the following vacant, budgeted positions:

One (1) Caseworker, FP15, 2013 Step 1 salary \$41,020; vacancy due to retirement, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Thurston, motion carried. Refer to .1 Committee if approved forward to Finance.

One (1) Social Welfare Examiner, GR12, 2013 Step 1 salary \$32,818; vacancy due to resignation, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Thurston, motion carried. Refer to .1 Committee if approved forward to Finance.

**Resolution Request:**

Requesting authorization to create and fill One (1) Temporary, Part-time Social Welfare Examiner, GR12, at an hourly rate of \$21.1330, not to exceed 20 hours per week, no fringe benefits, for a maximum of six (6) months from date of hire, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, motion carried. Refer to .1 Committee if approved forward to Finance.

With no further business or discussion a motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM by E. Thurston, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried.

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