

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

July 17, 2013

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Kevin McDonald, notified

ALSO PRESENT:

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Jessica Nabozny
William Fisher
Kary Jablonka
Paul Mossman
Gary Flaherty

PRESS: 1

Chairwoman Young called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

Department of Social Services: P. Mossman

DSS Building Renovation Committee-Update

This committee was formed about a year ago. The committee continues to look at the ways of making the renovations more accessible to clients and workers. Comm. Mossman was approved to bring in an architect to help with designing the interior. Some of that work has begun with the 2nd floor rest room i.e. new sinks, flooring etc. Conference rooms also being renovated. There is money in this year's budget, and right now looking at \$125,000 for next year. The phone system that is crucial to the department will be done this year. Another meeting had been scheduled for August 2, 2013 to discuss costs and proposals. The next month's meeting of Human Services will be on August 28, 2013 @ 4:00 PM. Comm. Mossman will be bringing the architect to the meeting for further costs and discussions.

Office for the Aging: K. Jablonka

Updates: Financial Management, cash flow & receivables will be sent to committee members.

Performance Measures: Caseloads remain stable

Updated Organization Chart: This was distributed and should be forwarded to Human Resources.

Meals served this year are 74,000 to 75,000.

Resolution Request: Authorization to contract with the Healthcare Consortium in the amount of \$16,000.00 to provide a Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) as a complement to NY connects and an integral component of long term care redesign, motion by M. Murell, seconded by E. Cross, carried. Refer to Finance.

Youth Bureau: J. Nabozny

Resolution Request: Authorizing contracts for the Columbia County Youth Bureau with Nine Youth Service Agencies for the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$16,077.00, this cost is reimbursable by state aid, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request: Authorizing contracts for the Columbia County Youth Bureau for (4) four Not for Profit Special Delinquency Prevention Type A Programs Youth Service Agencies for the 2013 budget, at a cost reimbursable by State Aid in the amount of \$8,637.00, motion W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request: Authorizing contracts for the Columbia County Youth Bureau with (2) Not for Profit Special Delinquency Prevention Type B Programs (SDPP) foar the 2013 budget in the amount of \$3221.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, carried. Refer to Finance

Resolution Request: Authorizing the Columbia County Youth Bureau to create & fill two (2) seasonal per diem recreation attendant positions at an hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour. This is funded through the NY Tennis Foundation Grant, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Thurston, carried. Refer to Finance.

J. Nabozny also informed the committee the document Reorganization Proposal that was sent to NYS OCFS , returned it to her for some legal recommended terms that need to be implemented. Copy was distributed to E. Young, P. Mossman M. Murell and Chairman Grattan.

Fair Housing: W. Fisher

FYI: Section 8 has a freeze on it. Apple Meadows opted out and Saratoga Springs took it over. Evictions are on the rise. W. Hughes, Jr., informed W. Fisher that Columbia County comes first before any other County for homes and apartments. W. Fisher was forwarding some call to Housing Resources with people from Dutchess County. Also the homeless numbers are increasing also.

Veterans Service Agency: G. Flaherty

Stride Program for Wounded Warriors took place in Chatham/Valatie, they were teaching Archery.

Program being developed (Puppies for Vets) with Capt. Davi at the jail, where the inmates are training the puppies and then they are given to veterans with disabilities, PDS, EC.

Vets to Chefs: Graduation is July 27, 2013; this was done with Austerlitz classes.

The American Red Cross is providing help to the veterans as a Liaison.

3 Homeless veterans were admitted to placement through the Veterans Hospital.

Caring will be attending the Veterans Service Office in Cheryl NY, There is no cost associated with this.

G. Flaherty stated there on 40,000 troops coming out of Afghanistan in January.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn at 6:03 PM by W.Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.

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