

HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE
November 16, 2009

PRESENT:

Lynda Scheer, Chairwoman
Elizabeth Young
Roy Brown
Bart Delaney, Jr.
William Hughes, Jr.
Lawrence Andrews
Edward Cross

ABSENT

Philip Williams, notified

ALSO PRESENT:

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Nancy Winch
Michael O'Leary
Robin Andrews

PRESS: 1

Chairwoman Scheer called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

HEALTH DEPT.: N. Winch & A. Engel

H1N1: N. Winch updated the committee on flu shots. Pregnant women are receiving the flu shots. Also EMS workers are receiving the shots. N. Winch stated we are also pushing the pneumonia shots too. Chatham schools are receiving their shots on Thursday and Taconic Hills on Friday. Chairwoman Scheer stated we need to continue to be vigilant.

Resolution Request: Award contracts for Transportation of Children with Special Needs in the Early Intervention and Preschool Services Program. Whereas, it is necessary to assign Route 10 for the transportation of children with special needs in the Early Intervention and Preschool Program for the period of November 2 – December 23, 2009 on a 35-day temp; and Whereas, the following company is able to perform the work at the lowest responsible amount: Mike Johnston Bus Company, P.O. Box 867, Philmont, NY 12565. Now, therefore be it resolved, that this Board of Supervisors does award the contract for Route 10 at the per diem rate of \$241.25 to Mike Johnston Bus Company and be it further resolved that the Director of Early Intervention and Preschool Services is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to this end, motion by R. Brown, seconded by L. Andrews, carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request: Accept Early Intervention Admin Grant renewal. Whereas a revenue and expenditure account were previously established (A04035024000 and A03403) for funds from the NYS Department of Health and whereas \$42,879 is being allocated to Columbia County for 10/1/2009 – 9/30/2010, therefore be it resolved to accept said funds in the amount of \$42,879 (Contract #C-021787) and authorize the Public Health Director to sign said contract. No budget amendment needed. Motion by E. Young, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request: Accept OHS Local Health Department grant funds. Whereas \$27,778 is available in grant funding through the Office of Homeland Security for local health departments for planning, training and implementation of Health Department emergency preparedness plan AND, whereas Columbia County Emergency Management office will be assisting in preparation of said plan, therefore be it resolved to accept said funds in the amount of \$27,778 and authorize the Health Department to enter into an agreement with Emergency Management for said assistance and amend 2009 budget as follows: Create: A04058.01.1000-\$8,360, A04058.01.4000-\$19,418. Amend revenue A03469 from 0.00 to \$27,778, motion by E. Young, seconded by L. Andrews, carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request: Create salary equality by changing the Grade of the Program Coordinator from Grade 15 to a Grade 16. Whereas, the Program Coordinator annually generates revenues of approximately \$2.2 million, maintains a Budget of about \$4.1 million and coordinates all transportation

responsibilities of 50-60 children daily, and Whereas, we are seeking salary fairness for similarly responsible positions within the Early Intervention and Preschool Program, justification attached. Therefore, be it resolved, to authorize the grade change of the Program Coordinator's Grade from a Grade 15 to a Grade 16, motion by E. Young, seconded by E. Cross, carried. **Refer to Budget & Salary Review, with approval then to Finance.**

Resolution Request: To establish salary equality within county between caseworker title at DSS and OFA caseworker for Elderly Services both a Grade 15, and EI service coordinators presently Grade 13. Whereas, the service coordination title is currently Grade 13, the position brings in between \$32,000 to \$50,000 in revenues per year, caseload varies from 35-60 cases per year and the title has similar educational requirements as the caseworker for the OFA caseworker for Elderly Services, (justification attached) and Whereas salary fairness and equality are being sought for both positions, Therefore be it resolved that the Grades be changed for both service coordination positions from Grade 13, to Grade 15, motion by E. Young, seconded by L. Andrews, carried. **Refer to Budget & Salary Review, with approval then to Finance.**

Resolution Request: Authorization to fill a vacancy as a result of resignation of Program Coordinator, GR 15 Step 1 salary \$38,949.00, effective November 27, 2009, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by B. Delaney, carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Conference: Approve Suzanne Alexander, Carol Brown and Carol Reckner to attend the December 2, 2009 "It is About You!" Conference in Albany, New York. Total cost \$30. The conference will cover 8 thoughts to live and work by. Dealing with challenging families, setting boundaries with residents and patients and learning how to adapt, motion by E. Young, seconded by L. Andrews, carried.

MENTAL HEALTH: M. O'Leary

Resolution Request: Resubmitted for consideration from last month's committee meeting, the Dept. needs to establish a petty cash account for incidental purchases and change at the receptionist window in the amount of \$100.00, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request: Resubmitted to appoint members to the Community Services Board, motion by E. Young, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr. carried. Appoint member from the Board of Supervisors also.

.2 Purchase: EMedNY Medicaid Machine at a cost of \$817.00, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., carried.

Vehicle use policy: As a follow-up to the suggestion made at last month's committee meeting, this Department's policy and procedure statement regarding vehicle use was reviewed by Human Resources and suggestions were incorporated, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by E. Young, carried.

National Survivors' Day: The Dept. of Human Services will again host the National Survivors Day webcast for friends and family members who have lost a loved one to suicide. This event will take place on Saturday, November 21 @325 Columbia Street.

M. O'Leary requested authorization to spend up to \$1,000.00 for the Community Services Board annual dinner, as done in previous years, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by L. Andrews, carried.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn at 1:35 PM by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by R. Brown, motion carried.