

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 27, 2009

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: LaPointe, Trinkle, Rymph, Banks, N. Hall

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Henke, Brown

SUPERVISORS: Wilbur, G. Hall, Lindsay

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Mike Gray, Director Youth Services

Claire Murphy, Director of ADRC/OFA

Kevin Hayes, County Administration

Natalie Williams, Workforce/EOC

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Rob York, Director Mental Health

Tammy DeLorme, Commissioner DSS

Sam Hall, Director Veterans

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes – April 29, 2009
- 3) Department Reports/Requests:
 - A) Youth Bureau
 - 1) Agency Updates
 - B) Mental Health
 - 1) Gambling Prevention – Responses from Washington County School Districts
 - C) ADRC/Wash Co. Cares
 - 1) Permission to Extend Contract for Social Day Care Services
 - 2) 2009 Budget Impact
 - D) Social Services
 - 1) Program/Budget Updates
 - 2) Staffing Requests
 - i. Typist
 - ii. Social Welfare Examiner
- 4) Other Business
- 5) Adjournment

Chairman LaPointe called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2009 meeting was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mrs. Trinkle and adopted.

YOUTH BUREAU – Mike Gray, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Agency Updates:
 - State Budget – Still waiting to hear from the State on the budget.
 - Family Resolutions Program - He is asking permission to contract with DSS to coordinate the Family Resolutions Program using existing staff effective June 1st for one year, handout attached. This program is 100% state funded. He feels the Youth Bureau can provide this services for less than the Department of Social Services could contract it out. A motion to approve request to contract with DSS to coordinate the Family Resolutions Program using existing staff was moved by Mr. Banks, and seconded by Mr. Rymph. Discussion. DSS Commissioner DeLorme stated that this is the position that she had requested to backfill. She will drop that position from their organization chart. The motion to approve request

to contract with DSS to coordinate the Family Resolutions Program using existing staff was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Rymph and adopted.

- Solid Waste/Alternative Sentencing – Mike reported he received a call from Supervisor Hurley about a month ago regarding how do we look at enhancing the use of inmates into the recycling program. This request was coming from Supervisor Brown through Supervisor Hurley and Mike spoke with Supervisor Brown yesterday regarding this topic. He stated when they talk inmates it could be state or county. State inmates are out of his jurisdiction and the Sheriff would need to be involved in conversations regarding county inmates. Mike can address the Alternative Sentencing, sentence offenders. Willy Grimmke, Superintendent of Public Works would also need to be involved because of recycling, the transfer stations. He is going to have a discussion with all parties to gather information on what is currently being done and what opportunities exist and bring that information back to a committee. Supervisor Brown would like to enhance, increase revenue. Mike stated that they do place community service workers at the transfer station but if you are looking to enhance it, it needs to be clear and some preparation work might be required before going to the site. You need to mesh the right person with the job and then to enhance that you might have to work with the staff at the transfer station to understand the value this population can give you. He stated if you do not like working with this type of person, you can get them to walk off the job permanently even if it means going to jail. Mr. Rymph questioned using inmates since Solid Waste unionized. That item was referred to the County Attorney.

MENTAL HEALTH – Rob York, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Gambling Prevention – Informational packet distributed including letter sent to area school districts to gather information on general need for prevention and treatment services to address the issue of problem gambling sent out by David Saffer, Executive Director of the Council for Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Inc. The school superintendents referred this matter to staff and six schools responded affirmatively saying that they would like to have presentations and that they do feel it is an issue. The schools responding affirmatively include the following: Hartford, Cambridge, Hudson Falls, Greenwich, Granville, and Fort Edward. A motion to accept grant funding and award contract for problem gambling prevention program was moved by Mr. Banks and seconded by Mrs. N. Hall. Discussion. Mr. Rymph asked if it was one staff member at the school or the entire staff. Mr. York stated he was unsure who responded. Mr. Rymph stated asking one person is not the staff. The motion to accept grant funding and award contract for problem gambling prevention program was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mrs. N. Hall and adopted. Mr. Rymph opposed.
- 2009 Budget Update – The Office of Mental Health has passed along a \$1.1M cut. Washington County's cut is \$1,896.00 for the period of July 1 – December 31, 2009 and \$3,792 for calendar year 2010 and a similar cut in Warren County. He also heard that the agencies they contract with are being cut 15% by the state.

ADRC/Wash. Co. Cares – Claire Murphy, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Permission to Extend Contract for Social Day Care Services through EISEP program (social day care not medical). Claire would like to contract with the Holbrook Adult Home in Granville and Danforth Adult Home in Hudson Falls. This provides the agency with more options for placement throughout the county. This is not more money just more providers, more options for placement for social day care services. They currently contracted with Fort Hudson Nursing Home for \$50 per day. These adult homes rates are comparable. A motion to approve request to extend contract for Social Day Care Services was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Rymph and adopted.
- Washington County Senior Picnic July 10th at Huletts Park with a suggested donation of \$5. They will have expenses for the picnic for supplies/items that they go out and purchase. She does not expect the items to cost more than \$400.00. The funds are available for these items through recreation dollars they receive from the State. Purchases will include the following: charcoal, lighter fuel, game supplies, hula-hoops and decorations. She would also like to contract with the Cambridge Valley Seniors for transportation to the picnic via a Cambridge School District bus. She noted that she also contracted for this service last year. A motion to approve picnic purchases and transportation contract expense was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Rymph and adopted.
- Dietitian Services – She contacted Pleasant Valley and WIC and dietitian services from those departments is not available. She also contacted Sage College to possibly recruit a new graduate. OFA is currently without a dietitian and needs approximately five hours of services a week.

SOCIAL SERVICES – Tammy DeLorme, Commissioner Department of Social Services, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Program/Budget Updates:
 - No updated budget allocation information from the state.
 - Mandated Reporters Conference will be held tomorrow at the Hartford Firehouse.
 - Family Assessment Response (FAR), handout attached. This is a different way of investigating child protective reports. The agency plans to implement this procedure once training is completed.
 - Invitation to join a worker from DSS as they carry out the standard duties of their assigned program, handout attached. Contact Tammy to make arrangements. This is an open-ended invitation.
- Staffing Requests:
 - Caseworker - She plans to drop one caseworker position from her staffing pattern, remove Family Resolutions caseworker due to contracting with Youth Bureau.

- Typist (Assistance Program), handout attached. A motion to forward request to backfill Typist in Assistance Program to Staffing Review recommending approval was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mrs. Trinkle and adopted.
- Social Welfare Examiner (Medicaid) – handout attached. A motion to forward request to backfill Social Welfare Examiner in Medicaid Unit to Staffing Review recommending approval was moved by Mr. Banks and seconded by Mrs. Trinkle. Discussion. Mr. Rymph asked if there was a limit to how much reimbursement they can get from federal and state. Tammy responded in some programs yes. The motion to forward request to backfill Social Welfare Examiner in Medicaid Unit to Staffing Review recommending approval was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mrs. Trinkle and adopted.
- Budget amendment to Correct Revenue Error – During the 2009 budget process \$300,000 was entered in error to A4661 Federal Aid Block Grant not A4670 Federal Aid Services for Recipients. A motion to amend budget increasing revenue A4670 Federal Aid Services for Recipients \$300,000 and decrease revenue A4661 Federal Aid Block Grant \$300,000 was moved by Mrs. Trinkle, seconded by Mr. Rymph and adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Veteran Services Department – Travel Request - Sam Hall, Director, is requesting permission for the Deputy Director to attend required training in San Diego, CA. He explained that this is the only agency that the Deputy Director can be accredited through, National Association of County Veterans Services Organization, as she is not a veteran and this accreditation is a requirement of the Veterans Administration. This is the only annual training she attends. That department received \$7,000 from the State (received annually and the amount received for 2009 is a 40% increase over previous year's amount of \$5,000) for expenses such as training, postage. The approximate cost of the training/conference is \$1,600. A motion to approve travel request was moved by Mrs. N. Hall and seconded by Mr. Banks. Discussion. Mr. Rymph mentioned that Sam stated at the Audit meeting that it was to help the female veterans. Sam explained why it is helpful at times to have a female for the female veterans to discuss sensitive matters. The motion to approve travel request was moved by Mrs. N. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.