

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
June 15, 2011

PRESENT:

Elizabeth Young, Chairwoman
Reginald Crowley
William Hughes, Jr.
Richard Keaveney
Jeffrey Braley

ABSENT:

Margaret Robertson, notified

ALSO PRESENT:

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Kary Jablonka
Gary Flaherty
Paul Mossman
Michaele Williams Riordon
1 Public

PRESS: 1

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

OFA: K. Jablonka

Program Update:

OFA Events (Senior Citizen of the Year and Volunteer Recognition and Celebration) this was on May 24th & 26th, everything went well and everyone had a great time.

Managed Care Implementation: continuing to work with P. Mossman, contracts are coming in daily.

Four Year Plan for 2012-16, the current plan is coming to an end in Dec. 2011, also they have completed a survey with County residents, this is called the Vintage Pride including gays & lesbians, senior clubs are the focus. There will be a publication for this shortly.

.2 Purchase

Purchase Pill Containers as part of the Title III-D Medication Management at a cost not to exceed \$1500.00. , motion by J. Braley, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., carried.

Veterans Agency: G. Flaherty

Update on PTSD: coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan, 95% of the men & women will have symptoms of PTSD and treatment will be needed.

Stand down program in October: G. Flaherty distributed a flyer in reference to Homeless Veteran's Stand -Down. This takes place once a year in for Free Help for our Veterans including employment, food, clothing, medical screening and legal assistance. For information call G. Flaherty.

Vet Trak: doing very well and it's going great.

Director's training: G. Flaherty is just about done completing this course.

Monthly Report for May, 2011:

Provided service to 134 Veterans and their families including 15 office visits and 31 phone calls. The Columbia County Van transported 97 veterans to the VA Medical Center in Albany for scheduled appointments.

2 Grave Site marker applications

2 Presidential Memorial Certificates

1 Honor a Vet Ceremony

1 Indigent burial investigation

R. Keaveney requested to review the Veteran's budget for next year, looking at an increase for this dept. along with Chairwoman E. Young.

DSS: P. Mossman

The 2009 Yearly Report was distributed to the committee, this will be reviewed and approval will be next month. The 2010 Annual Report is just about finished, and will be distributed shortly.

2011 DSS Budget-1st Quarter Update: This was distributed noting and targeting specific items, I.E.

Day Care (Non-Title XX), State Training Schools (2 children attending), HEAP which is seasonal,

Caseload Update: (Attachment): Foster Care/Adoption is higher this year. Preventive Services is down. Emergency Housing is down from May, Total Caseloads is up about 7% and Family Assistance including HEAP, Medicaid and Safety Net has increased since last year.

Homeless Update: this is the Safety Net population and a plan has been put together, it was sent to the State, the state had questions, and we have now received approval.

Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation update: the State is looking to take over the transportation in Columbia and 9 other counties, This will be a savings for Columbia County, there is a 1-800 # in Albany, a 24hr/days a week number that will be answered, the call center makes the arrangements for the residents to be picked up and taken to wherever their appts. are. There is no charge to the County. Starting July 1st all calls will be referred to the 800 number.

Resolution Request: One (1) Case Supervisor, Grade B, FP 17C, vacancy due to retirement;

One (1) Sr. Caseworker, FP16B, created due to internal promotion;

Two (2) Caseworkers FP 15, created due to internal promotion; motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved then to Finance.

Youth Bureau: J. Shufelt

Resolution Request: Authorizing a County Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation agreement for State Aid Reimbursement for the Youth Programs in 2011, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, carried,

Resolution Request: Authorizing contracts for the Columbia County Youth Bureau for (3) Not-for-Profit Special Delinquency Prevention Type A Programs (SDPP) Youth Service Agencies for the 2011 Budget, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by R. Crowley, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, then to Finance.

Resolution Request: Authorizing contracts for the Columbia County Youth Bureau for (2) Not-for-Profit Special Delinquency Prevention Type B Programs (SDPP) Youth Service Agencies for the 2011 Budget, motion by R. Crowley, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., carried.

Resolution Request: Authorizing contracts for the Columbia County Youth Bureau with Nine (9) Youth Service Agencies for the 2011 Budget, , motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by R. Crowley, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, then to Finance.

Resolution Request: Authorization to enter into an agreement with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services to enable the County to receive reimbursement for the operation of Special Delinquency Prevention Programs, (Type A & B) funds in 2011, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by R. Crowley, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, then to Finance.

With no further discussion, a motion to adjourn at 5:50 PM by R. Crowley, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried.

