

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**September 20, 2011**

**PRESENT:**

Elizabeth Young, Chairwoman  
Reginald Crowley  
William Hughes, Jr.  
Margaret Robertson  
Jeffrey Braley  
Richard Keaveney  
Edward Cross

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk  
Kary Jablonka  
Gary Flaherty  
William Fisher  
Paul Mossman  
Micheale Williams-Riordon  
Jessica Shufelt

**PRESS: 1**

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

**Youth Bureau: J. Shufelt**

**Resource Allocation/Contract Update:** Pending approval, then claims will be processed.

**Conference Request :** Focus on the Future Preparing Youth, October 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> in Albany, NY, One (1) attending, total cost \$0.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Braley, carried.

**Conference Request:** ANYSYB Quality Enhancement Training September 28, 2011 in Albany, NY, One (1) attending, total cost \$0.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr, seconded by E. Cross, carried.

**Office for the Aging: K. Jablonka**

**Program Updates:**

**Hurricane Irene:** Commended Bill Black & staff along with Thomas Lanphear & staff on an outstanding job.

**Farmers Market Coupons:** this continues to be a team effort.

**Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP) Initiative-**helping seniors in applying for Health Insurance, Assistance, etc.

**Walmart Donation:** Received \$500.00 from the Walmart Foundation

**Program Management:**

**2012 Budget Activity:** K. Jablonka is renegotiating and moving forward.

**NY Connects Funding Application** for \$43,987, motion by B. Hughes, Jr., seconded by R. Crowley, carried.

**Conference Objective Form:** (per R. Caponera, already approved.) NYS Senior Nutrition Conference on October 13<sup>th</sup> – October 14<sup>th</sup>, Utica, NY, one (1) attending, total cost \$490.00, motion by B. Hughes, Jr., seconded by R. Crowley, carried.

**Fair Housing: W. Fisher**

There is a new member to the Housing Advisory Board, it is Jill Wishon, the Director of the Salvation Army.

Updated the committee on Transitional Housing for Vet Care for Pine Haven and Vet Center would take in jobs, treatment and and housing. Father Young has toured a number of facilities including the Schyuler Inn, a site on which he has developed both an excellent training program in food and hotel management for the homeless along with housing units for our Veterans.

CrossWinds, a work force housing facility is now accepting section 8 tenant; who meet their credit and other application requirements. Also Camphill Ghent their plans include 6 affordable

apartments in its complex. Rent will range from \$350.00 to \$500.00 per month. Eventually there will be 26 affordable rooms in its assisted living facility. These units in addition to the 6 apartments will be available to Medicaid recipients age 55 and older with all monthly rents and costs totally paid by Medicaid.

**Veterans Service Agency: G. Flaherty**

Freedom Flight update- event was last Saturday.

VA – Barnwell contract-Vets day care

Culinary Arts Training for Vets-flyers are out, this is happening October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 through November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Town Board outreach for Vets- G. Flaherty was at the New Lebanon Town Board Mtg. and it was a great reception. If any Town Supervisors would like G. Flaherty address the residents in their town, to contact him.

Registering Vets for VA services- The Vet-Track has 7 veterans in the program currently.

**Department of Social Services: P. Mossman**

FFY 2011-2012 HEAP- Distributed and reviewed. These funds have been significantly reduced.

CONSOLIDATED SERVICES FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Public Hearing – October 21, 2011, invitations will be sent out (Services Unit)

Continuum of Care – Impact on JD/PINS Placements, there are currently 6 placements as opposed to 13 last year.

**Resolution Request:**

Request authorization to fill the following vacant, budgeted positions, effective October 13, 2011; pending Budget & Salary Review on September 29, 2011 and Finance Committee on October 4, 2011:

One (1) Medical Consultant, PTE, 2011 salary \$6,087; vacancy due to resignation

One (1) Caseworker, FP15, 2011 Step 1 salary \$38,949; vacancy due to employee not passing probationary period and returning to previously held position.

One (1) Sr. Account Clerk, FP16B, 2011 salary \$34,366, vacancy due to retirement.

One (1) Social Welfare Examiner, GR12, 2011 Step 1 salary \$31,161, vacancy due to an internal promotion, motion for all the above positions by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.

A motion to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION by E. Young, seconded by M. Robertson, at 6:17 PM, motion carried.

REASON: Litigation

A motion to return to REGULAR SESSION by R. Keaveney, seconded by R. Crowley, at 6:23 PM, motion carried.

With no further discussion, a motion to adjourn at 6:24 PM by R. Keaveney, seconded by J. Braley, carried.