

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MARTINI, FRAZIER, BASILE, BROCKWAY, OLIVER
February 11, 2020

The meeting began at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, in the DSS Conference Room located at the Meadows Office Complex, Cooperstown. Those present were: Representative Adrienne Martini, Chairperson; Edwin Frazier Jr., Jill Basile, Richard Brockway, and Clark Oliver, committee members; Eve Bouboulis, Commissioner; Lisa Grampp, Director of Administration; and Deborah Finger, Director of Income Maintenance. Mary Jane Waters, Director of Services was excused from the meeting for court.

RESOLUTION

Request for resolution to renew contract with Community Maternity Services for Intensive Parent Education not to exceed \$62,220 for term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 was presented for approval. Representative Basile motioned to approve. Representative Oliver seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 2,036; motion carried.

PERSONNEL

The following vacant funded positions were presented for permission to fill with results as follows: Senior Caseworker #2 – Grade 16D \$41,769- \$49,464 [1539] and Clerk #4 – Grade 5C \$25,815 - \$30,365 [910]. Representative Basile motioned to approve. Representative Brockway seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 2,036; motion carried.

The following temporary positions were presented for approval to maintain and fill with results as follows: Two temporary Senior Caseworkers to be extended through September 11, 2020 and one temporary Caseworker to fill 6 months upon hire. Representative Brockway motioned to approve. Representative Oliver seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 2,036; motion carried.

The following unfund a position to create, fund and fill another position were presented with results as follows:

Unfund Account Clerk #3 Grade 6A \$26,939-\$31,704 [953] to create, fund and fill Account Clerk Typist #7 – Grade 7A \$28,118 - \$33,103 [997]. Representative Basile motioned to approve. Representative Frazier seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 2,036; motion carried.

Unfund Homemaker #5 Grade 4B \$24,748 - \$29,068 [864] to create, fund and fill Casework Aide #4 Grade 5D \$25,815 - \$30,365 [910]; and unfund Homemaker #1 Grade 4B \$24,748 - \$29,068 [864] to create, fund and fill Casework Aide #5 Grade 5D \$25,815

- \$30,365 [910]. Representative Oliver motioned to approve. Representative Frazier seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 2,036; motion carried.

OTHER

Personnel

Commissioner Bouboulis informed the committee of the department's plan to support temporary staff in Building Services to complete numerous DSS projects. These temporary staff complete time studies to assure DSS work is all that is being reimbursed.

DSS recently had a supervisor accept a job with the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and intended to assist during the transition. However, it has been discovered that CAC requirements will not allow suggested work topics so far.

Commissioner Bouboulis informed the committee that Managerial and Confidential salary increases have yet to be seen in paychecks. It was stated this should be in our next paycheck and should reflect retroactive increase.

Commissioner Bouboulis stated she recently received a Child Welfare Magazine addition that focused on retention and recruitment. We will share this at our next meeting.

Housing

Our Code Blue Plan for 2019-20 has been approved. Warming stations are still a need.

Agency housing has had a setback and deadlines for two homes are delayed. Commissioner Bouboulis would like to use 2019 Agency Housing money to assist with drywall installation. This will assist the project to get back on course.

Building Security

Department of Criminal Justice and the Sheriff are reviewing what training will be needed to be a Special Patrol Officer. Part-time Patrol Officer positions have been posted for applicants. Our current security vendor is under contract through June 30, 2020.

NYPWA Quickie Report has a variety of information regarding Medicaid. Director Grampp will be meeting with Alan Ruffles, County Treasurer and Tammie Reed, Director of Office for the Aging, to discuss impact of Medicaid changes. The committee will receive Quickie Report via email. Local districts have no control over these expenses.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee has been scheduled for March 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the 3rd floor conference room located at 197 Main St., Cooperstown.