

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**MARTINI, FRAZIER, BASILE, BROCKWAY, OLIVER**  
**April 14, 2020**

The meeting began at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, in the County Board Room located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of 197 Main St., Cooperstown, as well as through zoom teleconferencing and facebook live due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Those present were: Representative Adrienne Martini (zoom), Chairperson; Edwin Frazier Jr. (zoom), Jill Basile (zoom), Richard Brockway (in person), and Clark Oliver (zoom), committee members; Eve Bouboulis (zoom), Commissioner; Mary Jane Waters (zoom), Director of Services; Janet Elliott (zoom), Director of Income Maintenance; Lisa Grampp (zoom) Director of Administration and Deborah Finger (zoom), Principal Social Welfare Examiner. Also in attendance was Margaret Kennedy (in person), District 5 Representative.

**RESOLUTIONS**

A resolution to declare the month of May as Foster Family Recognition Month in Otsego County was presented for approval with results as follows: Representative Frazier motioned to approve. Representative Oliver seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 2,036; motion carried. The annual Board recognition ceremony for foster parents is cancelled due to COVID-19. Certificates of recognition will be mailed to foster families.

A resolution to declare the month of May as Safe Sleep Month in Otsego County was presented for approval with results as follows: Representative Brockway motioned to approve. Representative Oliver seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 2,036; motion carried. Safe Sleep information that includes: safe sleep videos and links for NY State Safe Sleep Campaign are on the DSS webpage and Child Welfare webpage.

A resolution to renew contract with Integrated Community Alternatives Network (ICAN) for STSJP services not to exceed \$54,000 for term October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020 was presented for approval with results as follows: Representative Frazier motioned to approve. Representative Basile seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 2,036; motion carried. STSJP Plan 2019-20 is State approved listing ICAN for outpatient diagnostics and SPIN services for youth.

**APPROVALS**

Approval to contract with ICAN for Raise the Age (RTA) STSJP approved services not to exceed \$15,000 for term October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020 was presented with results as follows: Representative Oliver motioned to approve. Representative Frazier seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 2,036; motion carried. STSJP Plan 2019-20 is State Approved listing ICAN for outpatient diagnostics and SPIN services for RTA youth.

Approval to contract with Otsego County Probation Department for STSJP services not to exceed \$10,895.16 for term October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020 was presented with results as follows: Representative Brockway motioned to approve. Representative

Frazier seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 2,036; motion carried. STSJP Plan 2019-20 is State Approved listing Otsego County Probation to provide electronic monitoring, drug testing and rewards programs.

Otsego County Department of Social Services seeks Human Services Committee support and approval to complete Agency Housing Project at the Meadows Office Complex. Representative Frazier motioned to approve. Representative Oliver seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 2,036; motion carried.

## **INFORMATION**

Otsego County Department of Social Services will be contracting with Otsego County Community Services for STSJP RTA program "Thinking for a Change" not to exceed \$6,000 for term October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020. This is part of State approved STSJP/STSJP-RTA Plan 2019-20.

NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) will not be holding trainings through beginning of May 2020. Efforts are being made to more create online trainings in the meantime.

NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is currently working on computer trainings for Child Welfare workers to complete to mandated training.

## **FISCAL**

**2020 Budget Transfer** – for plumbing of the Agency Housing Community Center

From:

Agency Housing Heat & Lights A6012.541500           \$12,000

Agency Housing Materials & Supplies A6012.545000   \$ 7,540

To:

Agency Housing Contracts A6012.549000           \$19,540

Representative Frazier motioned to approve. Representative Brockway seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 2,036; motion carried.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Vacancies**

While Commissioner Bouboulis stated she understands we are in a hiring freeze she is still requesting approval to fill the following vacant funded positions because Child Welfare is currently back to three Senior Caseworker vacancies and four Caseworker vacancies.

- Senior Caseworker #7 – Grade 16D \$41,469 - \$49,464 [1539]
- Caseworker #8 – Grade 14X \$38,195 - \$45,205 [1402]

Representative Oliver motioned to approve both. Representative Frazier seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 2,036; motion carried. Commissioner Bouboulis will be seeking Admin approval also.

## **OTHER**

- Housing – VIP Shelter has reopened and the OFO Homeless Shelter reopened today April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
- Security - 242 Main St. in Oneonta now has S&T for security guard through June 30, 2020.
- Courts had limited their operations to essential matters only. As of April 13, 2020, the court is open to limited virtual conferences and virtual appearances on essential matters only.
- 2020 Budget Reduction – 5% requested. Commissioner Bouboulis stated 5% would be approximately 1.2 million and that would not be realistic. The department has \$307,530 to offer to the budget cut. Commissioner Bouboulis will email a breakdown of this amount which reflects monies in the following budget lines: Training, Telephone, Car Expense, Food Stamp Job Search, and Committee on Special Education, Juvenile Delinquents and State Training School.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee will be determined at a later date.

Meeting adjourned 10:37 a.m.