

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
KOUTNIK, CLARK, LAPIN, MARTINI, FRAZIER
February 13, 2019

The meeting began at 10:00 am on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, in the DOH conference room located at the Meadows Office Complex, Cooperstown. Those present were: Representative Gary Koutnik, Committee Chairman; Representatives Danny Lapin, Adrienne Martini, and Edwin Frazier Jr. committee members; Eve Bouboulis, Commissioner; Lisa Grampp, Director of Administrative Services; and Deborah Finger, Director of Income Maintenance. Mary Jane Waters, Director of Services, was behind schedule. Representative Kathleen Clark was unable to attend.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were presented for approval with results as follows:

- Extension with S&T Security for Meadows Office Complex March 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019, not to exceed additional \$25,000.
- Renew contract with Kids Oneida for STSJP services October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, not to exceed plan allocation of \$103,557.
- Renew contract with Otsego County Probation for STSJP services October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, not to exceed plan allocation of \$24,445.

Representative Frazier motioned to approval all. Representative Lapin seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 1,491, absent Clark -554; motion carried.

APPROVALS

Contract with Kids Oneida for SPIN program services not to exceed STSJP/Raise the Age allocation of \$15,000 for term October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Representative Martini motioned to approval. Representative Frazier seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 1,491, absent Clark -554; motion carried.

Renew contract with Opportunities for Otsego for Transportation Initiative services not to exceed State plan allocation of \$30,576 for term January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Representative Frazier motioned to approval. Representative Martini seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 1,491, absent Clark -554; motion carried. This requires no further approval per resolution no. 263-20170906.

INFORM

STSJP/Raise the Age allocation of \$7,400 will be used for agreement with Otsego County Probation for electronic monitoring, drug testing for RTA youth.

FISCAL

11 vehicles will be declared surplus from the Department of Social Services fleet by Andrew Crisman, Treasurer's Office, due to excessive mileage and/or exorbitant repair

costs: 2007 Ford Focus VIN-1FAFP34N97W319522; 2010 Chevy Impala VIN - 2G1WA5EN8A1235396; 2011 Chevy VIN- 2G1WF5EK0B1315803; 2012 Ford Fusion VIN-3FAHP0HG6CR342823; 2012 Ford Fusion VIN- 3FAHP0HG4CR342822; 2012 Ford Fusion VIN - 3FAHP0HGXCR342825; 2013 Ford Fusion VIN-3FA6P0G7XDR279932; 2014 Ford Fusion VIN - 3FA6P0G79ER331763; 2014 Ford Fusion VIN- 3FA6P0G72ER331765; 2014 Ford Fusion VIN - 3FA6P0G74ER331766; 2014 Ford Fusion VIN - 3FA6P0G70ER331764; 2015 Ford Fusion VIN - 1FA6P0G71F5130850. Representative Frazier motioned to approve. Representative Martini seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 1,491, absent Clark -554; motion carried.

The following blanket purchase order for 2019 was presented for approval with results as follows:

- Associated Services Blanket Purchase Order annual \$15,000 – service of papers Representative Martini motioned to approve. Representative Frazier seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 1,491, absent Clark -554; motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Request for approval to attend the following non-mandated trainings were presented with results as follows: Kay VanDusen to attend *GPSII/MAPP* in Rensselaer, NY March 4th – 8th (estimated total cost: \$775.15); 35 County Employees to attend *Parenting with Mental Illness* by Dr. Paul Martin at the Meadows on March 4th (total cost: \$2,500); Shelby Hollister and Brittany Martin-Bond to attend *35th International Symposium on Child Abuse* in Huntsville, AL March 18th – 21st (estimated total cost: \$254.95); and Jed Bers, Samantha Bond, Susan St. John, and Jeff Wheeler to attend *Interviewing Children: A Skills Clinic for CPS Caseworkers* in Rensselaer, NY on March 22nd (estimated total cost: \$794.85). Representative Lapin motioned to approve all. Representative Frazier seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 1,491, absent Clark - 554; motion carried.

Permission to fill anticipated vacancy of Support Investigator Grade 10K \$31,392 - \$37,027 [1127] (66/0/34) if it becomes vacant due to promotion was presented. Representative Frazier motioned to approve. Representative Martini seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 1,491, absent Clark -554; motion carried.

OTHER

- Commissioner Bouboulis will be working on revising the department's mission statement. The Committee needs to make its own mission statement for Andrew Marietta's Plan. Representative Koutnik stated this would be a full Board decision and does not favor individual committees creating their own.
- Housing/Homeless
 1. There is a new community group meeting at FoxCare in Oneonta to discuss assisting with homeless in the area. At the February 11, 2019 meeting Family Services Association presented Code Blue regulation

information and how other counties are handling this regulation. Other items discussed were warming station options and various homeless/housing statistics. Otsego's Code Blue Plan is not approved by the State at this time.

2. Affordable housing issues were discussed. Current low income housing in our area has waiting lists; some with one year or more. Recent housing projects in Oneonta have regulations that eliminate assisting populations that have previous evictions, bad credit and criminal records. Zoning/code regulations also deterrent for making more housing available for this population using existing vacant homes.
 3. 195 Main Street, Oneonta – The department worked diligently in housing displaced tenants from this location. OFO called to assist with services. Not all tenants sought department assistance.
 4. Drop in shelter needs were discussed. A community agency is needed to assist with this idea.
 5. A meeting with various churches in Oneonta is scheduled for March 7, 2019.
 6. Representative Frazier discussed the difficulties with excessive paperwork for landlords to be able to rent to low income tenants.
 7. Community awareness is a much needed piece to negate myths about this population.
- Personal days were discussed. There was an issue where an employee lost a Personal Day due to adjustments for unpaid days when calculating how one receives these days during their first year of hire. Employee's personal days shall be calculated by hire date only; no adjustments for missed days from payroll shall be taken into consideration.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee has been scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2019, at 9:00am in the 2nd floor conference room located at 197 Main St., Cooperstown.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am