

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
KOUTNIK, CLARK, LAPIN, MARTINI, FRAZIER
March 18, 2019

The meeting began at 9:05 am on Monday, March 18, 2019, in the 2nd floor conference room located at 197 Main St., Cooperstown. Those present were: Representative Gary Koutnik, Committee Chairman; Representatives Danny Lapin, Adrienne Martini, and Edwin Frazier Jr. committee members; Eve Bouboulis, Commissioner; and Deborah Finger, Director of Income Maintenance. Chery Sparks, Principal Account Clerk Typist was also present. Representative Kathleen Clark, Director MJ Waters and Director Lisa Grampp were unable to attend.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution to proclaim April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Otsego County was presented. Representative Frazier motioned to approve. Representative Lapin seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 1,135; absent-Clark, Martini: 910; motion carried.

Representative Martini entered the meeting at 9:10am

Resolution to contract with Opportunities for Otsego for two in-house caseworkers for Oneonta City Elementary Schools funded by ESPRI was presented. Representative Frazier motioned to approve. Representative Lapin seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 1,491; absent-Clark: 554; motion carried.

Commissioner Bouboulis informed the committee the department will be entering into an agreement with CARESNY in the amount of \$4,500 to assist with Otsego County's Homeless Services Plan. This funding can only be used to support the Homeless Services Plan. Otsego still has \$40,500 remaining to expend.

FISCAL

Preliminary expenditure reports for January 2019 were presented by Cheryl Sparks as follows: Welfare Administration: 4.98%; Records management: 7.40%; Agency Housing: 0%; and Program: 5.92%. Lines 6010.4650 Subscription/Dues (66.84%) and 6010.4800 Other (27.63%) are over at this time due to paying full subscriptions and workfare comp policy. These lines will trend back into normal range as the year progresses.

Offices at 197 Main St. are scheduled for the "big move" this spring. This move has been approved twice over the past few years. The changes are needed to address supervisory oversight of staff, ceiling/paint issues while a new roof is being considered, increased staff requiring more space, etc...Commissioner Bouboulis requested the following budget transfer to assist with temporary staff in Building Services who will complete the move:

Decrease 6010.1000 Personal Service: \$13,557

Increase 1625.1000 Personal Service: \$13,557

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

PERSONNEL

The following non-mandated training was presented for approval with results as follows: Lauren Dyer, Mandy Erwood, and Carla Grover to attend *Identifying & Supporting Survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Parts 1 & 2* in Albany April 2nd and 3rd (total estimated cost \$556.65). Representative Lapin motioned to approve. Representative Martini seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 1,491; absent-Clark: 554; motion carried.

VACANCIES (Fed/State/Local)

Permission to fill the following vacant funded positions were presented for approval: Case Supervisor Grade B #4 – Grade 18P \$44,811 - \$53,151 [1668] (62/24/14); Legal Clerk #1 – Grade 6G \$26,410 - \$31,080 [934] (62/24/14); and Employment & Training Assistant #3 – Grade 9 \$30,062 - \$35,432 [1074] (50/0/50). Representative Martini motioned to approve all. Representative Frazier seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 1,491; absent-Clark: 554; motion carried.

OTHER

- SNAP Bonus money expended; except for agency housing community center equipment
- NYPWA Updates - PINS REFORM Proposed - Courts will not be allowed to place PINS in foster care; reduced funding for existing PINS programs funding may be effected for life of the case. The committee received copies of NYPWA Summary.
- 3/20 – Housing Training in Albany with Deb Finger and Janet Elliott.
- 3/21 – Housing Group meeting with Family Services Association
- CSEA now has monthly orientation for new employees
- DSS now has two Kids Oneida Preventive Workers
- Child and Family Service Plan – Renews every 5 yrs. with annual updates; Chairman Bliss signs this plan
- Still looking for funding for Therapeutic Horticulturalist, suggestions were to apply for grants through: Environmental Justice, DEC, Captain Planet Foundation, or Community Foundation of South Central NY
- Representative Koutnik stated paid parking for Induction Weekend is scheduled again, hopefully for two days.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 9:00 am in the 3rd floor conference room located at 197 Main St., Cooperstown.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am