

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MARTINI, FRAZIER, BASILE, BROCKWAY, OLIVER
March 17, 2020

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in the 3rd floor conference room located at 197 Main St., Cooperstown. Those present were: Representative Adrienne Martini, Chairperson; Jill Basile, Richard Brockway, and Clark Oliver, committee members; Eve Bouboulis, Commissioner; Lisa Grampp, Director of Administration; and Mary Jane Waters, Director of Services. Deborah Finger, Director of Income Maintenance; Janet Elliott, Director of Income Maintenance; and Edwin Frazier, committee member were absent from the meeting.

Representative Martini motioned to move into executive session in the presence of Eve Bouboulis, Commissioner, Lisa Grampp, Director of Administration, and Mary Jane Waters, Director of Services, to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person. Richard Brockway seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 1,597, absent Frazier – 439; motion carried. Meeting moved into executive session at 10:02 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution to extend contract with ICAN for preventive services workers not to exceed additional cost of \$37,663 for term April 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020 was presented for approval. Representative Basile motioned to approve. Representative Brockway seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 1,597, absent Frazier – 439; motion carried.

Resolution to declare the month of April 2020 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Otsego County was presented for approval. Representative Oliver motioned to approve. Representative Basile seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 1,597, absent Frazier – 439; motion carried.

PERSONNEL

The following non-mandated training was presented for approval with results as follows. 20 DSS Staff to attend *To Know Thyself 2: Compassion Fatigue* at the Meadows Office Complex on May 11, 2020 (total approximate cost: \$280.00). Representative Brockway motioned to approve. Representative Oliver seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 1,597, absent Frazier – 439; motion carried.

VACANCIES

The following vacant funded positions were presented for approval to fill with results as follows: Caseworkers #1, #3, and #21 – Grade 14X \$38,195 - \$45,205 [1402]; Motor

Vehicle Operators #6 and #7 – Grade 5R - \$14.4784 per hr.; Temporary Principal Social Welfare Examiner for up to 6 months upon hire – Grade 14D \$21.4218 per hr.; and Principal Social Welfare Examiner #3 – Grade 14D \$38,195 - \$45,205 [1402]. Representative Basile motioned to approve all vacancies. Representative Oliver seconded the motion. Total: 2,036; Ayes: 1,597, absent Frazier – 439; motion carried.

Housing – Agency Housing may be delayed as SUNY Delhi is currently closed. Future waiver request to extend grant funding may need to be made.

Commissioner Bouboulis updated the committee on the department's actions regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic concerns at this time.

- Court will only be held for emergencies and specific time sensitive proceedings ONLY until May 1, 2020.
- Face to face interview regulations for assistance programs has been waived until April 11, 2020.
- All staff have been informed to practice social distancing

Commissioner Bouboulis was excused from the meeting at 10:25 a.m. to attend the County Task Force meeting.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room located at 197 Main St., Cooperstown.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.