The meeting began at 9:10am on Thursday, July 18, 2019, in the 2nd floor conference room located at 197 Main St., Cooperstown. Those present were: Representative Gary Koutnik, Committee Chairman; Representatives Kathleen Clark, Adrienne Martini, and Danny Lapin, committee members; Eve Bouboulis, Commissioner; Lisa Grampp, Director of Administration; and Deborah Finger, Director of Income Maintenance. Also in attendance were Karen Sullivan, Director of Planning, and Erik Scrivener, Senior Planner, from the Otsego County Planning Department. Representative Edward Frazier, committee member, and Mary Jane Waters, Director of Services were behind schedule.

Representative Kathleen Clark motioned to move into executive session to include the presence of Karen Sullivan, Erik Scrivener and Eve Bouboulis, to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would affect the value thereof. Representative Martini seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 1,606, absent Frazier: 439; motion carried. Meeting moved into executive session at 9:11am.

Meeting reconvened at 9:52 am to include the presence of Frazier and Mary Jane Waters, Director of Services.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution to extend contract with Kids Oneida DBA Integrated Community Alternatives Network (ICAN) for preventive services workers through December 31, 2019 not exceed an additional amount of $75,325. Representative Clark motioned to approve. Representative Martini seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 2,045; motion carried.

Resolution to amend Resolution No. 117-20190403 to extend term of contract with Opportunities for Otsego for ESPRI funding of two caseworkers in Oneonta City schools through March 31, 2020. Representative Clark motioned to approve. Representative Martini seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 2,045; motion carried.

Resolution to approve the Department of Social Services to apply for Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) funding and/or Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) to support housing initiatives. Representative Lapin motioned to approve. Representative Martini seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 2,045; motion carried.

Resolution to contract with Crossroads Inn LLC for case management services not to exceed $82,201 for term October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020 using Delivery Systems Reform Incentive Payment Program (DSRIP) funding. Representative Martini motioned to approve. Representative Clark seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 2,045; motion carried.
OTHER

Request for permission to contract with Crossroads Inn, LLC for software programs to include NetSmart and HMIS software not to exceed $3,848 using New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (NYS OTDA) funding. Representative Martini motioned to approve. Representative Clark seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 2,045; motion carried.

Commissioner Bouboulis informed the committee that we entered into an agreement with Family Services Association for housing search services for January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019 at a cost not to exceed $2,600.

FISCAL

The following preliminary expenditure reports for May 2019 were presented as follows: Welfare Administration: 29.24%; Records Management: 37.73%; Agency housing: 0%; and Programs: 35.47%.

The following budget transfer was presented with approval as follows:
From 6010.4050 Training $12,500
To: 6010.4648 Food Stamp/job Search $12,500
Representative Frazier motioned to approve. Representative Clark seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 2,045; motion carried.

PERSONNEL

The following non mandated trainings were presented for approval with results as follows: Lauren Dyer, Robert Horan, and Dina Sams to attend Foster Care One Day Training in Rensselaer August 23, 2019 (total estimated cost: $485.43); 20 DSS staff to attend Affirming Diversity at the Meadows September 24, 2019 (total estimated cost: $338); Dale Sherman, Jessica Regg, Michele Harasimowicz and Samantha Augur to attend Preventing Toxic Workplaces: Effectively Addressing Challenging Behaviors in Albany on September 27, 2019 (total estimated cost: $426.56); and Jessica Barnes and Jennifer Walley to attend ASCU Account Adjustment & Other Financial Issues in Binghamton October 2, 2019 (total estimated cost: $158.84). Representative Martini motioned to approve all. Representative Clark seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 2,045; motion carried.

VACANCIES

The following vacant funded positions were presented for approval to fill with results as follows: Clerk #19 Grade 5C; Social Welfare Examiner #27 Grade 8K; Casework Aide #2 Grade 5D; Caseworker #5 Grade 14X and Caseworker #29 Grade 14X. Representative
Martini motioned to approve all. Representative Clark seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 2,045; motion carried.

The following temporary positions were presented for approval to fill with results as follows: Two temporary Community Services Workers Grade 4A $13,6074 per hr (for up to 9 months upon hire for HEAP); one temporary Social Welfare Examiner Grade 8K 16.1396 per hr (for up to 9 months upon hire for HEAP); and one temporary Senior Caseworker Grade 16D $22,9669 per hr (for up to 6 months upon hire). Representative Frazier motioned to approve all. Representative Martini seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 2,045; motion carried.

Resolution to add annual stipend of $2,500 to Staff Development Coordinator position for additional Grade B supervisory duties effective August 12, 2019. Representative Martini motioned to approve. Representative Frazier seconded the motion. Total: 2,045; Ayes: 2,045; motion carried.

OTHER

Security discussions still continue regarding County buildings security. Using 242 Main St. in Oneonta as a potential satellite office site for several County departments would require security. Outstanding questions include: armed vs unarmed; potential contractors which would require an RFP vs an intracountry agreement with the Sheriff’s Department or the District Attorney’s Office; how many buildings for security: 242 Main, The Meadows Office Complex and potential future need for agency housing.

Several new pieces of legislation are on their way to the Governor’s Office which could have future impacts on Child Welfare programs.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee has been scheduled for August 19, 2019 at 9:30am in the DSS Conference room located at the Meadows Office Complex.