

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE:**           **HUMAN SERVICES** (INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING, OFFICE FOR THE AGING, VETERANS' SERVICES, YOUTH PROGRAMS)

**DATE:**                   **JANUARY 29, 2009**

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<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>
SUPERVISORS   SIMMES	CANDACE KELLY, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING
BENTLEY	MARGARET SING SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WARREN
GIRARD	COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU
STEC	FREDERICK MONROE, CHAIRMAN
SOKOL	HAL PAYNE, COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE & FISCAL
TAYLOR	SERVICES
	JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:</b>	SUPERVISORS   GERAGHTY
SUPERVISOR    VANNESS	PITKIN
	STRAINER
	SARAH MCLENITHAN, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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Mrs. Simmes called the meeting of the Human Services Committee to order at 10:23 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Stec and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of December 2, 2008 Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Candace Kelly, Director of the Office for the Aging (OFA), who distributed copies of the Agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the Agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Kelly advised she was requesting to extend the following contracts:

- 1) Greater Glens Falls Senior Citizens Center, Inc., for a term commencing April 1, 2009 and terminating March 31, 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$8,500 for administering the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP);and
- 2) Golden Lane Associates, commencing April 1, 2009 and terminating March 31, 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for administering HIICAP.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve the requests for contract extensions as outlined above and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the February 20, 2009 Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Kelly apprised that she was requesting to appoint and reappoint members of the Warren-Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging Advisory Council, effective date of January 1, 2009 and terminating December 31, 2009. She said that a list of all the members was attached to the resolution request form and the last page noted any changes from the prior year.

Motion was made by Mr. Stec, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously appointing and reappointing members of the Warren-Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging Advisory Council as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 20, 2009 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Moving along, Ms. Kelly requested a transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,000, from OFA-Point of

Entry-Warren Contract to OFA-Point of Entry-Warren Furniture/Furnishings to fund the installation of the new furniture that was purchased the prior year for the POE-NY Connects Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Stec and carried unanimously to authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,000 as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request for Transfer of Funds is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Kelly stated that she was requesting to amend the current contract with Catherine Keating-Stauch, to increase the contract for an amount not to exceed \$2,340 for providing registered dietician services for Warren County, as well as some menu development and/or review. She pointed out that she was requesting an increase due to the additional services Ms. Keating-Stauch provided to the County and she noted that the increase would be funded by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to amend the contract with Catherine Keating-Stauch as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 20, 2009 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Kelly apprised that she was requesting to renew the contract with Kelly Hamlin to provide registered dietician services to Hamilton County mealsites, as well as some menu development and/or review, commencing February 1, 2009 and terminating January 31, 2010, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,000. She noted that there was a decrease in the contract due to a decrease in the cost for Ms. Hamlin to visit the four mealsites in Hamilton County every other month.

Motion was made by Mr. Stec, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to renew the contract with Kelly Hamlin, as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 20, 2009 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Concluding the Agenda review, Ms. Kelly requested to renew the existing contract with BJ Queen Enterprises LLC, to provide repairs and maintenance on the equipment located at the Hamilton County mealsites, commencing January 1, 2009 and terminating December 31, 2009, for a total amount not to exceed \$11,250.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to renew the contract with BJ Queen Enterprises LLC as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 20, 2009 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Having concluded the OFA portion of the Committee meeting, Ms. Kelly exited the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Proceeding with the Youth Bureau portion of the meeting, privilege of the floor was extended to Margaret Sing Smith, Director of the Youth Bureau, who distributed copies of the Agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the Agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Smith stated that there would be a cash flow crisis within the Warren County Youth Court due to the Governor's proposed elimination of Community Optional Preventive (COPS) funding, which would cause a \$26,000 deficit. She said that in order to rectify the budget she was requesting a new contract with the Council for Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Inc. to administer

the Warren County Youth Court utilizing County funds, as well as STOP-DWI monies, commencing January 1, 2009 and terminating December 31, 2009, for a total amount not to exceed \$40,000 pending review by the County Attorney. She apprised that this amount would fund Youth Court operations for several months.

Discussion ensued.

Pursuant to the discussion, motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to authorize a new contract with Council for Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Inc. as outlined above, pending review by the County Attorney and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 20, 2009 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Smith advised that the Governor's proposed budget included the Youth Program Block Grant (YPBG) which consolidated six current youth and juvenile detention programs, as well as reduced funding by 24.5%. She referred the Committee to a sheet included in the Agenda packet that provided a listing of Youth Programs that would be effected by the decreased funding. She pointed out that the YPBG would require that Youth Funds for both detention and prevention/development be included within one allocation.

Ms. Smith stated that due to the decreased amount of funds and the numerous youth programs that would require monies through the YPBG, she had notified the following Agencies that their contracts may not be renewed in 2009:

- 1) Catholic Charities;
- 2) Big Brothers Big Sisters;
- 3) Warren Hamilton Community Action; and
- 4) Council for Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse.

Ms. Smith suggested the approval of a resolution objecting to the proposed YPBG that would consolidate Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention Programs, as well as the proposed elimination of COPS funding and that it be forwarded to the Governor, and additional State Officials including Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little and Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously that a resolution be drafted opposing the Governor's proposed YPBG, as well as the proposed elimination of COPS funding and that it be forwarded to the Governor, Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little, Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward, New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks. The necessary resolution was authorized for the February 20, 2009 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Moving along, Ms. Smith stated that she had worked in conjunction with the District Attorney's Office to host a presentation on the National Safety Council Alive @ 25 Teen Driver Safety Course for youths ages 16 through 24. She pointed out that the program was being utilized throughout the United States as an effective way for courts to sentence youths involved in traffic violations. She stated that the Youth Bureau would be working in conjunction with the District Attorney's Office to schedule the course, handle enrollment and accountability and other related tasks. She added that the program may provide an opportunity for a source of revenue for youth programs.

Concluding the Agenda review, Ms. Smith updated the Committee on the Youth Leadership and Service Activities. She stated that the New York State Leadership Forum would have four youths

representing Warren County at the two day event in Albany, New York from February 9 to February 10, 2009.

Regarding the proposed YPBG, Ms. Smith requested that the Committee consider appointing the Youth Bureau as the Lead Agency for the grant. Hal Payne, Commissioner of Administrative & Fiscal Services, pointed out that the Social Services Committee had previously consented to the Department of Social Services (DSS) acting as the Lead Agency for the YPBG. Ms. Smith reiterated that the Youth Bureau would like to be considered as Lead Agency for the YPBG and cited her success in program development, as well as fiscal accountability as reasons to appoint the Youth Bureau as Lead Agency. She voiced her concern that if the DSS was named Lead Agency only those youths already detained in juvenile penitentiary facilities would receive services. Mr. Payne stated that (NYSAC) had indicated in their weekly newsletter that the majority of Counties located within New York State had appointed the DSS as the Lead Agency for the YPBG.

Mr. Payne announced that William McGarr, Director of Veterans Services, would be retiring as of June 30, 2009 and a search for a new Veterans Services Director would need to begin as soon as possible, as there was State mandated training to authorize the individual to process forms. He added that Jim McDonough from the New York State Office of Veterans Affairs would be attending the Committee meeting next month to discuss what options were available to fill the position.

As there was no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Bentley and seconded by Mr. Sokol, Mrs. Simmes adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah McLenithan, Legislative Office Specialist