

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS FRASIER
GIRARD
SOKOL
WOOD
VANSELOW
BROCK
SEEBER

CHRISTIE SABO, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISOR SIMPSON
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
SAMANTHA HOGAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Frasier called the meeting of the Human Services Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the last Human Services Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Christie Sabo, 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.*

Commencing her agenda review, Ms. Sabo presented the following requests:

- 1) Request to enter into a new agreement with Warren County Public Health for a total amount not to exceed \$5,500 to provide health promotion services under the Community Services for Elderly (CSE) program, for a term commencing April 1, 2015 and terminating March 31, 2016.

Ms. Sabo explained these services were currently being provided under a program called "Title IIID"; however, the State had increased the criteria used to evaluate programs, now requiring the highest level of evidence based criteria, which the Warren County Public Health Division did not meet. She further explained the CSE program provided more latitude in funding and she would be looking for a new evidence based program for the future.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) Request to enter into a new agreement with Hamilton County Public Health for a total amount not to exceed \$3,313 to provide health promotion services under the CSE program, for a term commencing April 1, 2015 and terminating March 31, 2016.

Ms. Sabo noted the reasoning for this request was the same as for the last, but applied to Hamilton County Public Health.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 3) Request to extend the current CSE contracts, with adjustments to individual contract amounts reflecting actual usage as referenced in attached Schedule "A", for a term commencing April 1, 2015 and terminating March 31, 2016, for a total amount not to exceed \$54,510.

Ms. Sabo noted that although these contracts typically renewed automatically, but she needed to make a few changes, specifically to reduce the amount of the "Handyman Program" contract and to increase the "Greater Adirondack Home Aides, Inc." contract, as reflected in the Schedule "A" document.

Motion was made by Mr. Vanselow, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 4) Request to extend current Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) contracts, with adjustments to contracts with Hamilton County as referenced in attached Schedule "A", for a term commencing April 1, 2015 and terminating March 31, 2016, for a total amount not to exceed \$204,726.

Ms. Sabo noted that the EISEP contracts also renewed; she advised the only change had been to remove the "Helping Hands" provider for Hamilton County from the Schedule "A" document.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Sabo explained the next three requests were all resultant of the annual evaluation by New York State. She advised the Warren County OFA was slightly different from OFA Offices in other counties due to the fact that Warren County subcontracted their case manager services, rather than providing them on an in-house basis. Ms. Sabo said that during the State review it had been determined that the OFA budget had not reflected case management services in some of the areas where in-home services were provided; she added that if in-home services were provided, the State required that all of the individuals receiving services be case managed. She explained that these services were being provided, but were accounted for under the EISEP case management contracts, and the State had not approved this procedure. Ms. Sabo said the State had requested that she budget case management services throughout the appropriate programs and the next three resolution requests addressed this need, as follows:

- 5) Request to enter into an agreement with the Hamilton County Department of Social Services for a total amount not to exceed \$2,750 to provide case management services for the CSE Clients receiving in-home services for the term commencing April 1, 2015 and terminating March 31, 2016.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Seeber inquired as to whether these services received reimbursement from the State and Ms. Sabo replied affirmatively, explaining these programs received varying percentages of reimbursement depending on whether they were a State or Federally funded.

- 6) Request to enter into a new agreement with the Hamilton County Department of Social Services for a total amount not to exceed \$3,750 to provide case management services to Warren County clients receiving home care under the Title IIIIE program for the term commencing April 1, 2015 and terminating December 31, 2015.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 7) Request to enter into an agreement with Greater Adirondack Home Aides for a total amount no to exceed \$3,000 to provide case management services to Warren County clients receiving services under the Title IIIB program for the term commencing April 1, 2015 and terminating December 31, 2015.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

As there was no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, on motion made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Mr. Brock, Mrs. Frasier adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hogan, Assistant Secretary to the Clerk of the Board