

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:	DENISE DiRESTA, DIRECTOR, VETERANS' SERVICES
SUPERVISORS: DRISCOLL	FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
HOGAN	RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
BRUNO	MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FRASIER	AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
MAGOWAN	KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER
MCDEVITT	SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
SHEPLER	LEGGETT
	TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
	DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
	TOSHA BROWNELL, HELP DESK TECHNICIAN
	MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 19, 2020 meeting of the Human Services Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:
<https://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/human/>

Note: *As per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1: "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed". All of the Committee members in attendance participated via video or teleconference except for Supervisors Frasier, Magowan, McDevitt and Shepler who were physically present.*

Mr. Driscoll called the meeting of the Human Services Committee to order at 11:01 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the Veterans' Services agenda were distributed to those in attendance and those participating virtually accessed the agenda via the Warren County website; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Mr. Driscoll notified the first agenda item consisted of a request to host a meeting for Service Academy interviews for local students. He opined this was a good use of County space, provided COVID-19 safety measures were in place. Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, inquired if such safety procedures were in place and Denise DiResta, *Director of Veterans' Services*, replied all individuals would be wearing masks, maintaining six feet for social distancing and she would be bringing in only one individual while another was seated in the hall fully masked. Mr. Moore asked if she could keep a list of attendees for contact tracing and Ms. DiResta replied that she would. As an added precaution, Ms. DiResta indicated she could implement a procedure where interviewees would be asked to remain in their vehicles until they were called upon to enter the building.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried unanimously to approve the request.

Next, Ms. DiResta introduced a request to fill the vacant position of Program Coordinator, Peer to Peer Support

Services, Grade 16, Base Annual Salary \$21,684, due to resignation. Mr. Bruno asked for background of the position and Ms. DiResta replied the position was created in connection with the Joseph H. Dwyer Program which assisted Veterans who were suicidal and those who were homeless. Mr. Driscoll inquired if there were any applicants for the position and Ms. DiResta replied she had been ready to hire for this position before COVID-19 pandemic began, at which point there had been six applicants, but she had refrained from doing so and the prior authorization had expired. Mr. Driscoll asked if the program was shared with Washington County and Ms. DiResta replied hers was the first dual-County program.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Personnel & Administration Committee for reporting purposes. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*

Concluding the agenda review, Mr. Driscoll spoke regarding the 2019 Claim Review, which he said was included in the agenda packet. Ms DiResta advised they were moving in a good direction now that they had access to the Veterans' Administration system and they could accurately track Veterans. She said the only missing information was the Veterans' names. Ms. DiResta advised she would continue to provide these reports on a quarterly basis, but noted a claim could take up the eighteen months. She then proceeded to provide a brief overview of the Report.

Mr. Driscoll inquired if they were still accepting items for Operation Adopt a Soldier program and Ms. DiResta replied that she was.

Mr. Driscoll asked if there were any public comment and Don Lehman, *Director of Public Affairs*, replied in the negative.

As there was no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr Bruno and carried unanimously, Mr. Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist