

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: DRISCOLL
HOGAN
BRUNO
FRASIER
MAGOWAN
MCDEVITT

REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

CHRISTIAN HANCHETT, COMMISSIONER
JULIE MONTERO, FISCAL MANAGER
AMY MCBYRNE, DIRECTOR, COUNTRYSIDE ADULT HOME
DENISE DiRESTA, DIRECTOR, VETERANS' SERVICES
FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: SHEPLER

SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
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SEEBER
TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
JEREMY SCRIME, SENIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER
ROBERT TERWILLIGER, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the September 21, 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 were physically present, aside from Supervisors Hogan, Bruno and Frasier who participated via videoconference.

Mr. Driscoll called the meeting of the Human Services Committee to order at 2:12 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Mr. Magowan 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 and Social Services agendas were distributed to those in attendance and those participating virtually accessed the agendas via the Warren County website; *copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was presented to Denise DiResta, *Director, Veterans' Services*, who reviewed her 2021 Budget request and answered questions posed by the Committee. *A copy of the Budget is on file with the minutes.*

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

There being no further Veterans' Services business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Amy McByrne, *Director, Countryside Adult Home*, who reviewed her 2021 Budget request and she answered questions posed by the Committee. *A copy of the Budget is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. McByrne informed there was a new meal site added in the Town of Chester.

There being no further Countryside Adult Home business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Christian Hanchett, *Commissioner of Social Services*, who reviewed his 2021 Budget request and answered questions posed by the Committee. *A copy of the Budget is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Hanchett notified due to the COVID-19 pandemic there had been no attendance at any of the Social Services programs or schools; he added there were programs requesting payments, but said he did not plan on paying for services not provided. He said he would be willing to pay for services rendered and would be looking into the matter further and would provide updates at future meetings. In response to a question posed by Mr. McDevitt, Mr. Hanchett advised a substantial amount was sought for these services which may not have been provided.

As there was no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Magowan and seconded by Mrs. Frasier, Mr. Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist