

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

DATE: APRIL 24, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:	OTHERS PRESENT:
SUPERVISORS FRASIER	CHRIS HUNSINGER, DIRECTOR, EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING
GIRARD	ADMINISTRATION
SOKOL	SHARON SANO, SENOR COUNSELOR, EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING
WOOD	ADMINISTRATION
VANSELOW	CHRISTIE SABO, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING
BROCK	KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
SEEBER	AMANDA ALLEN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
	FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
	SUPERVISORS CONOVER
	MCDEVITT
	MERLINO
	SIMPSON
	STROUGH
	TAYLOR
	DAVID STRAINER, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
	DON LEHMAN, <i>THE POST STAR</i>
	THOM RANDALL, <i>ADIRONDACK JOURNAL</i>
	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 prior Human Services Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Christie Sabo, Director, 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 apply for Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) funding with the New York State Office for the Aging, Division of Policy, Planning, Program and Outcomes for a total amount not to exceed \$16,950.

Ms. Sabo explained the additional funding would be used to educate and assist eligible Medicare beneficiaries with emphasis on enrollment into Medicare Low Income Subsidy (MLIS) and Medicare Savings Program (MSP) under the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP). She advised there were no local match requirements; however, she said additional objectives would be required.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Vanselow and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 15, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form*

is on file with the minutes.

- 2) Request to apply for Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Caregiver Support Program funding with the New York State Office for the Aging for a total amount not to exceed \$40,000, to increase offerings and access to non-institutional long term services and support for caregivers and their Medicare-eligible care receivers.

Ms. Sabo noted this source of funding was intended to increase offerings and access to non-institutional long term services and support for caregivers and their Medicaid eligible care receivers. She advised unlike the current funding, this was intended for Medicaid receivers and did not have any local match requirements. Ms. Sabo explained the completed application was not available for review at this time, due to the number of questions regarding the first application. She expressed her concern with reaching Medicaid clients, noting she would need to contract with the Department of Social Services (DSS) because the OFA currently did not serve Medicaid clients in the Home Care Program. Ms. Sabo stated there would be a need to contract with a home care agency and she said she was also concerned the amount of funding anticipated would not offset the time and cost involved with providing services. She stated after she reviewed the information from New York State she would be able to make a more informed decision on whether to apply.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 15, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 3) Request to amend the 2015 County Budget to accommodate the BIP Caregiver Support Program Funding in the amount of \$40,000, to fund the new BIP Caregivers Program.

Ms. Sabo stated this budget amendment would be needed if she decided to apply for the grant opportunity outlined above after reviewing the information from the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 4) Request to amend the 2015 County Budget in the amount of \$70,000 to fund a journal entry that was done in order to complete contracts for Hamilton County Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP).

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Vanselow and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 5) Request for Christie Sabo to attend the Aging Concerns Unite Us (ACUU) Conference in Albany on June 8 -10, 2015.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the travel request. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Sabo advised every four years she was required to submit a Four Year Plan to New York State, and as part of the plan she was required to complete a needs assessment survey; she noted she had brought a copy of the

survey with her if any of the Committee members would like to review it and she advised a copy could be found on the website, as well.

This concluded the review of the OFA agenda. Privilege of the floor was extended to Chris Hunsinger, Director, Employment & Training Administration (ETA), who distributed copies of his agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review, Mr. Hunsinger presented the following requests:

- 1) Request to amend the 2015 County Budget to include Federal Trade Adjustment Act Funding in the amount of \$2,451, to reimburse costs associated with the training of 2 dislocated workers.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) Request to amend Resolution 766 of 2009 to increase the hours worked by the part-time Employment and Training Counselor from up to 30 hours per week to up to 35 hours per week.

Mr. Hunsinger explained this position was originally authorized by Resolution 766 of 2009 for up to 30 hours per week. He noted the position was used three days a week (24 hours) during a majority of the year, but additional hours were required leading up to the summer program, which increased the use to four or five days per week, depending on the need of the program.

Mr. Girard suggested Martin Auffredou, County Attorney, review the information to check for any discrepancies with the Affordable Care Act, when adding the additional hours to the position.

Ms. Wood suggested the requested amendment be approved contingent upon review by Paul Dusek, County Administrator, and Mr. Auffredou, as well as Human Resources Department, and then referred to the Personnel Committee.

Mr. Hunsinger noted he had spoken with the Human Resources Department in this regard and was advised to bring the matter before the Human Services Committee for approval of additional hours.

Mr. Girard suggested the Committee approve the request contingent upon review and approval by Mr. Auffredou and Mr. Dusek to make sure the County would be operating under the proper guidelines.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Personnel Committee. *A copy of the request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 3) Request to host the Saratoga-Warren-Washington Workforce Investment Board meeting at SUNY Adirondack on June 3, 2015 at an estimated cost of \$400.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented. *A copy of the Request to Host a Meeting or Conference form is on file with the minutes.*

- 4) Request to enter into an agreement with Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) for the term 06/29/15 - 08/21/15, in the amount \$12,517.

Mr. Hunsinger advised this agreement was for the Operation Food Chain program, which was the summer program that supplied lunch for the Glens Falls Summer Recreation Program participants.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 15, 2015 Board Meeting. *A copy of the request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 5) Request to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Multi Jurisdictional Chief Elected Officials Agreement.

Mr. Hunsinger explained the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) was being removed on June 30, 2015 and was being replaced with the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act. He noted this was the first piece of the required regulations that he had received. Mr. Hunsinger further advised the purpose of the request was to designate the Chief Elected Official, Fiscal Agent and the Workforce Development Board as well as the One Stop Services.

Motion was made by Mr. Vanselow, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 15, 2015 Board Meeting. *A copy of the request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Hunsinger noted under topics for discussion he had no updates on the ETA office space. He advised the lease had expired at the end of December 2014, and the New York State Office of General Service was negotiating a new lease.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Sharon Sano, ETA Senior Counselor, who distributed copies of the Warren County Youth Employment Program for review; *a copy of which can be found on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Sano advised the ETA Work Crew had been working with the Glens Falls Housing Authority, and noted she had received a letter from a resident that expounded how polite and friendly the crew was and noted the great job they were doing.

Ms. Sano added currently there were work crews in Warrensburg helping with spring clean up, as well as in Chestertown working on the North Warren Nature Trails. She noted the summer program was moving forward and interviews at the High School would continue through the beginning of May.

Mr. Hunsinger advised, another successful program was in partnership with the City of Glens Falls and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) six week training program. He stated twenty-three students had received a number of Industry Certifications in Environmental Remediation. Mr. Hunsinger noted out of the twenty-three students, there were three students receiving additional training and nineteen students who had found employment.

Mr. Hunsinger continued with a success story of a student who had posted his resume on Monster.com, and noted a recruiter from an Environmental Remediation Firm had seen the resume and noted he was in the Glens

Falls EPA Training Program and “Googled” the information finding *The Post Star* article along with Ed Bartholomew’s name who he then contacted and as a result five students are now employed in Hudson Falls and Fort Edward doing environmental remediation work for General Electric.

Mr. Vanselow inquired as to how the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) exam was going. Mr. Hunsinger stated New York States numbers had not gone down, but he noted that Warren County numbers had dropped because there were no tests scheduled. Ms. Sano noted there were two tests scheduled, one in May and the other in June, and she was hoping for more success this year. Mr. Hunsinger advised New York State did not require any training for the test as in other States did.

Ms. Frasier asked the Committee if they would be interested in asking Denise Diresta, Director of Veterans Services, to come and update the Committee on Veterans Services. She noted that it had been awhile since Ms. Diresta had come to Committee. As the Committee was in agreement, Mrs. Frasier advised she would contact Ms. Diresta.

As there was no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, on motion made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Mr. Sokol, Mrs. Frasier adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

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