

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

DATE: JULY 24, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS FRASIER
GIRARD
WOOD
VANSELOW
SEEBER

OTHERS PRESENT:

CHRIS HUNSINGER, DIRECTOR OF THE EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING
ADMINISTRATION
SHARON SANO, SENIOR COUNSELOR, EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING
ADMINISTRATION
CHRISTIE SABO, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS TAYLOR
CONOVER
SIMPSON
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
MOLLY GANOTES, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS SOKOL
BROCK

Mrs. Frasier called the meeting of the Human Services Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Commencing with his agenda review, Mr. Hunsinger requested to reappoint nine individuals to the Saratoga-Warren-Washington Workforce Development Board. He indicated their terms had been staggered according to when they would have expired. He remarked usually three or four names were looked at in a year but because they were reaffirming the entire Board, all nine members were looked at. He said there was one vacancy they hoped to fill with someone from the hospital. Mr. Hunsinger talked about the Summer Youth Program noting it was in full operation. He noted there were not many participants for the Free Lunch Program at the City Park and if it were not for the City Youth Program there would have been very few participants.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to authorize the reappointment of nine individuals to the Saratoga-Warren-Washington Workforce Development Board. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the August 21, 2015 Board Meeting.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Sharon Sano, Senior Counselor for the ETA, who reported the City Youth Program was not doing well, with low attendance for the adolescent Free Lunch Program. She added they advertised extensively through the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the only adolescent that attended were from the Glens Falls City Recreation Program. She added she would like to serve those who really needed it. Ms. Sano believed one of the deterrents was that the lunch had to be eaten on the premises and could not be taken home. She noted they continued to work hard and serve lunch to 40 adolescent per day. She stated in regards to the Summer Youth Program, 60 young people have been placed, 2 had left, 2 were teetering, 17 were placed but never called or showed up. She expressed Cynthia Schrock-Seeley, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Legal Council, and Diane Coughlin, Family Preservation & Youth Development/Daycare Services Supervisor

of the DSS, assisted with the orientation for the Summer Youth Program.

She remarked that there were 33 work sites and she had observed an abundant amount of mentoring taking place which she felt was fantastic. She noted it was almost as important as the enhancement of employee ability skills. She expressed it was a joy and going well.

Ms. Wood inquired about the date of the picnic and Ms. Sabo replied it was August 13, 2015.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Christie Sabo, Director of the Office for the Aging (OFA), who advised she had no agenda, but due to an unanticipated resignation of the Supervisor of Volunteers base salary, \$24,664, Grade 2 position was available.

Ms. Sabo explained an employee out on maternity leave since March who was due back on Monday, July 27th. had indicated on Monday July 21st she was not prepared to return to work full time; hours however, she said, she proffered to work part-time with 8 hours per week from home. Ms. Sabo offered her a part-time office position which was declined. Ms. Sabo continued, stating the position had been open since March and she was looking to fill the position immediately. Ms. Seeber asked if she had anyone in mind and Ms. Sabo replied there were a few individuals that may potentially be interested; however, she said, they were not fully qualified. She voiced the position required recruitment and retention of volunteers and she needed someone who would proactively be seeking new volunteers. Ms. Seeber asked if there was still the group of volunteers from Warren and Washington Counties consisting of government agencies and not-for-profit organizations that focused on recruiting volunteers. Ms. Sabo remarked they had the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) that worked with the United Way. Ms. Seeber noted she would look through her notes because she knew of an organization that helped with recruiting volunteers for different organizations. Ms. Sabo indicated she knew of one on a national level where you entered your information on a website; she said it was a clearing house for volunteers and she had received a few volunteers from that source.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve the request to fill the vacant position of Supervisor of Volunteers as outlined above and forward same to the Personnel Committee. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*

As there was no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Girard and seconded by Ms. Wood, Mrs. Frasier adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes, Legislative Office Specialist