

MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
January 20, 2016

Com+mittee Members: Pamela Helming, Chairperson, Greg Bendzlowicz, Tamara Hicks, Daniel Marshall, Nathan VanBortel, Fred Willie

Present: Pamela Helming, Nathan VanBortel, Fred Wille, Dan Marshall, Tamara Hicks, Brian Young, Jeremy Marshall, Shelly Gray, Mary Krausc, Mary Gates, George Kotlick (intern), Bob Kramer, Sarah Miller

Distribution: Committee members, All Department Heads, Board Chairman, Board Vice-Chairman, Clerk of the Board

Chair Helming called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Helming deemed Supervisor Bendzlowicz necessarily absent.

Chair Helming stated she will appoint a Co-Chair at the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Robert Kramer presented a resolution Approval – Burial Fee Schedule – Department of Social Services 2016. **Supervisor VanBortel made a motion to approve the resolution with changes, seconded by Supervisor Marshall and approved.**

Mr. Kramer stated a lot of attention is being paid to the issue of homelessness in recent times. Our costs have been rising significantly in recent years and we have been exploring options to address the issue. NYS recently passed a law requiring the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to make a one-time report to the legislature detailing local efforts to prevent, identify and address homelessness. In addition, the Governor has issued Executive Order 151, which requires that we identify homeless individuals and move them to shelter whenever the temperature, including wind-chill, goes below 32 degrees. In Ontario County we think the numbers are small – a point in time survey done last year by Nowhere To Go found 10 individuals. Although the numbers are small the details of the implications of the order need to be worked out. Where do we take the homeless, how do we get them there, how do we feed them, and how do we get reimbursement if they are not income-eligible. A meeting was held with DSS, the Sheriff, Mental Health, and Public Health to begin addressing this new challenge.

Mr. Kramer stated there are new Child Care regulations as a result of the Child Care Development Block Grant Act of 2014. The state's plan to implement the federal rules is due March 1st, and is to be effective June 1st. A number of the requirements are expected to increase costs, which, since there is no additional money, will result in our having fewer slots for child care. The system will be modeled more like center-base care. Some of the changes include a 12-month guarantee, 3-month grace period after the loss of a job, increased background checks, including fingerprinting, and training. We are currently in pretty good shape with about 250 child care cases, and eligibility at 175% of poverty level.

Mr. Kramer updated the committee on some new contracts:

1. Canandaigua Lake Counseling

2. Barb Cook (former employee who retired) – will be evaluating clients for eligibility to the disabled for Medicaid. Ms. Cook will be providing 5 hours per month.
3. Catholic Charities to assess a client's need for SSI services.

Mr. Kramer is requesting the support of the committee to request a new caseworker position. **Supervisor Marshall made a motion to support the new caseworker position, seconded by Supervisor Willie and approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Miller, Secretary

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