

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS STRAINER
GIRARD
FRASIER
SOKOL
WOOD
LOEB

CHRIS HUNSINGER, DIRECTOR, EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING ADMINISTRATION
CHRISTIE SABO, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS KENNY
MASON
TAYLOR
THOMAS

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR VANSELOW

DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
JOANNE COLLINS, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Mr. Strainer called the meeting of the Human Services Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Wood, 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.

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 which is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Hunsinger presented a request to host the quarterly meeting of the Saratoga-Warren-Washington Counties Workforce Investment Board (WIB) on December 5, 2012, at a total cost not to exceed \$600. He stated the local venue had not yet been determined, but noted the Fort William Henry Resort was being considered.

Motion was made by Mrs. Wood, seconded by Mr. Loeb and carried unanimously to approve the request to host the quarterly WIB meeting as outlined above. *A copy of the Request to Host Meeting or Conference form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Hunsinger advised he would inform Committee members of the location of the WIB meeting for those who would like to attend. He said the purpose of the meeting was to review policies, procedures, finances and programming and usually included a presentation. He noted the October meeting would be held at the Target Distribution Center in Wilton, NY and would include the opportunity to observe warehouse activity. He said he could provide additional information for those interested in attending the October meeting.

This concluded the Employment & Training portion of the Human Services Committee meeting and Mr. Strainer informed that it had been necessary to authorize a no-cost travel request for the Director of Veterans' Services prior to the meeting due to travel dates.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Christie Sabo, Director of the Office for the Aging, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of which is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Sabo presented a request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,356, from Code A.6773

130, Nutrition for Elderly - Warren County, Salaries Part-time, to Codes A.6783 424, Home Energy Assistance Program, Postage, and A.6772 350 470, Office for the Aging, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Contract, to re-appropriate surplus funds.

Motion was made by Mrs. Wood and seconded by Mrs. Frasier to approve the request for a transfer of funds as outlined. Ms. Sabo explained that the Ombudsmanager program addressed a range of confidential matters which impacted nursing home residents.

Mr. Strainer called the question and the motion was carried unanimously to approve the request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,356 as outlined above and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request for Transfer of Funds is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Sokol entered the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Ms. Sabo presented a request for a contract/license and service agreement with Synergy Software Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$1,346.40 for mandatory Ombudsman case management services, for the term commencing November 1, 2012 and terminating October 31, 2013.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier and seconded by Mr. Girard to approve the contract with Synergy Software Technologies, Inc.

Mrs. Sabo explained that an Ombudsman was a patient advocate who worked closely (as an intermediary) with nursing home administrators to resolve resident problems and to prevent problem escalation which would necessitate State involvement. She noted Ombudsmen worked in all assisted living and long term care facilities in the County.

Mr. Strainer called the question and the motion was carried unanimously to approve the contract with Synergy Software Technologies, Inc., as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 19, 2012 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes.*

As there was no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, on motion made by Mrs. Frasier and seconded by Mrs. Wood, Mr. Strainer adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Collins, Legislative Office Specialist