

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

DATE: April 28, 2014

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS FRASIER
GIRARD
WOOD
VANSELOW
BROCK
SEEBER

CHRIS HUNSINGER, DIRECTOR, EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING ADMINISTRATION
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:
SUPERVISOR SOKOL

SAMANTHA HOGAN, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Mrs. Frasier called the meeting of the Human Services Committee to order at 10:14 a.m.

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

Privilege of the floor was extended to Chris Hunsinger, Director, 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.*

Mr. Hunsinger began by updating the Committee on the temporary relocation of the ETA Office. He stated that the Information Technology and Buildings and Grounds staff had quickly and efficiently moved the necessary ETA equipment on Monday morning, having everything up and running by 10:30 a.m. He stated that all ETA workshops were being held in the Human Services Building and he said that he was very pleased with the transition.

Moving on with the agenda review, Mr. Hunsinger presented a request to authorize a contract with Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in an amount not to exceed \$12,817 for the term commencing July 2, 2014 and terminating August 22, 2014. He explained that the purpose of this contract was to provide employment and training services for the Summer Youth Employment Program. Mr. Hunsinger added that this was a cost reimbursement program that did not require a bid process; he noted that the contract amount had decreased from last year.

Mr. Vanselow inquired about anticipated participation in the Summer Youth Employment Program for this year, noting that during the prior year there were concerns that the minimum wage boost would impact the program. Mr. Hunsinger replied that the Summer Youth Employment Program was funded by a New York State Grant and that increased funding had been awarded to compensate for the minimum wage increase. Mr. Hunsinger stated that he believed that the participation numbers would be about the same.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Vanselow and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 16th Board meeting; *a copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing to Item 2, Mr. Hunsinger outlined a request to host the quarterly board meeting of the Saratoga-Warren-Washington Workforce Investment Board on June 4th, 2014 at SUNY Adirondack in the Community Room located in the dormitory building. He added that the only cost would be for refreshments, which he anticipated would be less than \$100.

Ms. Seeber asked if Mr. Hunsinger would inquire as to whether a club or group within the college might want to sponsor the meeting and provide the refreshments. Mr. Hunsinger responded that there was a company that held proprietary rights for providing food services for events held at the College; however, he said, because SUNY Adirondack would not be open on the date that the meeting was being held, they would have to provide their own refreshments.

Motion was made by Mr. Vanselow, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the request to Host a Meeting or Conference as presented above; *a copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Under Old Business, Mr. Hunsinger provided an update with regards to the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) program, formerly known as General Equivalency Diploma (GED) program. He advised that a copy of the letter forwarded to Assemblyman Stec and Senator Little listing the concerns raised at the last Committee meeting was included in the agenda packet for review. Mr. Hunsinger stated that the TASC program would begin in May and he said he had been informed that it would not be any more difficult than the former GED program.

As there was no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, on motion made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Mr. Brock, Mrs. Frasier adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hogan, Legislative Office Specialist