

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

DATE: JUNE 30, 2014

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS VANSELOW
BROCK
SEEBER

CHRISTIE SABO, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS FRASIER
GIRARD
SOKOL
WOOD

FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
SAMANTHA HOGAN, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

In the absence of both Committee Chairman Frasier and Vice Chairman Girard, Mr. Vanselow called the meeting of the Human Services Committee to order at 9:53 a.m.

It was noted that Chairman Geraghty would serve to make a quorum of the Committee, along with Supervisors Vanselow, Brock and Seeber.

Motion was made by Mr. Brock, seconded by Chairman Geraghty 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 Christie Sabo, Director of the 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 the agenda review, Ms. Sabo presented a request to extend the nutrition site lease agreement with Lake Pleasant Senior Citizen's Group, Inc. for the nutrition site for the term commencing January 1, 2015 and terminating December 31, 2017. Ms. Sabo explained that she was trying to structure all the meal site lease agreements so that they would commence and expire on the same schedule.

Mr. Vanselow asked if there were a lot of Hamilton County citizens attending Warren County meal sites, and vice versa. Ms. Sabo responded that this was not a common occurrence, but noted that the meal sites were supported by a Federally funded program and that all of the sites were open to residents from all over.

Ms. Seeber inquired why the funding was funneled through Warren County and not Hamilton County. Ms. Sabo answered that Warren County was the only bi-county agency established in the State of New York since 1970 and she advised that Hamilton County reimbursed Warren County for all expenses.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Chairman Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 18, 2014 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Sabo stated that the next three requests all related to the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) administered by the New York State Office for the Aging. Ms. Sabo explained that this was a year-long grant that ended on 9/30/15 and that was the reason for presenting it to the Committee before

the grant was received. She added that this grant opportunity offered a substantial amount of money which was awarded in part with the New York Connects program for single point- of-entry and "no wrong door" offices. She advised that BIP funding in the amount of \$159,136 was anticipated to be received from the New York State Office for the Aging, and an additional \$68,984 in BIP funding was anticipated under the NY Connects program. Ms. Sabo said they had already received the annual allocation of \$85,880 from the New York Connects program and she noted that the previously mentioned allocation of \$68,984 would be a supplemental award.

Ms. Sabo advised that she had forwarded a fact sheet regarding the BIP program to the Committee members along with the agenda a few days prior to the meeting to provide the opportunity for advance review. She explained the BIP program was comprehensive in nature and was aimed at assisting to provide consistent information to Medicaid-eligible individuals by offering the same information to individuals regardless of whether it was obtained at the County level during office visits or via contact with the State's toll free hotlines. Ms. Sabo advised that the New York State Office for the Aging would be contacting local independent living centers to further coordinate these efforts. In conclusion, she explained that Item b requested authorization to apply for BIP grant funds, and that Items c and d requested to amend the budget to accept the grant funding.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to approve Items b,c and d as presented; the necessary resolution for Item b was authorized for the July 18th Board meeting, while Items c and d were referred to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the requests are on file with the minutes.*

As there was no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, on motion made by Chairman Geraghty and seconded by Ms. Seeber, Mr. Vanselow adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hogan, Legislative Office Specialist