

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2010

The Human Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: S. Messina Chair, S. Buchta voting representative, for J. Safilippo, J. Garnar, J. Hutchings, M. Nirchi, M. Pasquale

Members Absent: None

Others Present: K. Bunnell, T. Eaton, OFA; S. Sanzo, C. Nord, DSS; D. Fauci, County Exec's Office; S. Reagan, WPNH; M. Gerchman, Budget; M. Berry, CASA, J. Cyganovich Bucsh, Family Violence Prevention; J. Kamin, Youth Bureau; J. Sluzar, Law; B. Klipsch, E. Denk, C. Marion, C. Hall, Legislature

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:40 P.M. Ms. Buchta moved the agenda, seconded by Mr. Garnar. The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#4 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION COUNCIL

Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM (EISEP) GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2010-2011

Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0

#8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2010-2011

Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2010-2011

Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2010-2011

Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION AND COUNSELING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH ACTION FOR OLDER PERSONS, INC FOR 2010-2011

Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0

- #12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH ACTION FOR OLDER PERSONS TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2010-2011
Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2010-2011
Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF WEATHERIZATION REFERRAL AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WRAP) GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2010-2011
Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 620 OF 2009 AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TITLE III-B SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2010
Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH JEANNE STRACUZZI, R.D. FOR NUTRITION COUNSELING FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING'S SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) FOR 2010-2011
Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH FIRST WARD ACTION COUNCIL FOR SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2009-2010
As requested by the Budget Office the budget line will be corrected to "34010006.6004166.3410369". At the request of the Office for Aging, Mr. Garnar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buchta to amend the third Whereas paragraph and the first Resolved paragraph to add "and extend the period through December 31, 2010. Amendment carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution as amended carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.
- #18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHERN TIER INDEPENDENCE CENTER FOR SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING'S NURSING HOME DIVERSION MODIFICATION GRANT FOR 2009-2010
Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE SAFETY NET ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH THE STAR GROUP TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2010
Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE DSS/BCC CREDIT AND NON-CREDIT TRAINING PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL

SERVICES AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2009-2010

Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF MEDICAID OUTSTATIONED WORKER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2010-2011

Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0

#36 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOANNA M. KAMIN AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE YOUTH BUREAU

Carried-Ayes-5, Nays-0

Community Alternative Systems Agency Overview by Michelle Berry, Director.

Ms. Berry Director of CASA discussed the functions of Community Alternative Systems Agency, including Medicaid Cost Containment, Annual Personal Care Aide Cost of Care, Pre-Admission Assessments, Medical Eligibility, Case Management, Data Collection and Systems Development. She stated that CASA is the largest referral source for Long Term Home Health Care Program, Medical Day Care, Social Day Care, Family Homes for Elderly Licensed Agencies and Assisted Living Programs. Their average monthly caseload is 1,100 and 50% of the people in PCA are less than 50 years old. CASA is experiencing a problem recruiting Public Health Nurse's. The PHN is a civil service position with a starting salary of \$36,312, while the private sector's salaries range from \$42,000 to \$65,000. Committee members suggested paying signing bonuses, paying for further education, recruiting from BCC/BU and paying their tuition in exchange for employment.

Mr. Reagan, Administrator of the Willow Point Nursing Home, discussed the article that appeared in the Press & Sun-Bulletin on Nursing Home ratings. He stated that while they received one out of five stars the Nursing Home is in full compliance. He stated that the rating was done with outdated data that in the past the Nursing Home was cited for 15 deficiencies but now has fewer than seven.

Mr. Reagan thinks it says something that the Willow Point Nursing Home has the second highest occupancy rate among the nine nursing homes in the Broome County area.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Mr. Pasquale made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Buchta. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.