

Social Programs Committee Minutes  
March 1, 2016 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Vice Chairman Allen; Supervisors Congdon, Delucia, Martin, Tollisen and Wright; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Hugh Burke, County Attorney; Pat Maxwell, Social Services; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging.

Vice Chairman Allen called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Tollisen the minutes of the February 8, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Maxwell requested a resolution to accept authorization of a grant from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance in the amount of \$36,554. The funds will be used to comply with the Governor's Executive Order #151 that was signed on January 5, 2016 that directed Social Service districts to take all the steps necessary to extend shelter hours for homeless individuals and families to remain indoors during winter weather when the temperatures are below 32 degrees. He said this would apply to those individuals and families who would not be otherwise eligible for the normal Temporary Housing Assistance Program or Emergency Assistance Programs.

Mr. Maxwell said, in working with the Shelters of Saratoga a plan was put together that would amount to approximately \$25,114 to meet the extended hours that they would have to remain open in order to comply with the Executive Order. In addition, DSS asked for another \$1,140 in the event that there were other individuals throughout the county that were homeless and couldn't get to the code blue shelter. He said the funds can be expended through July 1, 2016. The reimbursement is 100%, therefore, there will be no budget impact.

**A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. DeLucia to approve a grant from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance in the amount of \$36,554. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross requested a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Town of Corinth for pass through funds for the purchase of a vehicle for Senior Citizens. She said this is a one-time grant in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve a resolution authorizing a contract with the Town of Corinth for the purchase of a vehicle to transport senior citizens at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross requested a resolution to authorize the Chairman to enter into a contract with the Senior Citizens Center of Saratoga Springs for their Community Care Connections Program. She

said this is a program that mirrors a program in the Southern part of the county which is Care Links. She said it is a program where volunteers help seniors with low chore items.

**A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve a resolution to enter into a contract with the Senior Citizens Center of Saratoga Springs for the Community Care Connections Program. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross requested approval of a resolution for the renewal of contracts for the Expanded in Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) contracts. She said there are nine agencies that are contracted with to provide personal care level 1 and level 2 services.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the renewal of nine contracts for the Expanded In-Home Service for the Elderly Program. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross requested a resolution to authorize the Chairman to enter into a contract with Home Helpers. She said the Office for the Aging received \$37,000 last year through the Balancing Initiative Grant to assist with Respite Services for Medicaid individuals. The grant is good through 2017 with approximately \$30,000 remaining. This is a program that the Office for the Aging works in conjunction with DSS in the Adult Services Unit to identify Medicaid recipients who are getting home care, but may need additional money for respite where there are no funds to pay for the respite.

**A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Tollisen to approve a contract with Home Helpers for caregiver services. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Cross requested a resolution to authorize the Chairman to enter into a contract with the Mechanicville Area Community Center in the amount of \$20,000.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve entering into a contract with the Mechanicville Area Community Center in the amount of \$20,000. Unanimous.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. DeLucia the meeting was adjourned unanimously. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom