

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 26, 2020

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Clary, Skellie, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Wilson

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Campbell

SUPERVISORS: Hall, Henke, Fedler, O'Brien, Griffith

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Chris DeBolt, County Administrator

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Al Nolette, County Treasurer

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Accept Minutes – July 29, 2020
- 3) Department Reports/Requests:
  - A. ADRC/OFA
    - 1) Update – Use of COVID Funds
  - B. Veterans
    - 1) Department Updates
  - C. Youth Bureau
    - 1) Department Updates
  - D. Public Health
    - 1) Transportation Contract Extension
    - 2) Department Updates/Corona Updates
    - 3) Miscellaneous
- 4) Other Business
- 5) Adjournment

Chairwoman Clary called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

A motion to accept the minutes of the July 29, 2020 meeting was moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Skellie and adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/REQUESTS:

ADRC/OFA – Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Update on COVID-19 Stimulus Funds – ADRC/OFA is in receipt of COVID-19 Stimulus funds in the amount of \$22,928. She is in receipt of the guidance for the use of the funds and still working on a plan for the use of the funds that is in the best interest of the Washington County residents. Once the plan is finalized, she will bring it back to committee and ask that the funds be recognized in the budget.
- DSS Backfill request – She also addressed for Commissioner DeLorme a backfill request due to the retirement of a long time employee and the duties and responsibilities of the position, Accounting Supervisor Grade B. A motion to forward backfill request, Accounting Supervisor Grade B, to the Personnel Committee for consideration was moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Skellie and adopted.

VETERANS – Ken Winchell, Director, addressed the following items:

- Department Updates:
  - Office continued to operate during the shutdown. The purchase of the Vet Pro software that allows them to file claims really provided them with the ability to continue operating the office even remotely. About 274 actions or claims processed since March. It allows them to do appointments remotely.

- Transportation continues to the Albany VA getting veterans to critical care appointments.

YOUTH BUREAU – Mike Gray, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Department Updates:
  - Currently have nine youth in the Summer Youth Program. This program is a collaboration with DSS. Each youth has to go through goal setting, fiscal management planning and opening a bank account. These youth are state identified as at risk and from foster care and the justice system. Substance abuse youths can work in the team setting but they are not able to collect a paycheck until the test clean. Activities they have been involved with are garbage pickup on the Battenkill, car washes, mowing, and trash pickup along Rt. 4 – section of adopted highway. He is thankful the youth have this opportunity and he has seen a lot of growth in them. They are evaluated every two weeks.
  - On July 31<sup>st</sup> worked with the Greenwich Recreation program at Lake Lauderdale. They provided some games and activities. Mr. Ward thanked Mike and his staff for their assistance. Mrs. Clary thanked him for helping with cleanup on the Battenkill.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Patty Hunt, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Transportation Contract Extension – Public Health is in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of a five year contract for preschool special education transportation with Durrin Transportation and recommends renewal. Increases are based on the CPI and there is no increase this year however she wanted to let the committee know that Durrin is working on a proposal to request an increase based upon the increased needs that they will have to attend to related to COVID and the health and transportation requirements related to cleaning, disinfection, make sure the children are healthy and fever free, etc. They have not yet received that proposal from them but would like permission to extend contract renewal for next year at the same rate they are currently paying. A motion to authorize renewal of Durrin Transportation contract at the same rate was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Messrs. Ferguson and Ward and adopted.
- Department Updates/Corona Updates: Continue seven day a week operations and our numbers are better. Currently following three known positive cases, 182 people under monitoring – about 50% of the people in quarantine are travel related individuals, 237 recovered and currently no one hospitalized; calls are made every day and a lot of follow up work. They do have a nurse out for a couple of months and are able to fill in with the nurse hired during COVID and that has been helpful. Right now, they are maintaining with staff fairly well and rotating people out for vacations. School starting will be an increased strain on the department and hopeful things will go well and have been working with the School Nurses and Superintendents. Waiting for the State to provide guidance on some school related concerns. Public Health is responsible for inspecting gyms and information/guidance on the website and they have received help from Public Safety. The good news is that the ten day rolling average of percent positive is below 1%.
- Miscellaneous:
  - Rabies clinic September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Fort Ann Highway Garage by appointment only.

- WIC Coordinator has retired and they have chosen a new candidate and working through Personnel. They had received prior approval to have the retired Coordinator train her successor especially as they formulate their new budget.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

A motion to adjourn was moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Messrs. Skellie and Ward and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28A.M.

*Debra Prehoda, Clerk*  
*Washington County Board of Supervisors*