

Health & Human Services Committee
September 27, 2016
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair John Peck, Legislators Michael Docteur, Allen Drake, Jeremiah Maxon, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Anthony Doldo, and Board Chairman Gray

Others Present: Legislators William Johnson, Michael Montigelli, Daniel McBride, and James Nabywaniec, County Attorney David Paulsen, Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs and Information Technology Director Gregory Hudson, Office for the Aging and Veterans Service Agency Director Pete Fazio, Mental Health Coordinator Tim Ruetten, Public Health Director Ginger Hall, Public Health Fiscal Manager Sarah Baldwin, Treasurer Accountant Anne Converse, Insurance Director Lisa Jock, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Brian Molongoski, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and offered privilege of the floor however no one present wished to speak.

Nicole Bednar, ProAct Discount Card Manager made a presentation to the Committee updating them with regard to the program and the savings that have been realized by citizens in Jefferson County. She provided a Discount Card Utilization Report and an informational packet to the Committee noting that since implementation in 2006 a total of \$16,350,983.77 has been saved on prescription costs countywide. She said the cost of the program is borne by the pharmacies themselves, one card per household is allowed, and can only be used for people who are paying full price for their prescriptions. In response to questions from legislators she advised that a list of the participating pharmacies will be provided to legislators, and there was a decline in the program in the last 12 - 18 months because of Obama care and more people being covered by insurance. She encouraged legislators to contact her if they are aware of a pharmacy that does not offer the program, or if they know of a business or organization that could benefit from the program as she will make contact with them.

The Committee approved the minutes of the August 30th Committee meeting as written.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution amending the 2016 County Budget relative to a cost of living adjustment for Community Services programs and to allocate 2016-2017 funding for the Veterans Peer to Peer Support pilot program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Maxon and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution authorizing agreement with Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. for the provision of nutritional services by Public Health Service and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by

Legislator Docteur and seconded by Legislator Drake. Legislator Maxon asked if Public Health had been approached by any other agencies to provide this service. Ms. Hall advised that no one else has contacted them so far, the hours needed by CAPC were so minimal that it did not make sense for them to recruit for the position, and Public Health's registered dietician could fit it into her schedule. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

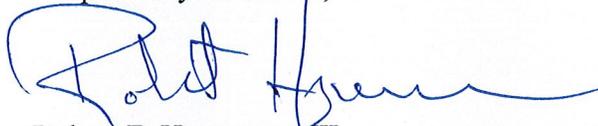
Chairman Peck introduced a resolution authorizing agreement with Venesky and Company for Article 6 training, advisory, review and consultation services in regard to Article 6 state aid to the Public Health Service and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution authorizing agreement with the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in relation to New York State's Highway Safety program grant and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution authorizing affiliation agreements with universities, colleges and other schools for clinical education programs in health professions and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Docteur seconded by Legislator Doldo and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board