

Health and Human Services Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 10, 2010 3:30 PM
Scott Heyman Conference Room

APPROVED 4/14/10

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Frank Proto	Chair	Present
Will Burbank	Member	Present
James Dennis	Member	Present
Kathy Luz Herrera	Member	Present
Nathan Shinagawa	Member	Excused

Staff: J. Mareane, County Administrator, A. Cole, S. Connors, B. Crosby, Health Department; P. Carey, Department of Social Services; L. Homes, Office for the Aging; B. DeLuca, Mental Health; N. Zahler, Youth Services, K. Schlather, Human Services Coalition; K. Schlather, Cooperative Extension; M. Robertson, Legislature

Guest: S. Shackford, The Ithaca Journal

Call to Order

Chair Proto called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Changes to Agenda

Chair Proto added two Budget Adjustments from the Office for the Aging.

Due to staff illnesses, the Long Term Care Needs Assessment Report was postponed until April.

Chair's Report

Mr. Proto said Shawn Galbraith of the Cancer Resource Center for the Finger Lakes is working on a resolution expressing concern regarding the Center for Disease Control's recent recommendations that it is not necessary to have a mammogram at age 40. He asked for Health Department input on the draft resolution when it is completed.

County Administrator's Report

Mr. Mareane provided Committee members with a written update of the local impacts of the Proposed New York State Executive Budget that could potentially reduce reimbursements to County Departments by more than \$1.1 million, to agencies by more than \$1 million, and by \$1.6 million to Tompkins Cortland Community College. Specific reduction information follows:

- The Department of Social Services would have the highest reduction of \$650,000 that includes the elimination of the Summer Youth Employment Program (\$371,871), \$140,000 reduction for the Wheels to Work Program, \$25,239 Community Solutions to Transportation, \$25,000 for Non-residential Domestic Violence, and \$87,620 for Alternatives to Detention/Alternatives to Residential Placement Program.
- The Health Department would have a \$59,000 cut in the categorical, special purposes grants; \$200,000 reduction in Home Health Care; and \$23,507 reduction for the Preschool program, including Administration and 3-5 year-old transition.
- The Office for the Aging reductions include: \$8,609 for EISEP, \$16,429 for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), \$4,440 for Community Services for the Elderly, and total elimination (\$3,018) of the funds provided for the health promotion services subcontract with Lifelong.
- The Planning Department does not have a direct budget reduction, however, there are reductions in programs that have been used such as: \$10,500 reduction in Farmland Protection (Municipal

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Contracts), \$2,000 for Water Quality Improvement; \$8,000 in Municipal Recycling, \$1,200 for Finger Lakes/Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance, \$12,000 for Waterfront Revitalization, \$14,000 for Agricultural non-point source pollution control, and \$12,000 for municipal parks.

- Youth Services reductions of 12.5 percent is a carryover of last year's reductions.
- Tompkins Cortland Community College has a 15 percent reduction in the amount of \$1.6 million. A resolution was endorsed at the Budget and Capital Committee asking that the cuts be restored. Although it is unlikely the full amount would be restored, the proposed reduction is very disproportionate and greater than cuts to the State University System.
- Human Service Agencies will experience reductions, with the Women's Opportunity Center having a reduction totaling \$626,000, which eliminates the Welfare to Careers, Bridge, and Displaced Homemaker programs.

Mr. Dennis asked if the funding reductions to the Women's Opportunity Center is their entire budget. Ms. Carey said they have some other funding sources, but the reductions are a good portion of the budget.

Mr. Mareane said he has set up a meeting with Ms. Smith, SPCA Director, to discuss the potential impact of State reimbursement changes for the spay and neuter program. There could be an indirect cost to the County due to Agriculture and Market reductions.

Mr. Burbank arrived at this time (3:41 p.m.).

Mr. Mareane said a meeting will take place on Friday at 3:00 p.m. with Assemblywoman Lifton to share the information regarding the local impact of the Governor's proposed budget. Mr. Dennis, Chair of Budget and Capital Committee, and Ms. Kiefer, Vice Chair of the Legislature, will attend; he welcomed other interested Legislators.

Ms. Carey said Department of Social Services is continuing to examine the Governor's proposed budget and areas such as Adult Protective Services that may be affected by restrictions on how the funds may be used.

In response to Mr. Proto's question of how the \$200,000 reduction would affect the Home Health Care program, Ms. Cole said while it would not eliminate the program it would be devastating.

Minutes Approval

It was MOVED by Mr. Burbank, seconded by Mr. Dennis, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to accept the minutes of February 10, 2010, as presented. MINUTES APPROVED.

Human Services Coalition

Agency Budgets

Ms. Schlather said the Women's Opportunity Center funding has been severely reduced every year in the Governor's proposed budget and subsequently restored. Ms. Herath, Director of the agency, has been in Albany on a weekly basis lobbying for restoration of funding.

The majority of agencies are taking percentage reductions and Ms. Schlather has not heard of agencies that would be eliminated as a result of the loss of funds. Ms. Schlather will prepare a report similar to the one produced by Mr. Mareane to indicate specific agency reductions and concerns.

The Human Service Coalition budget reductions include: the 2-1-1 Program will not be funded by the State and the Health Planning Council had a 12 percent reduction in funding, back to 2009.

With regard to sales tax revenue reductions, the agencies do not know how the cuts would affect them. A decision was made to have the review committee get together to determine how to spread the revenue reduction appropriately.

Federal Emergency Management Agency Funds

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding came in at 14 percent less, \$46,000, and was distributed to eight agencies. Ms. Schlather said the agencies work very well together and some agencies offered to have less funding to help others that have more of a need. The Tompkins County Food Network applies as one group; due to a donation from Cargill Salt they voluntarily took a reduced amount (\$11,000) to distribute among the food pantries.

Mr. Burbank asked if there are any duplicated services provided by the agencies that could be combined or reduced and was informed that food pantries will scale back by providing less to clients or reducing time the pantries are available. The Child Development Council provided infant formula to young mothers when WIC reductions occurred, and Catholic Charities is the only agency providing assistance with utilities. The Salvation Army has seen a twenty percent increase in clients needing food since last year. She noted that almost all communities have their own food pantry and are assisting those in need who have difficulty with transportation.

Ms. Schlather said calls to 2-1-1 have increased during the economic decline. She then announced the Alternate Tax Program will start on April 10th.

IACC Day Care Funding Request - Update

Ms. Schlather said work with IACC Daycare is continuing. Many daycare facilities are on the edge and IACC is having to amend the sustainability plan and schedules as they lose families or pieces of funding.

She did notify the agency the Committee would like to review the sustainability plan and suggested a cover letter be provided to indicate what changes have been made since it was initially developed. They are still in need of funding and presently are awaiting the opening of another toddler room, which will provide more daycare slots in this area. As people are laid off or have hours reduced they are finding other means of daycare, which reduces income for the agency.

Health Department

Resolution (DOC ID: 1787): Approval of Amended Bylaws of the Tompkins County Board of Health – Health Department

MOVED by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Burbank.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the Tompkins County Board of Health Bylaws. Mr. Proto said the bylaws were returned to the Committee due to questions regarding the membership and the Professional Advisory Committee. The original reason to amend the bylaws was to reflect the State requirements on the term of the Medical Director. Mr. Proto said that any additional changes to the document should be reviewed by the Board of Health prior to consideration by the Legislature. Mr. Proto said he had a conversation with Ms. Kiefer who offered amendments, most of which were rearranging and clarification of some items and asked her to provide Ms. Cole with her

written suggestions. He stressed the key issue regarding the amendments is to clarify the language relating to the Medical Director.

Mr. Burbank also spoke to Ms. Kiefer who had a question regarding Section 6.02, specifically what is the optimal requirement for quorum and passage of action items, and whether the way it is written is set according to Public Health Law or whether it could be amended. It was noted quorum would be five of the eight members and a vote could be carried by the majority of members present (3). He asked if it made sense to have three of eight members make policy. Mr. Proto said it does work in its present form. It was also noted there is a problem getting quorum at the meetings as well.

Mr. Dennis feels if other Legislators had suggested amendments they should attend the meeting or submit them in writing. Ms. Herrera said she had come prepared to act on the document presented. Mr. Proto said the resolution could be postponed one month.

The Committee spoke of Section 10.01 – Professional Advisory Committee, and the term of appointment. Mr. Proto said it is often difficult to bring in new membership due to their being involved in the health care area. Mr. Burbank spoke of others having concern that after the number of terms is up an individual could be reappointed by a majority of members on the Board of Health. Ms. Cole noted that the membership of the Board of Health is driven by Public Health Law and the County has no discretion over it. Mr. Proto said Ms. Kiefer had a question on the length of time the Public Health Director is appointed. It was explained that the term is set by Public Health Law and that is the same length, six years, other County Commissioners.

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Motion to Table

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Will Burbank, Member
SECONDER:	James Dennis, Member
AYES:	Frank Proto, Will Burbank, James Dennis, Kathy Luz Herrera
EXCUSED:	Nathan Shinagawa

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Board of Health bylaws have been revised to reflect the appointment of the Medical Director as it applies to Diagnostic & Treatment Center regulations, and re-organized for clarity, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee, That the bylaws of the Tompkins County Board of Health be and hereby are approved,

RESOLVED, further, That a copy of the revised bylaws shall be kept on file with the Clerk of the Legislature.

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Resolution (DOC ID: 1864): Opposing Governor Paterson’s Proposed Cuts in Funding for Local Health Departments

Mr. Dennis supports the resolution and hopes that the State takes the County’s opinion seriously. Ms. Cole said she has met with Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton on two separate occasions to discuss this matter.

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kathy Herrera, Member
SECONDER:	Will Burbank, Member
AYES:	Frank Proto, Will Burbank, James Dennis, Kathy Luz Herrera
EXCUSED:	Nathan Shinagawa

WHEREAS, Governor Paterson has submitted his budget recommending several reductions and shifts in funding affecting local health departments, and

WHEREAS, proposals to reduce or shift Article 6 (state aid) reimbursement for certain services that have been labeled as “optional” will significantly impact services provided to communities by the local health department, and

WHEREAS, elimination of Article 6 state aid for Home Health Care, with the exception of those sole providers in a county, may impact access to care where the public certified home health agency provides needed care to the most vulnerable and hard-to-reach populations, and

WHEREAS, certified home health agencies are facing significant reductions at the state and federal level as well as from insurance providers, and

WHEREAS, home health care is a solution to health care efficiency by helping patients avoid increased cost services, hospitalization and nursing homes, and honoring the patients wish to remain at home, and

WHEREAS, use of home health services saves Medicaid dollars, and

WHEREAS, the Governor proposes a shift of funding for the Medical Examiner program, an entitlement program under the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to an undefined program under the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), and

WHEREAS, although the funding for this service is transferred and not reduced in the 2010-11 budget, it is unclear what commitment DCJS will make to fully fund Medical Examiners in the future, and

WHEREAS, if the funding is moved from an entitlement program to a block grant program, sustained funding for Medical Examiners may be jeopardized, and

WHEREAS, it is critical that Medical Examiners, who are responsible for investigating the deaths of persons who might be involved in the criminal justice system or who might be in the custody of state or local government, be independent from law enforcement, and

WHEREAS, local health departments should be funded in ways that allow for discretion and flexibility in addressing local public health priorities, which can vary widely from county to county, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature hereby requests Governor Paterson and the New York State Legislature eliminate the proposed reductions and shifts in Article 6 reimbursement,

RESOLVED, further, That the Governor and Legislature re-affirm support for local Medical Examiners as part of the local Health Department and maintain funding support through Article 6,

RESOLVED, further, That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor David Paterson, Senator James Seward, Senator Michael Nozzolio, Senator George Winner, Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton, and other interested Senator’s and Assemblymen, New York State Association of Counties, and New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO).

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“HomecarEfficiency” Report

Members of the Committee were provided with a copy of the “HomecarEfficiency” report published by the Home Care Association of New York State.

Appointment to Board of Health

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Will Burbank, Member
SECONDER:	Kathy Herrera, Member
AYES:	Frank Proto, Will Burbank, James Dennis, Kathy Luz Herrera
EXCUSED:	Nathan Shinagawa

Erin Hall-Rhodes – Physician representative; term expires December 31, 2015

Ribbon Cutting Planning Meeting

It was reported that a meeting has been held to begin planning the official “ribbon-cutting” events for the new Health Department at 55 Brown Road.

Reuse of Furniture

Mr. Dennis said the Town of Ulysses is looking for furniture for their offices and suggested the Health Department furnishings may be reused by the Town. Ms. Cole said the Town has inquired about surplus furniture.

Update on Flu

It was noted that there is low activity with regard to the H1N1 virus. The Health Department is still providing vaccinations to those interested. The seasonal flu has been very light.

Pharmaceutical Collection Day

The first pharmaceutical collection day was very successful with 509 vehicles (1.4 cars/minute) participating and disposing of more than 1,600 pounds of medication. Due to the success of this event, meetings will take place to discuss additional collection dates. Mr. Burbank said the promotion was phenomenal and thanked everyone involved. Ms. Zahler said it was a good example of collaboration that created a successful event in a way that no single agency or program could have done. Participants included Youth Services, Health Department, Sheriff’s Department, Solid Waste, Ithaca Wastewater Treatment, Cornell University, Lifelong, and community volunteers. Ms. Connors said several small grants assisted in the promotion of the event.

Office for the Aging

Community Living Program (CLP) Grant

Ms. Holmes said Tompkins County is one of seven in New York State receiving the grant, which is now in the planning phase. This program differs from programs such as EISIP in that it is consumer-directed care that would allow a family member or neighbor to provide services. This is useful for individuals who are not able to have a home health aide come into their homes. The other manner the grant may assist individuals is for one-time needs such as the installation of grab-bars in the bathroom, a ramp, etc. She said funds are being diverted from existing services to implement the consumer-directed approach as it is more targeted toward people at risk of nursing home placement or a Medicaid spend-down. The grant year runs from September to September.

In response to Ms. Herrera's question, Ms. Holmes said there is a significant savings if an individual can remain at home. The grant only allows 10-20 percent to be used for services, the balance would come from other areas of the budget. In comparison of spending per client, \$1,700/year is spent per client through EISIP, which is approximately two hours per week.

The Grant overview is noted below:

\$25,000/year for 2 years from Federal Administration on Aging

Year 1: planning

Year 2: implementation

- Grantees include Tompkins, Cayuga, Albany, Washington, Otsego, Dutchess, and Orange Counties.
- Targeted to older adults (60+) at risk of nursing home placement and at risk of Medicaid spend-down.
- Must be financially eligible, functionally eligible, and able to self-direct care.
- Strength-based person-centered care coordination.
- Consumer direction—purchase of goods/services/home care within a budget. Contract with fiscal intermediary (Finger Lakes Independence Center).

Goal: to serve 20 clients by end of grant period; Tompkins slated to become “operational” in month 12 (of 24 month grant).

Veterans Directed Home and Community Based Services (VDHCBS)

Ms. Holmes said this will provide consumer-directed services, with contracts on the local level. County Offices of Aging would enter into a contract with the Syracuse Veterans Administration (VA) to provide the consumer-directed long-term care services and be reimbursed by the VA. Oneida County is the first to enter into the agreement; with Tompkins County starting the program this summer. In response to Mr. Proto's question, Ms. Holmes said it is necessary to go through the Syracuse VA offices as they have been designated for our area. Ms. Holmes said she has been informed the negotiation process with the VA offices take approximately one year. It was noted there is no local match required for this program and that referrals and determination of eligibility criteria would be provided by the VA.

The Grant overview is noted below:

- Veterans Administration to purchase consumer-directed and other home and community-based services from the Aging network for eligible veterans of all ages at risk of nursing home placement.
- Tompkins Office for the Aging and Cayuga Office for the Aging to complete early agreement with Syracuse VA Medical Center.
- Tompkins County will be reimbursed by VA for assessment and case management services provided.
- Process of entering into provider agreement with VA to begin summer, 2010.

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Grant Overview

Ms. Holmes said the grant will bolster what is currently being done between her department and the Department of Social Services with regard to the NY Connects Program. The grant can be used for developing a training curriculum for consumer-navigated care. She noted that that many people around the country are looking to Tompkins County and Albany to see if it can evolve and be successful.

Ms. Herrera said this is visionary given the demographics of the aging population. It will alleviate the demand on nursing homes.

The Grant overview is noted below:

\$50,000/year for 3 years from federal Administration on Aging

Year 1: Planning

Years 2-3: Implementation

Tompkins and Albany Counties are grantees

Focus: To build on NY Connects Program (County Office for the Aging and Department of Social Services Partnership).

- Public education and outreach regarding long term care services.
- Options counseling.
- Person-centered discharge planning.
- Collaborations (Memorandum of Understanding's) with Cayuga Medical Center and Cayuga Ridge (Lakeside).
- Volunteer patient navigator program—develop training curriculum for volunteers to assist elders in midst of care transitions to prevent unnecessary hospital readmission. Focus on non-medical needs. Utilizing best practices of care transitions models. Statewide think group. Targeting criteria:
 - Older adults age 60+
 - Individual has 1 or more chronic condition (COPD, CHF, MI, Renal Failure, Asthma, Diabetes)
 - Current/recent discharge from hospital
 - Individual has informal supports or is self-directing.

Goals:

- Develop Memorandum of Understanding's with Cayuga Medical Center and Cayuga Ridge to provide options counseling upon discharge.
- Serve 20 clients with options counseling in Years 2 and 3, for a total of 40 clients.
- Serve 30 clients through volunteer Consumer Navigator Program by end of Year 3.

Budget Adjustment

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Dennis, Member
SECONDER:	Will Burbank, Member
AYES:	Frank Proto, Will Burbank, James Dennis, Kathy Luz Herrera
EXCUSED:	Nathan Shinagawa

Revenue Acct	Title	Amt	Approp Acct	Title(s)
6772.42705	Gifts and Donations	\$7,807	6772.54400	Program Expense

Explanation: Reappropriated money to be used in 2010 in Title III Program for the Community Health Foundation grant.

Nursing Home Rating

In response to Mr. Proto's question about the recent Ithaca Journal article regarding nursing homes, Ms. Holmes said the Medicare.gov nursing home five-star rating system is a fairly new tool used. The information has been available, but the new five-star tool allows a comparison of other nursing home facilities across the nation. The article noted that two facilities in Tompkins County have room for improvement. Mr. Proto said it was good to see the survey indicated patients do not sit unattended for

long periods and that the staff is highly rated. The State Health Department randomly surveys facilities every twelve to eighteen months and the report would be updated at that time or sooner if the State Health Department has reported concerns.

Ms. Holmes said staff/patient ratio, turn-over, retention, etc. have an affect on quality of patient care and is a nationwide issue. She said the Long-term care grant has helped to focus on recruitment, training, and retention. On March 30th an evidence-based retention training will take place at Kendall at Ithaca with Cornell University participation.

Youth Services

Budget Transfer and Adjustment

The Committee received a budget adjustment and transfer for information only.

Department Updates

The Committee was provided a written report. Ms. Zahler reported on Youth Services Department participation in the Drug Disposal Day, noting it was funded in part through the Federal Drug Prevention grant they receive. She also noted that youth employment is looking bleak; there is no funding at this time from Federal, State, or local sources. Last year over 700 youth were served. If the Senate bill is passed it may provide \$1.3 billion for youth employment, but it is unknown what that would mean locally.

Mr. Proto asked members to address questions to Ms. Zahler and the update would be discussed further at the next meeting.

Mental Health Department

Resolution (DOC ID: 1832): Appropriation from Contingent Fund for Replacement Pay – Mental Health Department

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Will Burbank, Member
SECONDER:	James Dennis, Member
AYES:	Frank Proto, Will Burbank, James Dennis, Kathy Luz Herrera
EXCUSED:	Nathan Shinagawa

WHEREAS, during 2009, three Mental Health employees were paid disability pay for more than two months, and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Policy of Tompkins County allows for replacement pay to the Department from the Contingent Fund for those days exceeding the two months, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services and Budget and Capital Committees, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following budget appropriation:

FROM:	A1990.5440	Contingent Fund	\$ 17,770.26
TO:	A4311.51000591	Salary - Community Mental Health Nurse	\$ 4,661.78
	A4335.51000562	Salary - Caseworker	\$ 4,668.77
	A4312.51000621	Salary -Continuing Day Treatment Specialist	\$ 8,439.71

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Remembrance of Former Commissioner Anthony “Bart” DeLuca

Robert. DeLuca Current Commissioner of Mental Health, noted that his predecessor, Anthony “Bart” DeLuca, who recently passed, was responsible for many of the Mental Health programs the County has.

County Mental Health Services Board Recognition Event

Mr. DeLuca said the Community Mental Health Services Board Recognition Event would be held at the Holiday Inn at 5:00 p.m. on May 25th. The individuals recognized are people in recovery as well as service providers. The focus of the event is recognizing people who made strides and those who have helped them. Mr. Burbank said last year’s event was wonderful and encouraged attendance.

Electronic Medical Records – Request for Proposals

Several vendors will be interviewed in the next several weeks with regard to the request for proposals.

State Funding Update

Mr. DeLuca said one revenue source in the State budget is through the Office of the Medical Inspector General (\$1.2 billion statewide); this year an additional \$300,000,000 will be added in. He expressed concern that the State indicated approximately ten percent of the funds requested are due to fraud, which could create a cost shift to counties. He was in Albany last week with peers speaking to State senators about the issue. There will be a hearing on March 17th about this matter.

Update on Clinic Restructuring

At this time the regulations are in the approval process, which should be completed by July. It would affect the Mental Health Clinic, in particular, how services are delivered or specific types of items that can be funded and how that would occur. Part of the funding structure is for a four-year transition period, however certain aspects of the restructuring would be in place from day one. It is not yet known what the specific financial changes may be, although it is believed that our County would receive funds close to the current amount.

Department of Social Services

Resolution (DOC ID: 1873): Increase in Membership Dues for New York Public Welfare Association - Department of Social Services

Ms. Carey said this Association holds two conferences per year for staff and is the equivalent of New York State Association of Counties for Social Services Departments throughout the state. She said when there are 52 commissioners it is difficult to obtain consensus regarding what needs to be done to assist their programs, this organization is able to do so. Their Director and President do a presentation to the Assembly and Senate after the Governor’s budget is presented.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James Dennis, Member
SECONDER: Kathy Luz Herrera, Member
AYES: Frank Proto, Will Burbank, James Dennis, Kathy Luz Herrera
EXCUSED: Nathan Shinagawa

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services' 2010 approved budget included provisions for payment of \$3,914 in Annual Dues for its membership in the New York Public Welfare Association (NYPWA), and

WHEREAS, NYPWA's dues for the current year are higher than was anticipated when the Department's budget was submitted, and

WHEREAS, County policy requires that payment of all Dues and Membership amounts must be prior-approved by the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the Department is able to transfer funds from another budget line to cover the increase without altering the net local cost of its budget, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services and Budget and Capital Committees, That the Department of Social Services is authorized to pay \$3,992 to NYPWA for its 2010 Annual Dues,

RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance is authorized to make the following adjustments to the Social Services' budget:

From: 6010.54442	Professional Services	\$78
To: 6010.54416	Dues/Memberships	\$78

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Budget Adjustments

New York Connects - Year 4 (DOC ID: 1874)

This adjustment moves funds to be used for rental assistance and case management.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Will Burbank, Member
SECONDER: Kathy Luz Herrera, Member
AYES: Frank Proto, Will Burbank, James Dennis, Kathy Herrera
EXCUSED: Nathan Shinagawa

Revenue Acct	Title	Amt	Approp Acct	Title(s)
6010.43610	State: Social Services Adm.	\$1,527	6010.52230	Software
6010.43610	State: Social Services Adm.	\$5,000	6010.52230	Printing
6010.43610	State: Social Services Adm.	\$8,821	6010.52230	Professional Service

Explanation: The Department of Social Services and COFA have received another year's worth of "NY Connects" grant funding for their joint Single Point of Entry project. The approved budget includes the printing of educational and promotional materials, software licensing/support costs for a database used by both Departments' staff to track and co-ordinate client care, and funds for development of an easily-updateable website that will convert its contents on-demand into a current, printable version for reference.

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Housing First (HPRR) and Wheels for Work (DOC ID: 1878)

Ms. Carey explained the funds were from previous years. This revolving fund program provides funding for individuals to purchase or repair vehicles that is paid back.

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Dennis, Member
SECONDER:	Kathy Luz Herrera, Member
AYES:	Frank Proto, Will Burbank, James Dennis, Kathy Herrera
EXCUSED:	Nathan Shinagawa

Revenue Acct	Title	Amt	Approp Acct	Title(s)
6010.44689	Fed: Other Social Services	\$1,018,716	6010.54400	Program Expense
6010.44689	Fed: Other Social Services	\$ 46,848	6010.51000562	Caseworker
6010.44689	Fed: Other Social Services	\$ 39,345	6010.51000538	Social Welfare Examiner
6010.44689	Fed: Other Social Services	\$ 34,908	6010.58800	Fringes
6010.44689	Fed: Other Social Services	\$ 189,174	6010.54400	Program Expense
6010.54609	Fed: TANF	\$ 140,000	6010.54400	Program Expense

Explanation: 2009 Resolution #168 included adjustments to the Department's 2010 Budget in association with the Homeless-Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRR) Grant. These adjustments have not yet been executed, and the Department has been instructed to re-submit the request in this format. The rate of expenditure on the Rental Arrears component of the Housing First initiative funded through the HPRR grant has exceeded expectations; we are therefore proposing to shift funds anticipated to be paid for this purpose in 2011 to the current year. 2009 Resolution No. 171 included adjustments to the Department's 2010 Budget in association with the Wheels for Work Grant. These adjustments have not yet been executed, and the Department has been instructed to re-submit the request in this format.

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Tompkins Community Action

Mr. DeLuca announced that Tompkins Community Action has received their funding for the Magnolia House project.

Appointments

The following advisory board appointments were made:

Will Burbank – Liaison to Mental Health Advisory Board

A phone poll conducted on March 16, 2010, unanimously resulted in the following appointment being recommended to the full Legislature:

Personal Emergency Response Service Advisory Board

David McKenna – County Legislator; term expires December 31, 2011

Adjournment

On motion the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Fuller, Deputy Clerk