

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
of the ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

DATE: July 14, 1999

TIME: 6:00pm

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Alice Tipp, Robert Aiello, David Donaldson
Joan Feldmann, Brian Hathaway, Edward Jennings,
Sam Magarelli and Robert Wilkins

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Scott Moone

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathryn Puglisi, Office for the Aging
Ellen Greczynski, Office for the Aging

OTHERS EXCUSED: Terry Breitenstein, Veteran's Agency

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

KATHRYN PUGLISI - Office for the Aging

Kathy handed out copies of the Office for the Aging's Annual Report. She stated that this is basically a yearly evaluation of each of the direct programs. Responses are included in the booklet.

Senior Games are over, Kathy announced. The luncheon was held on June 10th and there were about 310 participants. The community provided some support. A senior fair was held and there were 12 exhibitors. The money received offset some of the costs of the program.

Kathy informed the committee that last week the Office for the Aging's Deputy Director resigned. This was effective July 9, 1999. She has taken a position with the State Office for the Aging as a Computer Manager. Kathy added that the position will be changed from Deputy Director to Geriatric Services Coordinator, which was the original position. This will provide approximately \$5,000 more in the budget. However, upgrades have been requested for some of the staff. Bob Aiello asked if she had to go through personnel to do this. Kathy said yes, she has made them aware and would be talking to Bill Darwak the following day. Alice asked if there were added responsibilities with the upgrades. The present positions have been reviewed and it appears some employees are working out of title, she responded. Discussion followed regarding the upgrades. Bob Aiello requested copies of the present job descriptions and descriptions of the upgraded titles. Bob also asked about desk audits. Kathy said that she had talked to Rich Rubin and this change may be done through the budgetary process and not through desk audits. Discussion followed regarding personnel issues. Joan asked what a Geriatric Services Coordinator does. The person will work directly under her supervision to perform the programs of the office such as supervision of the case managers, assisting with needs assessments and

overseeing home care contracts, Kathy replied. She then read the duties from a copy of the job description.

A copy of the Geriatric Services Coordinator job description was handed out to all committee members. Discussion followed regarding the position. Kathy stated that she felt the description of Geriatric Services Coordinator held everything needed for that position. There is no existing list for that position, so notice will be sent out on PROFS and it will also be advertised in the paper. Kathy added that a test will be given in the future and the person in that position will need to pass it as it is a civil service title.

Dave Donaldson requested that a democrat be on the interviewing committee for that position.

Alice stated that there would be. He volunteered to be on the committee.

Ed Jennings and Robert Wilkins were excused from the meeting at 6:15pm.

Kathy then discussed the Care-A-Van. A letter received from Senator Larkin stated that the office was awarded a \$50,000 grant to be used toward the replacement of the van. The current van will first need to be appraised.

Kathy announced that the Ulster County Fair will hold Senior Day on Thursday, August 5, 1999. Admission is free that day between 10:00am and 4:00pm for seniors over 60. The Office for the Aging will hold a fashion show again. Any committee member interested in modeling is welcome. The Care-A-Van will also be there, all day.

Kathy then discussed the Diabetes Coalition. The grant just ended but it has been extended to October 1st. The State Department of Health suggested that application for a new grant be applied by region. Ulster, Dutchess, Sullivan and Orange counties are applying together. Application by individual counties will not be accepted. Sullivan County will be the lead agency. Kathy said they hope to form an Advisory Committee and provide training.

Kathy stated that the Grandparent Program is doing very well. She will be going to Cattaraugus County next week to do a training in the Western part of the state.

Printers for the two computers in Phoenicia and Ellenville are finally hooked up, Kathy said. There is a problem finding people to do the training. Gert Williams will be training at each site for awhile.

The last topic Kathy discussed was the Office for the Aging's project of Live, Laugh and Learn. This is the 2nd year they are holding it. It is a 1 day Elder Hostile, free of charge. A lot of programs will be offered that day. Anyone 60 and over is welcome to sign up, however, it is on a first come, first serve basis.

Alice asked if there were any further questions for Kathy. There were none.

Brian made the 1st motion to adjourn, seconded by Sam.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Tipp, Chairman
Community Services Committee