AGENDA

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

MAY 28, 2019

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. AMENDING RESOLUTION 512 FOR 2018 REGARDING THE ALBANY COUNTY EQUITY AGENDA

2. AMENDING RESOLUTION 137 FOR 2018 REGARDING HOMELESS SHELTER SERVICES IN ALBANY COUNTY
Honorable Andrew Joyce and Members of the Albany County Legislature:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

The Social Services Committee of the Albany County Legislature met on April 23, 2019. Chairperson Fein, Messrs. Bullock, Clay, Cahill and Ms. Lockhart were present. Messrs. Simpson, Commissio, Reinhardt and Mendick were excused. The following items were discussed and/or acted upon:

Approving Previous Meeting Minutes: Unanimously approved.

1. Amending Resolution No. 507 for 2018 Regarding the Provision of Non-Secure Detention Services: The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families requested an amendment to Resolution no. 507 for 2018 an agreement with Steuben County Department of Social Services to indicate an amount of $289 per day rather than $251 per day. After further discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

2. Authorizing Agreements Between the County of Albany and Various Public School Districts Regarding Administrative Expenses Related to the Special Education Itinerant Teacher Program: The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families requested authorization to enter into agreements with various school districts regarding reimbursement of administrative expenses related to the Special Education Itinerant Teacher Program for the term commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. After further discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

3. Authorizing the Renewal of an Agreement with Schenectady County Regarding the Provision of Preschool Evaluation Services: The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Schenectady County regarding the provision of Preschool Evaluation Services through the Albany County Evaluation Team for the term commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. After further discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

4. Authorizing Preschool Education Service Agreements for Children with Special Needs Ages 3 – 5: The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families requested authorization to enter into agreements with preschool special education program providers for children ages three to five years old who have been evaluated and determined by the Board of Education to have a disabling condition for sums not to exceed the New York State established rates for said services for the term commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. After further discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
5. Authorizing the Renewal of Services Agreements Regarding Individualized Education Programs for Children Between the Ages of 3 – 5: The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families requested authorization to enter into agreements with the following preschool special education program providers in regards to mandated Individualized Education Programs through Related Services to meet the physical and educational needs of children ages 3 – 5 years old with disabilities for sums not to exceed the New York State established rates for said services for the term commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. After further discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,
THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

SAMUEL FEIN, Chairperson
MERTON D. SIMPSON
DOUGLAS A. BULLOCK
WILLIAM CLAY
FRANK COMMISSO

PATRICE LOCKART
RICHARD MENDICK
WILLIAM REINHARDT
CHARLES CAHILL
May 13, 2019

Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The office of the Albany County Executive request to extend the current contract with the Center for Human Services Research for the Equity Agenda at no additional cost. A three-month extension will allow departments to develop the most relevant and complete equity strategic plan possible, adjust for any scheduling delays, and provide further technical assistance to establish goals as they utilize information to make data-driven decisions for their workforce and the communities they serve.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

cc: Hon. Craig Apple, Albany County Sheriff
Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauro, Minority Leader
Kevin Cannizzaro, Majority Counsel
Arnise Zilgme, Minority Counsel
REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):
Authorization to extend contract with University of Albany Center for Human Services Research

Date: 5/9/19
Submitted By: Bakary Janneh
Department: Executive
Title: 
Phone: 
Department Rep.: 
Attending Meeting: B. Janneh

Purpose of Request:

☐ Adopting of Local Law
☐ Amendment of Prior Legislation
☐ Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
☐ Bond Approval
☐ Budget Amendment
☒ Contract Authorization
☐ Countywide Services
☐ Environmental Impact/SEQR
☐ Home Rule Request
☐ Property Conveyance
☐ Other: (state if not listed)

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):
☐ Contractual
☐ Equipment
☐ Fringe
☐ Personnel
☐ Personnel Non-Individual
CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:
☒ Change Order/Contract Amendment
☐ Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
☐ Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
☐ Requirements
☐ Professional Services
☐ Education/Training
☐ Grant

Choose an item.
Submission Date Deadline: Click or tap to enter a date.
☐ Settlement of a Claim
☐ Release of Liability
☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):
Center for Human Services Research University at Albany Richardson Hall Western Avenue.
Albany, New York.

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):
Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/.Raise Schedule/Fee:
Scope of Services:
No Cost Extension
To provide additional technical assistance to develop goals

Bond Res. No.:
Date of Adoption:
Click or tap here to enter text.
Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service:
Yes ☐ No ☒

If Mandated Cite Authority:
Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact:
Yes ☐ No ☒

Anticipated in Current Budget:
Yes ☐ No ☒
Yes ☐ No ☒
#### County Budget Accounts:
- **Revenue Account and Line:**
- **Revenue Amount:**
- **Appropriation Account and Line:**
- **Appropriation Amount:**

#### Source of Funding - (Percentages)
- **Federal:**
- **State:**
- **County:**
- **Local:**

#### Term
- **Term:** (Start and end date) 6/30/19 - 9/30/19
- **Length of Contract:** 3 months

#### Impact on Pending Litigation
- **Yes ☐ No ☒**
- **If yes, explain:**

#### Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:
- **Resolution/Law Number:** Resolution 512 of 2018
- **Date of Adoption:** 11/13/18

**Justification:** (state briefly why legislative action is requested)
The first of the two-phase Equity Agenda project explored equity issues within the County and focused on building the capacity to develop a plan. While these activities are underway, granting a three month extension will allow departments to develop the most relevant and complete equity strategic plan possible, adjust for any scheduling delays, and provide additional technical assistance to establish goals as they utilize information to make data-driven decisions for their workforce and the communities they serve.
RESOLUTION NO. 512

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SUNY CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES RESEARCH REGARDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY'S EQUITY AGENDA

Introduced: 11/13/18
By Social Services Committee and Messrs. A. Joyce, Feeney, Beston, Bullock, Clay, Clenahan, Commissio, Ethier, Fein, R. Joyce, Ms. Lekakis, Mr. Mayo, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Miller, O’Brien, Reinhardt, Signoracci, Smith, Touchette, Ward and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution No. 309 for 2017, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with the SUNY Center for Human Services Research to develop a strategic plan for the equity agenda phase of the Human Services Evaluation which guide the gradual process of embedding a philosophy of equity and fairness in all processes in Albany County which will raise the profile and standing of County employees and programs in the communities, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Executive has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the SUNY Center for Human Services Research regarding the further development of the equity agenda commencing January 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2019, in an amount not to exceed $45,195, and

WHEREAS, Such agreement shall include the training of Equity Planning Group members, comprised of staff of various county departments who will use information respective to their departments in order to identify barriers and make recommendations about how to address such issues, and

WHEREAS, An Equity Council will also be formed, comprised of Equity Planning Group members, to ensure that progress is being made not only in their departments but also in the communities their respective departments impact and serve, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the SUNY Center for Human Services Research, Hawley Library, Albany NY 12203 regarding the further development of the county’s equity agenda as outlined above commencing January 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2019, in an amount not to exceed $45,195, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 11/18/18
May 15, 2019

Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Legislative Clerk’s Office
112 State St., Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval for the following:

Via resolution 137 adopted April 8, 2019 approval was granted to receive funding from NYS for Code Blue services provided to Albany County residents in the amount of $198,454. Of this total $15,000 was allocated to the Albany County Department of Social Services (DSS) with the remainder going to two of our shelter providers.

Subsequent to the submission of the original RLA it was determined that DSS had expended an additional $17,438 for motel and overflow shelter payments housing individuals who would not have been eligible for temporary housing assistance (THA) if not for Code Blue. These individuals were either do not admit at all shelters, disqualified from THA due to multiple Independent Living Plan violations, or were found sleeping on the street and refused to come to DSS for shelter placement.

18 CRR-NY 304.1 was established to protect homeless individuals from inclement winter weather where temperatures decreased to 32 degrees or below. The order ensured that homeless individuals were directed to shelter during inclement winter weather thus avoiding hypothermia, serious injury and death. It also required homeless shelters to extend their hours of operations so that those without shelter can remain indoors. Local social service districts must apply to reimburse themselves for these additional Code Blue services.

Therefore, we are requesting permission to accept an additional $17,438 in addition to the original $15,000 requested. No additional appropriation is requested as we have sufficient funds in Safety Net for the remainder of the year.
Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave  
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader  
Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader  
Kevin Cannizzaro, Majority Counsel  
Minority Counsel
REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):
Contract Authorization for Social Services (Code blue)

Date: 5/6/2019
Submitted By: Joseph DeAngelis
Department: Social Services
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 518-447-7583
Department Rep.: Erin Stachewicz
Attending Meeting: 

Purpose of Request:

☐ Adopting of Local Law
☒ Amendment of Prior Legislation
☐ Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
☐ Bond Approval
☐ Budget Amendment
☐ Contract Authorization
☐ Countywide Services
☐ Environmental Impact/SEQR
☐ Home Rule Request
☐ Property Conveyance
☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

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Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):
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CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:
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- ☐ Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- ☐ Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- ☐ Requirements
- ☑ Professional Services
- ☐ Education/Training
- ☐ Grant

Choose an item.
Submission Date Deadline 
Click or tap to enter a date.

☐ Settlement of a Claim
☐ Release of Liability
☐ Other: (state if not listed) 
Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):
Albany County Department of Social Services

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):
162 Washington Ave., Albany NY

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: $17,438
Scope of Services: Albany County DSS provides Code Blue shelter services to protect homeless individuals from inclement winter weather when temperatures are at 32 degrees or below

Bond Res. No.: 
Date of Adoption: 
Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☑ No ☐
If Mandated Cite Authority:
18 CRR-NY 304.1

Is there a Fiscal Impact:
Yes ☐ No 
Anticipated in Current Budget:
Yes ☑ No ☐
County Budget Accounts:
Revenue Account and Line: AA6140.03640
Revenue Amount: $17,438
Appropriation Account and Line: AA6140.4.4046
Appropriation Amount: $17,438

Source of Funding - (Percentages)
Federal: 0
State: 100%
County: 0
Local: 0

Term
Term: (Start and end date) 10/1/2018-9/30/2019
Length of Contract: 12 months

Impact on Pending Litigation
Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:
Resolution/Law Number: 152, 137
Date of Adoption: 4/9/2018, 4/8/2019

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)
Via Resolution number 137 adopted April 8, 2019, approval was granted to receive funding from NYS for Code Blue services provided to Albany County residents in the amount of $198,454. Of this total $15,000 was allocated to the Albany County Department of Social Services (DSS) with the remainder going to two of our shelter service providers.

Subsequent to the submission of the original Code Blue RLA it was determined that DSS had expended an additional $17,438 for motel and overflow shelter payments housing individuals who would not have been eligible for temporary housing assistance (THA) if not for Code Blue. These individuals were either do not admit at all shelters, disqualified from THA due to multiple Independent Living Plan violations, or were found sleeping on the street and refused to come to DSS for shelter placement.

Therefore, we are requesting permission to accept an additional $17,438 (in addition to the original $15,000 request) in Code Blue funds. No additional appropriation is requested as we have sufficient funds in Safety Net for the remainder of the year.

18 CRR-NY 304.1 was established to protect homeless individuals from harsh winter weather. Homeless individuals are directed to shelter during inclement winter weather thus avoiding hypothermia, serious injury and death. It also required homeless shelters to extend their hours of operations so that those without shelter can remain indoors. Local social service districts must apply to receive reimbursement for these additional Code Blue services.
March 5, 2019

Michele McClave, Commissioner  
Albany County Department of Social Services  
162 Washington Avenue  
Albany, New York 12210

Dear Commissioner McClave:

I am pleased to inform you that the attached plan Albany County Department of Social Services submitted to OTDA to implement Office regulation 18 NYCRR 304 (Code Blue) has been approved. Attached, please find claiming instructions for these expenditures.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (518) 474-3080 or by email at richard.umholtz@otda.ny.gov, or Sarah Watson at (518) 473-7367 or email sarah.watson@otda.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Richard Umholtz  
Director  
Bureau of Housing and Support Services  
Integrated Family Assistance Programs

Attachments

cc:  Acting Commissioner Hein  
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