

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Held In Room #318**

**PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING**

**CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

**Members:**

**Chairman Gross, Legislators LoBue & Wright**

**Wednesday**

**September 10, 2014**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Chairman Roger Gross. He requested that Legislator LoBue lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators LoBue, Wright and Chairman Gross were present.

Chairman Gross made a motion to waive the Rules and Accept All the Additional; Seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

**Item #3) Approval/Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes: August 12, 2014**

Chairman Gross stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #4) Approval/Budgetary Amendment (14A082)/Sheriff's Department/Amendment required to cover overtime costs for Sheriff's Patrol Division**

Legislator LoBue made a motion to approve the Budgetary Amendment (14A082); Seconded by Legislator Wright. All in favor.

**Item #5) Approval/Budgetary Amendment (14A087)/Sheriff's Department/Amendment required to correct funding of the Sheriff's FY13 Homeland Security Lines**

Legislator Wright stated for clarification that this Homeland Security Funding was already received by the County.

Legislator Wright made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment (14A087); Seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

**Item #6) Approval/Grant Application/2014-2015 Public Service Answering Point Award (PSAP)/Bureau of Emergency Services**

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Stiebeling stated that this is a formula based grant. He stated that the Bureau of Emergency Services have been requested to apply and request additional funding. He stated at the minimum they would receive \$129,448.00. He stated that this is a 100% funding grant, there is not a matching commitment from the County required.

Legislator LoBue requested that Legislative Counsel confirm that this is in order.

Legislative Counsel VanRoss confirmed it is in order.

Legislator Wright stated that he would like his “Recusal” noted on the record due to the fact that his Son is the Assistant to the Director for Homeland Security.

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Stiebeling provided background on the funding source. He stated that he will send a correspondence tomorrow to the Legislature amending the amount that will be requested in their application.

Legislator LoBue stated that she would like clarification on what is being requested this evening for this Committee to consider.

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Stiebeling stated that they are requesting approval to move forward and make apply for this Grant; maximum \$175,000.00.

Legislator LoBue stated that she would like to have a correspondence from the Bureau of Emergency Services documenting their request specifically stating the amounts that were discussed here this evening.

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Stiebeling stated that he will do that.

Chair Gross made a motion to approve the Grant Application/2014-2015 Public Service Answering Point Award (PSAP)/Bureau of Emergency Services; Seconded by Legislator LoBue. Legislator Wright Recused himself.

**Item #7) Approval/Appointments- Approved by County Executive/Members of the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board (ESSAB)**

Legislator Wright made a motion to approve the Appointment- Approved by County Executive/ Members of the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board (ESSAB); Seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

**Item #8) Discussion/Re-Establish the Putnam County Fire Advisory Board (previously discussed at 8/12/2014 Protective Svcs Mtg)**

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Stiebeling stated Deputy Commissioner Lipton who has been running point on this has had a death in his family. He explained that is why he is not here to speak to this item. He stated in attendance tonight is the President of the Fire Chiefs Association Justin Lewis and the President of Putnam County Volunteer Firemen’s Association Ed Butler. He stated that the review process to document the establishment of the rules and regulations for the Putnam County Fire Advisory Board (FAB) continues.

Ed Butler President of Putnam County Volunteer Firemen’s Association stated that the Putnam County Volunteer Firemen’s Association has been working on this matter. He stated that if the Legislature has a copy of the original bi-laws for the FBA it would be greatly appreciated.

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Stiebeling stated the County Law Department would be able to assist with that. He stated that he will look into that.

Legislator Nacerino questioned how long this FAB has been dissolved.

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Stiebeling stated that it was dissolved in 2009, at which the ESSAB was formed by then Commissioner McMahon.

Legislator Nacerino questioned for her own clarification; the ESSAB was created in lieu of the Fire Advisory Board, but it has now been decided that both Boards are needed.

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Stiebeling stated that is correct.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he has heard from the members of the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department also stating that without the Putnam County Fire Advisory Board being active there is an area of County services that is not well represented. He stated that he supports this re-establishment.

Legislator LoBue stated at the August Protective Services Committee Meeting there was a request made to make sure that all of the fire departments be contacted of the proposal for the re-establishment of this Board. She stated the purpose of this notification was to allow them to provide a list of members that they may want to be considered to be on FAB.

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Stiebeling stated it would be premature at this time to do so.

Justin Lewis President of the County Chiefs Association stated this has been an ongoing dialogue for some time. He stated that the departments are aware of the effort to re-establish the Board.

Legislator Nacerino stated that when the mission statements are submitted for the two (2) boards: ESSAB and the FAB please distinguish the differences between the two (2) of them.

**Item #9) Discussion/Sex Offender/Housing/ Commissioner of Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau**

Chair Gross stated that he had sent correspondence requesting Commissioner of Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau Piazza attend this meeting to provide an update on a current notification of a Sex Offender who moved into the Village of Brewster that is within Legislative District #7. He stated that is Legislator Castellano's district. He requested that this matter be addressed. He stated that the Committee would like overview of DSS's involvement on assisting with housing placements of a convicted Sex Offender in Putnam County. He stated since he sent the correspondence the Sex Offender who was reported to have moved into Legislative District #7, has relocated to Westchester.

Commissioner Piazza stated that a level 3 Sex Offender moved into the Village of Brewster. He stated that notification to the proper local authorities was given and the community was notified. He stated that proper procedure was followed. He stated that he and his department gets involved with assisting with finding housing when a Sex Offender is on parole and is homeless or a Sex Offender who is not on parole but is homeless. He stated when a level 2 or 3 Sex Offender enters a community they are to notify the local law enforcement entity. He stated that his office is notified prior to discharge if a Sex Offender is homeless. He stated it will show that persons address as 110 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY. He stated that is the address of the Donald B. Smith Campus, where the DSS Office is located. He stated

that as soon as the person is released from the jail they must go directly to the DSS Office. He stated when a person is paroled and is homeless, the DSS Office must work to find housing that needs to be approved by the Parole Personnel housing. He stated that the Parole Housing Placement Laws that must be adhered to are similar to the County Law, however there some differences. He continued to discuss the requirements by the Division of Parole. He stated that it is a lot easier to find housing for a parolee who is not a Sex Offender.

Legislator Castellano stated that he would like to thank Commissioner Piazza for coming in and speaking to this matter. He stated that he was contacted by a concerned constituent regarding this issue. He stated that the Sex Offender, who moved into the Village of Brewster, apparently had the finances to afford housing, which the DSS office was not aware of this. He stated that it has been reported that this person has left Putnam and has moved to Westchester. He questioned if the Sheriff's Department would have been contacted with this information.

Commissioner Piazza stated that the Sex Offender is required to report to the Law Enforcement Agency within in the community that they will be moving into. He stated he cannot answer the question as to whether the Sheriff's Department was aware of this person's presence in the Village of Brewster. He stated that after he received Chairman Gross's memorandum requesting that he come provide an update on this matter; he gathered his information by searching the Central Registry.

Legislator Castellano questioned the different requirements of notification between the level 1, 2 and 3 Sex Offender.

Commissioner Piazza stated that the level 1 Sex Offender is not registered on the Central Registry. He stated that level 2 and 3 are listed on the Central Registry.

Undersheriff Convery stated that from the Sheriff's Department Captain McNamara and the Civil Deputies assist in these cases. He stated technically it falls under the jurisdiction of the Town or Village agencies, unless they ask for assistance from the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Piazza stated when it is a case that the DSS Office is involved with they know that the person will notify the local law enforcement agency, but DSS will notify the local law enforcement agency as well.

**Item #10) Discussion/Correspondence:**

**a. Fr: Legislator Castellano To: Director Funicelli Date: August 29, 2014 Re: August 6, 2014 Stop DWI Coordinators' Training**

Chair Gross stated that this is in response to an inquiry made by Legislator Castellano.

Legislator Castellano stated that he works in the County Clerk's Office in Westchester County. He stated that there was a conference held for the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, which include (five (5) counties: Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Orange and Rockland Counties. He stated that each County was represented at the meeting, with the exception of Putnam. He stated that he was concerned that Putnam was not represented. He questioned if Probation Director Funicelli had been aware of the conference.

Probation Director Funicelli stated that he did receive an email that was dated late on July 29<sup>th</sup> , he actually saw it in his email on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July and he began vacation on August 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that it was an oversight on his part for not finding a representative from the County to attend in his absence. He stated that if he had been available he would have attended. He stated that there is a Part-Time Administrator in the Stop DWI, Naura Slivinsky, who works ten (10) hours a week. He stated she would have been the person that he would have contacted and requested attend in his absence.

Legislator Castellano stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the matter of receiving DWI penalty fines. He stated that the lower courts in Westchester were represented and it was stated that they will not give out the Disposition until the fine is paid. He stated that is not allowed in County Court.

Probation Director Funicelli stated that this is a matter that he looked into a few years back. He provided an overview of his research. He stated in summary this is an ongoing matter in the Stop DWI Association. He stated that this is not a substantial problem in Putnam County; regardless of that fact, he would have attended the meeting if he had been available and it was his oversight not to have sent representation. He provided an over view of the Stop DWI Association campaign. He explained that the Stop DWI Foundation has a different status than the Association. He explained the Stop DWI Foundation is able to apply for grant funding. The Association is not. Therefore the Foundation pays for the “give away” items, which he brought some examples (coasters, key chains etc...). He stated that the Stop DWI Association has a campaign they are bringing forward entitled “Have a Plan”. He stated the plan is in reference to how you will get home from an event if you will be drinking; “Have a Plan” do not wait until you have had a couple of drinks. He stated the goal is to get people to not drink and drive. He provided an overview of the different methods the program is using to bring awareness and provide suggested tools through a free app. He stated that the DWI program is funded from the DWI fines collected in the County. He stated that the Stop DWI Program has seven (7) components: Enforcement, Prosecution, Court Related, Probation, Rehabilitation, Public Information Education and Administration. He explained that the funds received are distributed among these seven (7) components. He explained in broad terms of how the dollars are distributed. He stated he is the one in charge of overseeing the Stop DWI Program in Putnam County.

Legislator Wright explained that the District Attorney’s Office use to be in charge of the program. However it was decided that there was a conflict with the District Attorney being in charge of implementing the fine amount by virtue of the charge.

Probation Director Funicelli stated each year the Stop DWI Program comes to the Protective Services Committee for approval. He stated that the proposed plan actually goes to the State first, once they have approved it then it comes back to Probation and is then presented to the Legislature for final approval. He stated that the Coordinator is also in charge of the distribution of the funds received to support the Stop DWI Program. He stated the funds received are allocated among the seven (7) Stop DWI Program components.

**Item #11) Other Business - None**

**Item #12) Adjournment**

There being no further business at 6:55P.M., Chair Gross made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Diane Trabulsy.