HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA
Location: Yates County Legislative Chambers
Date: March 1, 2021 at 4:00pm
NOTE:
- Maximum attendance at any meeting is limited to 50 persons.
- Considering 14 Legislators, the Clerk of the Legislature and the County Administrator, Public attendance will therefore be limited to 34 persons
- If it is desired to address the committee (or Legislature) it would be appreciated that the Clerk of the Legislature be contacted to assure that there will be capacity in the room.
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Committee members present: Leslie Church, Ed Bronson, Terry Button, Carlie Chilson, Dick Harper, Bonnie Percy

- Leslie and Terry will do the audit this month
- Approve minutes of the February meeting.
- Public Comment

VETERANS: Philip Rouin
- Veterans’ Services Projects
- Personnel updates
- Veteran Services updates
- Statistical report
- Upcoming Veteran related Training, Meetings, and Community Events
- Claims settled

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth
- Program updates
Resolution:
- Authorization To Sign Annual Update And 4-Year Plan Review And Approval For The Yates County Area Agency On Aging
SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller
Resolution:
- Recognize Laura Bagley as a Distinguished Youth
- Authorize lifeguard funding
- Amend Resolution 237-20
- Authorize Social Welfare Examiner

- Personnel
- Adult Protective Service
- Food Stamps
- Landlord Outreach
- Unemployment
- Youth Bureau

PUBLIC HEALTH: Annmarie Flanagan
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
- Influenza
- COVID-19 Update
- RESOLUTION: Amendment to Agreement with HRI
- RESOLUTION: Agreement with NACCHO
- Rabies Program
- Communicable Disease SNAP Shot
- Quality Improvement
- PAC meeting 2/17/2021

CHILDREN’S SERVICES:
- RESOLUTION: Agreement with Danielle Martin, Physical Therapist

COMMUNITY SERVICES:
Actions Items:
- RESOLUTION: Contract with Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes
- RESOLUTION: Contract with the Living Well, Inc.
- RESOLUTION: Contract with Our Town Rocks
- RESOLUTION: Appointment to CSB and Mental Health Subcommittee (Roberts)
- RESOLUTION: Appointment to CSB (Forshay)

- SAFE Act: 2 Reports received & investigated, 1 reported to DCJS
- Fiscal: contracts for 2021 finalized
- AOT: Current cases: 0 Investigations: 0
- Program updates

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn
For Public Defender:
- Resolution – Authorize Chairman to Execute Distribution #11 Non-Competitive Grant and Any Contract Extensions Relating to Distribution #11 Non-Competitive Grant
- Statistical report

EXECUTIVE SESSION – If needed
I. **Personnel, Project & Training Updates:**

- VSA’s new administrative clerk supplied by Associates For Training & Development (A4TD) will start March 1st (see attached A4TD "Why Be a SCSEP Training Site"). As noted on the attachment, this if fully funded by A4TD. The clerk will be instrumental in helping our agency scan archived records to the county’s LaserFiche database system.

- VSA staff completed the following training:
  - New York State Division of Veterans’ Services (NYS DVS) – Changes at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for Women Veterans in the Deborah Sampson Act.

II. **Veteran Services Update:**

- **Contact Report:** Our Monthly Contact Report for February shows 252 services were provided (see our attached spreadsheet). Veteran clients and family members continue meeting with a VSO, advance appointments recommended (required spacing is maintained).

- **Transportation:** VSA staff and volunteers, wearing protective masks and using County vehicles, transported 22 Veterans to medical appointments. Many of these trips were made to transport Veterans to COVID vaccination appointments.

III. **Upcoming Veteran-Related Training, Meetings, and Community Events:**

- **Finger Lakes Veterans Advocacy Council meeting**
  Date: Wednesday – March 3rd, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
  Location: via Microsoft (MS) Teams virtual platform / teleconference

- **NYS DVS & County Veteran Service Officer Association (CVSOA) Leadership meeting**
  Date: Wednesday – March 17th, 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon
  Location: via teleconference

- **NYS CVSOA, Buffalo & Albany VA meeting**
  Date: Thursday – March 18th, 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon
  Location: via Webex platform

- **Yates County Crisis Intervention Team – Working Group meeting**
  Date: Friday – March 19th, 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon
  Location: via Zoom platform

- **NYS DVS – Veteran Service Officer training**
  Date: Thursday – March 25th, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
  Location: via Webex platform

IV. **Claims Settled & Disbursements to our Veterans/Surviving Dependents:**

- Monthly total compensation for VA claims settled this month: $49,788.61
- Total monthly compensation and disbursements year-to-date: $140,741.59
**VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY - SERVICES PROVIDED TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES - FEBRUARY 2021**

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Note: 1 - Initial veteran contacts - first time veteran has been to office - not necessarily a new veteran
Notes: 2 & 3 - Outreach with Veterans who are home-bound, self-isolated, or in nursing homes/assisted living centers
Note: 4 - Veteran database system clean-up project
Why be a SCSEP Host Agency?

There are many benefits to hosting a Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) participant at your agency! A few of them include:

- In exchange for your assistance in their training, our qualified trainees bring tremendous maturity, passion, and talent to their training assignments. They can support and strengthen your existing program offerings.
- Participants are paid under a federal grant and support you at no cost to your agency.
- Applicants are pre-screened by our staff before they are referred to you. Every effort is made to match participants and Host Agencies as well as possible.
- We offer testing and assessment of program participants to determine their strong points and to identify areas that could be improved. We want participants to be challenged by their assignment, and also be able to contribute to the agency.
- No participant is assigned to you without your approval. You can ask that participants be removed and reassigned to another agency at any time.
- Participants are monitored continuously to ensure their success. We work in partnership with you, so you’re never alone in the process!
- Participants grow in their assignments. Many agencies find them perfect for future job openings, and end up hiring them! We make every effort to then backfill the vacant position with another participant.

“Partnering with SCSEP was a wonderful step in the growth of our agency. We are helping an older person, supporting our community, and making our own program better. It’s a ‘win-win’. We love SCSEP!”
- An A4TD SCSEP Host Agency Supervisor

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Action Items: Authorization for Chairman of the Legislature to sign Annual Update to the 4 Year Plan.

Program Updates:

1. Wellness Classes:

   14 Seniors participate weekly in Zoom based Bone Builders classes and 7 participate in Zoom based Tai Chi. Seniors are warming up to that method of service delivery and feedback have been very positive.

2. COVID-19 Vaccination Line:

   We partnered with Yates Public Health and County IT to get a dedicated phone line set up for seniors 65+, with comorbidities, that didn’t have access to a PC or internet to register for a vaccine on their own.

   After screening, we are adding seniors to a waitlist that we then used to register them for the vaccine through CVS. Anyone not registered through CVS will remain on the wait list for Public Health.

   As of 2/25 Candice registered 41 of seniors with CVS and 109 remain on the wait list.

3. Food Distributions:

   On 2.18, 201 families participated in our drive through pantry at the Town of Starkey Highway Department. This included Bulk pick-ups for Head Start and Children and Family Services. A bulk pick up for an additional 99 Mennonite families also happened.

   Our next distribution is on 3/18 at the Town of Starkey Highway Department. Sign ups were made available on 3/1.

4. Transportation:

   We have heard back on our 5310 grant and our paperwork and check for our portion should go out the first week of March. This will allow us to purchase a second wheelchair accessible van. This purchase will eliminate the need for 1 of our aging vans and our second bus. Both of those vehicles will go out to auction as soon as we complete the purchase of the new van.

5. Senior Nutrition:

   The central kitchen was closed from 2/19-3/1 for some needed upgrades. Delivery of shelf stable meals was provided daily to all customers during the closure.
Other:

1. Fiscal and Contract Update:

We are waiting on the 2021 AU to be released for completion. We were asked to prepare for a quick turnaround this year as they will prepopulate the forms and level funding is expected. We were instructed to verify our funding allotments are correct and then submit the AU.

AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ANNUAL UPDATE AND 4-YEAR PLAN REVIEW AND APPROVAL FOR THE YATES COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING

WHEREAS, it is required that the Yates Area Agency on Aging, Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc., submit an Annual Update to the 4-Year Plan, and

WHEREAS, Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program and the Community Services for the Elderly Program have been approved in the 2021 Yates County Budget for the Pro Action Yates Office for the Aging, and

WHEREAS, that 2021 Annual Update to the 4-Year Plan process requires Local Executive Review and Approval to receive State and Federal funds for the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program or the Community Services for the Elderly Program, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature be authorized to sign the 2021 Annual Update to the 4-Year Plan, and further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Pro Action Yates Office for the Aging.
Resolutions
Recognize James Laura Bagley as a Distinguished Youth Award Recipient for 2020
Authorize lifeguard funding
Amend Resolution 237-20
Authorize Social Welfare Examiner

Personnel
Please see the attached request for an additional Social Welfare Examiner position. This position would replace a current HEAP position we have contracted with through ProAction. The contract position is year-round, prior to. The contracted employee is paid nearly $4 less an hour for doing the exact same work as the Social Welfare Examiners. As a result, we have a difficult time keeping the position filled. The frequent turnover means that we rarely get over the steep learning curve for the person in that position and are unable to process cases as quickly as is necessary. HEAP is Federally funded and each year we receive an administrative allocation through OTDA. We historically have used that allocation to pay for the contract with ProAction. Adding a Social Welfare Examiner would mean that we would use that funding to pay for a county position, rather than sending the money to an outside agency.

2018-2019 allocation- $68,000
2019-2020 allocation- $78,000
Amount in ProAction contract for full-time HEAP worker-$42,061 (this includes $1,540 for a portion of the ProAction supervisor)
Anticipated Cost of Social Welfare examiner- $50,324
Amount of extra time from SNAP/HEAP staff since 1/1/2021 - 100.5 hours

Adult Protective Service
Adult Protective Services is a program frequently misunderstood. The powers granted to the Commissioner are more limited than those in the Child Protective Services area. There is a conscious recognition of the presumption of competence and right to bodily self-determination of a competent adult. Adults have the right to exercise free choice in decision making, even if those decisions are harmful. This means if an adult makes a reasoned decision to refuse services, the reasons have a sound basis in reality, and the person fully understands the potential harmful consequences of their decision, then APS cannot intervene on an involuntary basis. Determinizations of decision-making capacity may require a mental health assessment.

Unlike CPS, APS does not have a 24-hour hotline. Referrals can be made directly to the department. After a referral is accepted APS will visit the person within three working days of the referral, or within 24 hours if the situation is life threatening. Upon receiving a referral, casework staff work with physicians, banks, community agencies, and friends and family members to determine the needs of the adult. Examples of situations to refer to Adult Protective Services include elderly or impaired adults who:

- Have been physically, verbally, or sexually abused or intimidated by a caregiver
- Are residing in unsafe or unsanitary living arrangements
- Are found malnourished or dehydrated
- Are lost or frequent wanderers
- Are exhibiting behavior that could result in harm to themselves or others
- Have lost a caregiver
- Have been the victim of financial exploitation

We are very fortunate to have excellent relationships with banks in Yates County. We often receive referrals for suspected financial abuse directly from banks. The department is also fortunate to be a member of a regional multi-disciplinary team. This gives us access to forensic accountants and other specialists to determine how to best proceed with cases.
**Food Stamps**
Since July 2020, the State Comptroller’s Office has issued regular reports on the state’s fiscal status during the COVID-19 era. This week’s edition notes that according to the U.S. Census Bureau, New York State ranks seventh among the states for adults experiencing food scarcity (14% in NYS vs. 11% National)—which translates into roughly 1.7 million New York adults. The Comptroller report also indicates that over 2.7 million New Yorkers received SNAP benefits in December—up by 7.1 percent from February 2020.

**Landlord Outreach**
As you may recall from a previous report, all counties received funding for the Emergency Solutions Grant through OTDA. Our department, like the surrounding counties, choose to arrange for the management of these funds by a community agency. FLACRA is the recipient of our funding with the assistance of Keuka Housing Council, and Legal Assistance. The funding is designed to assist with housing issues that would include eviction prevention, rent arrears, etc. At this point we have had very little use of the funding, likely a result of the moratorium on evictions.

Most social service districts are preparing in some way for a dramatic increase in evictions and homelessness when the moratorium is lifted. By way of preparation, the department is reaching out to landlords to let them know about this funding. If landlords encourage renters to apply for grant funding now, we can perhaps avoid evictions later and keep money flowing to landlords. This funding is available only to individuals and families who are not eligible for DSS services, and payment is made directly to the landlords.

**Unemployment**
There are no new unemployment rates available at this time.

Unemployment fraud has become an issue that has been reported statewide. According to a (Feb 2) press release: The New York State Department of Labor today announced that it has identified over 425,000 fraudulent unemployment benefit claims during the COVID-19 pandemic, preventing fraudsters from stealing more than $5.5 billion in benefits. The DOL has referred hundreds of thousands of fraud cases to federal prosecutors and continues to work with law enforcement partners on the federal, state, and local level to hold fraudsters accountable.

If individuals suspect fraud they should call 518-485-2144 or complete an online request: https://webapps.labor.ny.gov/dews/ui/fraud/report-fraud.shtm

A February 25 press release:
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the launch of a new identity verification tool, ID.me, to fight unemployment benefit fraud and help New Yorkers with bona fide claims verify their identities and receive benefits faster. The Department of Labor has identified over 500,000 fraudulent claims and stopped over $6.4 billion in payments to criminals since the start of the pandemic and distributed over $70 billion in legitimate unemployment benefits to 4.2 million New Yorkers since March 2020.

In addition, the Department of Labor is also bolstering its anti-fraud efforts by launching a new web page to provide New Yorkers with a step-by-step guide for protecting their identity from cyber criminals.

**Youth Bureau**
The 2020 Resource Allocation Plan was approved 2/23/20. Vouchers have been submitted to the Treasurer’s office and we will begin the process of submitting to OCFS for reimbursement.
RECOGNIZE YATES COUNTY DISTINGUISHED YOUTH AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, the Yates County Youth Board selected Laura Bagley for recognition as a Yates County Distinguished Youth of 2020, acknowledging her outstanding service to her community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Legislature take recognition of this honor bestowed upon Laura Bagley by the Yates County Youth Board on March 8, 2021 in Penn Yan, NY, and thank her for her dedicated service to the community of Penn Yan and to the citizens of Yates County; and

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Laura Bagley and the Youth Bureau Director.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDING

WHEREAS, funding has been appropriated in the 2021 Yates County Budget for the following municipalities

- Village of Penn Yan (Lifeguard Services) $10,260.00
- Town of Middlesex (Lifeguard Services) $1,026.00
- Town of Torrey (Lifeguard Services) $1,026.00

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the chairman of the Yates County Legislature is hereby authorized to sign said memorandums of understanding for the allocation for these funds; and it be further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the County Treasurer and the Youth Bureau Director.

AMEND RESOLUTION 237-20

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services wishes to strengthen program integrity; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is entered into contract with CLEAR for these services; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 237-20 contained an error in the listed rates and contract time period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that information in resolution 237-20 be amended to reflect a rate pf $310.75 per month for a period of three years ending June 30, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the DSS Commissioner and the Yates County Treasurer.

AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO CREATE AND FILL A SOCIAL WELFARE EXAMINER POSITION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services is requesting to create and fill a Social Welfare Examiner position; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner through the position review process has identified the need to create and fill a Social Welfare Examiner position; and
WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost to fill the position is $50,324 which includes fringe benefits; with 100% reimbursement from HEAP Administration the total cost to the County will be $0 to create and fill the position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective March 8, 2021 the Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to create and fill a full-time Social Welfare Examiner position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be provided the Commissioner of Social Services, Personnel Officer, County Administrator, and County Treasurer.
Yates County Public Health
Human Services Committee
Background information
March 1, 2021

Public Health/Prevention Programs:
Communicable Disease Control

Influenza:
Influenza activity in New York State (NYS) has been categorized as sporadic. The total number of positive cases in NYS for the 20/21 season remains below previous years. Yates County, as reported by NYS, has not had any positive cases this season. There are positive cases in the surrounding counties. Cattaraugus and Essex counties have the highest number of cases in NYS this past week.

COVID-19:
At the writing of this report the department has received 1080 positive test results and over 28,500 negative test results. Staff are monitoring 14 active cases and 70 plus contacts in isolation/quarantine. Currently one individual is hospitalized due to Covid-19 illness, and we have had 25 deaths due to Covid-19 infection. Covid testing opportunities have continued with Finger Lakes Community Health. Exploration of testing sites continue.
Covid-19 vaccination has been a chief focus for Yates County Public Health (YCPH). The vaccination efforts are through clinics and points of distribution sites (PODS). The present sites have included the Yates County Auditorium as well as Dundee Central School and the Penn Yan Central School. We have also done outreach to the Developmental Disabilities Service Organization (DDSO) homes.
We continue to work with the URMC HUB and its COVID Vaccine Task Force. The regional HUBS are responsible for ensuring widespread, safe, and equitable distribution of the COVID vaccine in our communities. Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization information was released by NYSDOH. This update has the Local Health Departments focusing on the group: those with co morbid diseases; such as cancer, diabetes, obesity, chronic kidney disease, heart failure, and coronary artery disease. We have also been directed to keep vaccinating the Essential 1B workforce. In addition to these two groups, we have also been directed to work with local nursing homes and adult living centers to vaccinate patient and staff. This brings about some issues due to the number that may need to receive the vaccine. Once a vial is open all the vaccine in the vial needs to be used within 6 hours. We will be focusing efforts to ensure a plan is in place to ensure vaccination without loss of vaccine.

RESOLUTION: Authorize Amendment to Agreement with Health Research Inc. to extend the grant period to December 31, 2021.

RESOLUTION: Authorize agreement with NACCHO for the notice of additional MRC COVID-19 funding in the amount of $5,000.
Rabies Program
Our rabies program remains a core function of YCPH. We had 124 animal bite reports during 2020. Of importance the state has not put financial support into this mandated service for the NYS budget for this fiscal year 2021.

Communicable Disease SNAP Shot
Our annual Communicable Disease Snapshot will be going out to the health care providers in the county. Please see the attached document for further details.

Yates County Public Health Quality Improvement
Our quarterly Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) took place on 2/17/2021. The committee was apprised of the work being done since the last meeting here at YCPH. The committee was also apprised of our recent Early Intervention Program survey. The YCPH Quality Improvement Binder has been placed in the county legislative office for your review.

Children’s Services:
RESOLUTION: Authorize Agreement with Danielle Martin, Physical Therapist to provide services for children in the PreSchool Special Education Program.

SIGN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH HEALTH RESEARCH INC. (HRI)
WHEREAS, Yates County Public Health has received an extension of the grant which provides additional COVID-19 funding through the New York State Department of Health Emergency Preparedness Program of $567,490; with $67,490 available to the County and $500,000 restricted for use by NYSDOH; and

WHEREAS, said grant period has been extended through December 31, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign the amendment to the agreement with Health Research Inc. (HRI) for the period ending December 31, 2021 for the COVID-19 Grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Public Health office, and the Treasurer.

SIGN AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO)
WHEREAS, Yates County Public Health has received notice of additional MRC COVID-19 funding through the National Association of County and City Health Officials of $5,000; and

WHEREAS, said grant period will be effective as of the date of the later signature and will continue until September 29, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with the National Association
of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for the period beginning on the date of the later signature for the COVID-19 Grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Public Health office, and the Treasurer.

SIGN AGREEMENT WITH DANIELLE MARTIN, PHYSICAL THERAPIST

WHEREAS, Yates County Public Health seeks to sign an agreement with Danielle Martin, Physical Therapist, to provide services to children with developmental delays and disabilities in the Preschool Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Legislature be hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Danielle Martin, Physical Therapist at the following all-inclusive rates: $64.00 in 2021, $65.00 in 2022, $66.00 in 2023, $67.00 in 2024, and $68.00 in 2025, for the period 3/1/2021 to 12/31/2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Public Health office, and the Treasurer.

Community Services
Action Items:
RESOLUTION: Authorize contract with Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes
RESOLUTION: Authorize contract with The Living Well, Inc.
RESOLUTION: Authorize contract with Our Town Rocks
RESOLUTION: Appointment to CSB and Mental Health Subcommittee (Carrie Roberts)
RESOLUTION: Appointment to CSB (Sydney Forshay)

SAFE Act:
2 reports received and investigated: 1 reported to DCJS:

Fiscal:
Contracts for 2021 finalized

AOT:
Current cases: 0 Investigations: 0

Program: Suicide Prevention Coalition of Yates
Coalition met in February for planning activities. Action underway to finalize a Suicide Prevention coordinator. Plans for 2021 include another Out of the Darkness Walk, Survivors Day activities, as well as varied prevention activities. The partnership with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) will continue. A connection with the Wayne Suicide Prevention Coalition is developing.
**Program: Yates INSYGHT:**

Yates INSYGHT. (Inclusive Network Supporting Youth and Families Toward Growth, Health, Teamwork). Continues to meet with general membership and the Point of Accountability Committee (POA) monthly. Work groups also continue to meet monthly. A full-time trainer has been hired and will be developing an assessment of training needs in support of the Systems of Care Development. The school based High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) Care Management Program for Penn Yan and Dundee CSD is moving ahead with the two Care Managers participating in their specialized training. A youth survey was initiated and was completed by over 300 youth from Yates County. A family survey is in development and will be distributed this month. The biannual regional communities’ schools survey is also underway. The information collected from these efforts will be utilized in a strategic planning process this summer.

We continue to meet with our partners and the Office of Mental Health regarding the grant reporting requirements. The two community access sites: Our Town Rocks in Dundee and The Living Well in Penn Yan continue to help each community to meet the social determinants of health while moving ahead to add behavioral health training and capability to identify those in need, and connect them with community based services.is proceeding with the planning stage.

**Outpatient Mental Health Services:**

Outpatient behavioral health services operating in Yates County met for the second time under the umbrella of Yates INSYGHT. Our two licensed clinics (Soldiers and Sailors JDK and the FLACRA Community Comprehensive Behavioral Health Clinic) and provided updates on Covid-19 related issues, staffing, census, waiting list and capacity. Both serve children and adults. School coverage was reported on by Wayne Behavioral Health which operates a satellite clinic of Dundee CSD and Finger Lakes Community Health reported on services provided to children from Penn Yan CSD. The outpatient substance Use clinic operated by FLACRA also updated on current services. It does not have a waiting list.

The intent for the group is to bring all of the Yates County outpatient Behavioral Health Services together in order to share their capacity, specialty services, and statistics so that we have a clear picture of outpatient behavioral health services in Yates County. We also want to determine how well we are doing based on established care standards and provide the community with a report card and plans for improvement on a regular basis. Other plans for the work group include the review of current working agreements and the development of a dashboard reflecting all outpatient behavioral health services provided in Yates County. To include; demographics, service data, length of stay, readmission rates, AMA discharges, no shows, discharges, referrals for additional Medicaid services and additional data elements.

The discussion regarding resources available revealed that the reasons for the delays in treatment are; capacity related and a decrease in staff related. It also underscored the need for coordination and cooperation between local providers and the sharing of referrals and maintaining awareness of program capacity. The development of agreements, contingency plans and integrated problem solving, reflect the current Yates County Community Services Department expectations for local providers, going forward.
Program: Crisis Intervention Training (CIT):
The Crisis Intervention work group continues to meet monthly to review and discuss the systems transformation effort in Yates County. The goal remains to divert behavioral health cases to the behavioral health system rather than the criminal justice system. Efforts so far have included Crisis Intervention Training for law enforcement. Establishing a lead Law Enforcement staff member (sergeant) to oversee efforts by the Sheriff’s Department. The oversight includes; road patrol has available:

- Revised referral information available in each patrol car
- Revision of 911 protocols to engage available (mobile crisis team) response teams
- Centers for treatment intervention (COTI) response information
- Provide a cell phone link (Zoom Link) for officers in the field to directly discuss and request consultation from a psychiatrist at the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (C-PEP) at Clifton Springs Hospital.

Regional efforts are focused on providing more timely information on:

- Individuals leaving the Emergency Departments after mental hygiene arrests (MHA), Orders of Observation, and/or inpatient psychiatric treatment to the local Mental Health Authority to allow for improved response to the needs and post treatment plans for those individuals.

We have also embarked on an effort to better provide early intervention for those noted by historical data, current behaviors, history of poor decision making, and those who appear to be moving toward a crisis. When identified by any of the CIT partners, a community planning session will be provided under the authority of the Community Services Director (DCS) to develop a plan to change to a course of early intervention by engagement with the individual, the family, and by referrals to community behavioral health support or treatment services.

Columbia University HEALing Communities Study (HCS):
HCS is part of the National Institutes of Health HEAL Initiative and is designed to investigate how tools for preventing and treating opioid misuse and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are most effective at the local level. The goal is to reduce opioid-related overdose deaths by 40% over the course of three years.

Data collection and analysis has intensified and will be used to focus on specific treatment approaches, and enhancement in the system of care for the treatment of opioid abuse.

A core component of the HCS intervention is a series of community-based health prevention efforts. This will begin in mid-2021. The first campaign is focused on Naloxone, Medications for Opioid Use Disorders (MOUD) and stigma focused on the community. The second will focus on providers’ adoption of and use of MOUD as well as the availability of MOUD.

Community engagement will be a continuing process involving the Yates Substance Abuse Coalition, community assessments and outreach to community leaders for support, guidance and input into the development of an Opioid Reduction Continuum of Care Approach ((ORCCA) for Yates County.
Yates County Crisis Services Plan Update:
Yates County has benefited from a number of new projects which pulled many of our local and county providers into these projects. This includes the Heal Study, CIT project, Systems of Care (Yates INSYGHT) and the FLACRA Comprehensive Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). There are a number of areas where the work is not finished and may require additional resources.

Local Behavioral Health Emergency /Crisis Services Improvement Plan.

Yates County 2021-2022 Update.

Goal 1: Increase Connections with and between local Behavioral Health Services:

Connections, Collaboration, coordination and enhanced communication between Behavioral Health Services has been promoted, organized and supported by coordinated efforts of Yates INSYGHT, The CIT project, CCBHC and the HEAL Study.

Priority #1: Develop and deliver education and training across behavioral health and other health and human services providers to increase understanding and awareness of all behavioral health emergency/crisis services.

Information and education dissemination regarding emergency/crisis services across Yates County by INSYGHT, HEAL and CIT effort.

Priority #2: Outreach to individuals in the community (e.g., community-based organizations, faith community, identified community leaders, natural networks) to bridge the connection to behavioral health emergency/crisis services.

Outreach, with information, education through community centers and other religious, social and educational groups and community influencers. Yates INSYGHT and HEAL.

Priority #3: Provide education/outreach to individuals in the community who may experience a behavioral health crisis, their families, and community members to increase understanding and awareness of all behavioral health emergency/crisis services and how to identify the best fit to address the immediate crisis.

Outreach to community members at risk for behavioral health crisis, their families and support systems to raise awareness of options, resources that meet their needs. Yates INSYGHT, HEAL, and CIT.

Goal 2: Respond to Behavioral Health Crisis Calls with the Most Helpful Option, Activating Law Enforcement as appropriate:

Prioritizing crisis response options within the community over the use of law enforcement CIT YDSD
Priority #1: Develop/implement process to divert low acuity behavioral health crisis calls from 911 to 211/Lifeline, avoiding the need to engage law enforcement where possible.

911 protocols have been revised to recognize other response options for behavioral health crisis calls including mutual response. YCSD, CIT effort.

Priority #2: Expand selective dispatch options for crisis calls that require a timely in-person response.

Revised protocols to identify those requiring timely person to person response. YCSD, CIT

Goal 3: Strengthen Post-Crisis Supports to address the Full Range of Individual Needs, Stabilizing and Linking to Prevent Future Crises:

Explore the availability of post crisis supports and current capacity including the gaps that currently exist. Yates INSYGHT, CIT, HEAL

Priority #1: Ensure awareness, availability and coordination of follow up resources across various locations and platforms (phone, mobile, walk-in).

Develop and catalogue the availability of follow up resources and distribute widely to all groups in the community. Yates INSYGHT, HEAL, CIT.

Priority #2: Develop community standards for crisis follow-up that is based on the needs and desires of each individual but also includes follow-up actions to ensure linkage to appropriate resources.

Establish a community standard for crisis follow up that is community developed and enforced. Yates INSYGHT, CIT, CCBHC, HEAL.

Priority #3: Ensure access to and availability of care management services following a crisis. This should include offering referrals at every stage of crisis response, effective communication between providers, timely follow-up by care management staff, and ongoing training/education for care managers.

Review and catalogue the availability of care management services after a crisis, with clear communication among providers and care managers equipped to support the post crisis needs of an individual. Yates INSYGHT, CIT, CCBHC, HEAL.

Priority #4: Enhance and maximize peer support options at all stages of a crisis, with opportunities for ongoing connections to people with lived experience during the follow-up process. Workforce development and program funding will be key parts of this process.

Increase the utilization of available peer support and explore the expansion of peer support for post crisis response as well as for crisis prevention. Yates INSYGHT, CIT, CCBHC, HEAL.
AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH SAFE HARBORS OF THE FINGER LAKES

WHEREAS, the County is desirous of engaging the services of Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes to address the needs of youth at risk; and

WHEREAS, the costs of such services are 100% funded through the Office of Mental Health;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to enter into a contract with Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes; and be it

RESOLVED, that said contract will run from 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 for an amount not to exceed $16,757.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Community Services, the Public Health office and the Yates County Treasurer.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH THE LIVING WELL, INC.

WHEREAS, the County is desirous of engaging the services of The Living Well, Inc. to serve as a one-stop center to engage families in service referrals and access to care and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the costs of such services are 100% funded through the Research Foundation, Inc.;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to enter into a contract with The Living Well, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract will run from 09/01/2020 to 08/31/2021 for an amount not to exceed $9,241.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Community Services, the Public Health office and the Yates County Treasurer.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH OUR TOWN ROCKS

WHEREAS, the County is desirous of engaging the services of Our Town Rocks for one time purchase of equipment and furnishings for the site; and

WHEREAS, the costs of such services are 100% funded through the Office of Mental Health;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to enter into a contract with Our Town Rocks; and be it

RESOLVED, that said contract will run from 09/01/2020 to 09/30/2021 for an amount not to exceed $8,550.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Community Services, the Public Health office and the Yates County Treasurer.

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE YATES COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

WHEREAS, Carrie Roberts, residing at 3176 Guyanoga Road, Branchport, New York, 14418, has expressed interest in serving on the Yates County Community Services Board and on the Board’s Mental Health Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Roberts has been recommended for appointment to a first term on the Yates County Community Services Board and the Board’s Mental Health Subcommittee;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature appoint Carrie Roberts to the Yates County Community Services Board and to the Mental Health Subcommittee of the Yates County Community Services Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said term will end 12/31/2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Carrie Roberts and to the Yates County Department of Community Services

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE YATES COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

WHEREAS, Sydney Forshay, residing at 255 Lake Street, Penn Yan, New York, 14527, has expressed interest in serving on the Yates County Community Services Board; and

WHEREAS, Sydney Forshay has been recommended for appointment to a first term on the Yates County Community Services Board;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature appoint Sydney Forshay to the Yates County Community Services Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said term will end 12/31/2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Sydney Forshay and to the Yates County Department of Community Services
Overview of Communicable Disease in 2020

COVID-19 demanded the efforts of Yates County Public health in 2020. Our communicable disease efforts shifted primarily to COVID-19 as the pandemic grew and impacted our community. We reported our first active case in March of 2020 and reported 583 total cases by the end of December 2020.

COVID-19 was identified in Wuhan, China in December 2019. COVID-19 is caused by the virus severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), a new virus in humans causing respiratory illness which can be spread from person-to-person.\(^1\)

In 2020, we successfully isolated 583 positive COVID-19 cases and quarantined approximately 1,900 close contacts. Our efforts have also been spent monitoring travelers to and from Yates County since the state adopted the travel restrictions. COVID-19 efforts will continue in 2021 focusing on continued case investigations, contact tracing and vaccination efforts.

### Hepatitis

Yates County Public Health had seven new cases of chronic Hepatitis C in 2020. Those cases were a mix of individuals who were tested due to age recommendations and those tested due to risk behaviors identified by providers or treatment facilities. No acute cases of Hepatitis C were identified. We did receive notification of one Hepatitis A case in a food service worker. The employee worked during their infectious period. Notifications were made to the public identifying symptoms and vaccine options.

### Lyme Disease Trends

2020 saw another decrease in Lyme disease cases. Public Health investigated 31 Lyme disease reports. Of the Lyme disease reports we received, 10 of those cases were confirmed, 5 were probable, and 5 were suspected. Great efforts have been made by the New York State Department of Health and Yates County Public Health at educating the community on reducing the prevalence of Lyme disease in our community.

1 COVID-19 Overview and Infection Prevention and Control Priorities in non-US Healthcare Settings | CDC
Sexually Transmitted Infection Trends

- The treatment of choice for chlamydia is doxycycline 100 mg orally twice a day for 7 days.
- For treatment of uncomplicated urogenital, rectal, or pharyngeal gonorrhea, CDC recommends a single 500 mg IM dose of ceftriaxone (Box). For persons weighing ≥150 kg (300 lbs), a single 1 g IM dose of ceftriaxone should be administered. If chlamydial infection has not been excluded, doxycycline 100 mg orally twice a day for 7 days is recommended.
- The NYSDOH requires Local Health Departments to collect pharmacy or dispensing information on all STI treatment. Please continue to report how medication was provided to the patient.
- Primary, secondary or early latent syphilis is treated with a single IM injection of long acting Benzathine penicillin G (2.4 million units). Late latent syphilis or latent syphilis of unknown duration requires three doses of Bicillin LA (2.4 million units administered IM) at weekly intervals. Please contact Public Health for assistance with staging.
- All STI’s are required to be reported to the local health department. Please complete our STD intake form with as much detail as possible and return it to us via fax.

Expediteted Partner Therapy (EPT)

Expediteted Partner Therapy (EPT) is the clinical practice of providing individuals with chlamydia medication or a prescription to deliver to their sexual partner(s) as presumptive treatment for chlamydia, gonorrhea or trichomoniasis without completing a clinical assessment of those partners. This strategy has been effective at reducing reinfection rates. Paper prescription pads are available. Please contact Yates County Public Health for more information.

Rabies

In 2020 Yates County Public Health, in conjunction with Animal Control, handled 124 bite reports. Seventy-three animals were confined. There was one six-month quarantine related to an exposure in a puppy. Sixteen animals were sent for rabies testing. Three animals tested positive for rabies including a skunk, fox and feral cat. These positive animals resulted in one dog being quarantined for six-months, eight individuals receiving rabies post-exposure (PEP) and four dogs being euthanized. Thirteen people received rabies PEP due to contact with bats, cats, feral cats, and a fox. Five individuals declined PEP. There were six free rabies clinics held in 2020 which resulted in the vaccination of 706 dogs, cats, and ferrets.

Please remember that animal bites are reportable to Yates County Public Health. Please obtain as much information as possible about the biting animal, so that we can follow up with the owner and ensure the animal is healthy or start rabies post-exposure treatment if necessary.

Tuberculosis

Yates County Public Health placed 31 TST’s in 2020. Public Health received one referral for a positive TST, but individual chose to complete treatment through their own physician. We received one new active case of Tuberculosis (TB) in 2020. The individual had known exposure to a previous positive case. They began treatment and Direct Observed Therapy (DOT) through Yates County Public Health. All close contacts to the case were screened for potential active or latent TB infection.

3HP remains the preferred method of treatment for patients who qualify. Completion rates have been much improved due to the shortened length of treatment. As always, DOT is preferred, but is not required. If you have a patient with a positive TB skin test or bloodwork, please call Yates County Public Health or send us a completed referral form.
YATES COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES
BOARD AND SUBCOMMITTEE
APPLICATION

Name: Carrie Roberts
Address: 3176 Guvanoga Road
Branchport NY 14418
Home Phone: 595-6624
Mobile Phone: 315-439-8461
Employer: Keuka College
141 Central Ave, Keuka Park, NY
Employer Address: 14478

Community Services Board: ✔
Mental Health Subcommittee: ✔
Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee: ✔
Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee: ✔

Give a brief explanation of your interest in the Yates County Community Services Board and/or its

Subcommittees:

As an occupational therapist, parent, member of Yates Co., a college professor, I am
very interested in supporting these areas of community need and helping to support solutions.

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YATES COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES
BOARD AND SUBCOMMITTEE APPLICATION

Sydney Forshay

Name ____________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________
255 Lake Street, Penn Yan NY ________________________________ Zip 14527

Home Phone ____________ N/A _________________ E-Mail: sforshay@yatescounty.org

Work Phone (315)536-4438 _________________ Cell Phone (315)879-0637

County Yates _____________________________________________________

Resident for 2 ___________ years

Employer Yates County Sheriff’s Office

Employer Address 227 Main Street, Penn Yan, NY ____________________ Zip 14527 Please

Check Your Interest:

Community Services Board ______ Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee ______
Mental Health Subcommittee ______ Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities ______
Subcommittee ______

Give a brief explanation of your interest in the Yates County Community Services Board and/or its

Subcommittees: Being a Deputy Sheriff in Yates County, I believe it is important to be a part of something that can benefit the community. I believe this will be beneficial in meeting new people and getting a better understanding of the services this community has to offer. This will be a rewarding experience.

______________________________________________________________

Signature ____________________________ Date 2/10/2021

Thank you for your interest. Please e-mail or return the completed application to:

Yates County Community services, 417 Liberty St. Suite 1053,

Penn Yan, NY 14527
AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE DISTRIBUTION # 11 NON-COMPETITIVE GRANT AND ANY CONTRACT EXTENSIONS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION # 11 NON-COMPETITIVE GRANT

WHEREAS, there are funds available to the Yates County Public Defender’s Office through non-competitive grants; and

WHEREAS, a grant was written titled “Distribution 11” in the amount of $97,368.00 of available funds; and

WHEREAS, to access these funds a “New York State Master Contract for Grants” grant disbursement agreement must be executed by the County by signature of the Chairman of the Legislature for the receipt of the same (hereinafter referred to as “Distribution 11 Master Contract”); and

WHEREAS, if the monies are not all used prior to the grant term of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023 for expenditures that are reimbursable under the Distribution 11 Master Contract, applicable contract extension(s) must be submitted to the Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS) in order to obtain reimbursement for these claims; and

WHEREAS, the time period for claim submittal can only be extended at intervals of one year at a time; and

WHEREAS, multiple extensions may be necessary to submit for claims for monies paid out after December 31, 2023 pursuant to the above recited grant disbursement agreement; and

WHEREAS, in order to shorten the contract extension process to allow the County to be reimbursed for submitted claims more quickly, the Public Defender’s Office is requesting authorization to have the Chairman of the Legislature sign any future contract extensions pursuant to the above recited grant disbursement agreement, thus forgoing the necessity of subsequent resolutions in this regard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to execute Distribution 11 Master Contract as well as any future contract extension time periods, and any other necessary documentation related thereto, with notification being given to the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to the Public Defender, County Administrator, County Treasurer and the Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after review by the County Attorney the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to sign said contract; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Public Defender and the Treasurer be provided with a copy of this resolution.
## Public Defender
### Report for Month of February, 2021

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