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. (Phone 315-536-5150 or email chayes@yatescounty.org)
- Wear a mask when not seated.
- Wear a mask if not able to maintain 6 feet from adjacent persons (i.e – social distance)
- Attendance can also be by ZOOM; the login information is below

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Committee members present: Leslie Church, Ed Bronson, Terry Button, Carlie Chilson, Dick Harper, Bonnie Percy
- Leslie and Dick will do the audit this month
- Approve minutes of the March meeting.
- Public Comment

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth
- Program updates

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

Resolutions:
- Appointments to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
- Authorize Social Welfare Examiner
- Enter into a Contract with Pathways Inc.

Discussion
- Permission to move Youth Award to May
- Pandemic Caseloads
- American Rescue Plan
- Unemployment
- Youth Bureau
PUBLIC HEALTH: Annmarie Flanagan
- Rabies
- Influenza
- COVID-19
- Annual Report
- Transportation for Early Intervention
- Public Health Nurse
Resolution: Approving Memorandum of Understanding with CDEA Concerning Altering the Work Hours for a Public Health Department Nurse.
- Front end receptionist part-time
Resolution: Authorize Director of Public Health to Fill Part-Time Account Clerk Typist Vacant Position.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:
- Fiscal
- AOT
- Program updates

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

PUBLIC DEFENDER – Steve Hampsey
- Statistical report
- Position review form
Resolution: Authorize Public Defender to Create and Fill Assistant Public Defender (Fist) Position
- Grant update

ASSIGNED COUNSEL – Dianne Lovejoy
- Nothing submitted

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn
- Project status report

EXECUTIVE SESSION: If needed
Yates County Human Services Committee Meeting
Pro Action Yates Report
April 2021

**Action Items:**

**Program Updates:**

1. **HIICAP:**
   30 customers received non-biased health insurance counseling in March. When Ashley goes on maternity leave from approximately June-September, the tentative plan for HIICAP coverage is to have customers access 1-800-Medicare for plan information. Schuyler and Ontario counties are welcoming Yates residents to Medicare educational presentations and we have contact information for area insurance representatives if someone has a plan/company specific issue.

2. **COVID-19 Vaccination Line:**
   So far Candice has registered just under 200 seniors for COVID-19 vaccinations.

3. **EISEP/Home Care:**
   - Current EISEP numbers: 12 PCI 7 PCII
   - Current Cons. Dir. Care: 5 PCI 2 PCII
   - Current IIIE (respite): 2 PCI 1 PCII

   Wait list: 13 PCI 4 PCII

4. **AARP Tax Program:**
   163 tax appointments were provided in March. The tax preparers extended the end date for appointments from 4/15/2021 to 4/30/2021.

5. **Food Distributions:**
   On 3/18, 187 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 113 Mennonite families also happened at that point.

   Our next distribution is on 4/15 at the Town of Starkey Highway Department. Sign-ups were made available on 3/23.

6. **Transportation:**
   We plan to auction off our second bus and Toyota van during the month of April. At that point, our fleet will consist of a 2017 Dodge Caravan, 2019 Accessible Ford Van, 2020 AWD Kia Sorento, and 2021 Accessible Van from our 5310 Grant. This fleet will give us the fuel and maintenance savings that we wanted as well as needed flexibility.

   We had 89 medical related trips in March. Request for medical trips to Rochester have increased, we had 4 trips to Rochester in March and have 6 already on the schedule for April.

7. **Senior Nutrition:**
   We are currently delivering 43 HDM meals and 6 Congregate "grab and go" meals daily in Yates.

   Starting in May, we will be switching over to newly revised Summer Menu which runs until September, this menu includes the “cold plates” that are highly rated by our customers during the warmer months.

   We put up a shed in the library parking lot that will allow us a safe place for Home Delivered Meal drivers to return empty coolers. We have 2 sets and will swap them out daily.
Other:

1. **Fiscal and Contract Update:**
   Our 2021 Annual Update to the 4 Year Plan was submitted in March. We will use the NYSOFA budget modification process to make any changes as the year progresses.

   In addition, just over $20,000 was awarded through NYSOFA. This funding can remain flexible during the Major Disaster Declaration; however it will be earmarked for Congregate Nutrition if there are funds remaining after the declaration is lifted.
Human Services Committee  
Social Services Report  
April 2020

**Resolutions**
Appointments to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, Randi DiAntonio through 6/30/2022 and Robert Coyne through 6/30/2023. See attached applications.
Authorize Social Welfare Examiner
Enter contract with Pathways Inc. for the provision of family aide services
Seeking permission to move next Distinguished Youth Award Recipient to the May meeting

**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 full time year-round. As requested, I spoke with the Executive Director of ProAction. She explained that there are provisions in ProAction guidelines that would allow for them to raise the hourly rate of an individual employee based on market rates. This situation could fall into that particular provision. However, the employee would be unable to be equally compensated in terms of health insurance and pension.

*Current situation-contract only*
- Part-time $7,207.20
- Full time $40,502.49
- Supervision $1,540.29
- Indirect $4,860.55

**Current Cost** $53,949.53 (contract only)

*Potential contract-enhanced rate from ProAction*
- Part-time $7,207.20
- Full-time $47,605.37
- Supervision $1,540.29
- Indirect $5,353.52

**Projected Total Cost** $61,706.38 (contract only)

*Proposed smaller contract -Social Welfare Examiner (SWE) instead of full time ProAction employee*
- Part-time $7,207.20
- SWE $45,057-$65,370
- Supervision $1,540.29
- Indirect $831.01

**Contract total** $9,578.50
**Total cost** $54,365.50-$74,948.50 (small contract and added SWE)

As a reminder, this position comes at no cost to the county. There will be no change to the bottom line of the county budget, only a transfer from one line to another.
In addition to the fact that there are no financial benefits to enhancing the current contracted position, there are several management and efficiency improvements that would result from changing the position to a Social Welfare Examiner. These benefits include continuity of supervision— the Principal Social Welfare Examiner in the unit would be able to supervise the position using the county policies and procedures that are in use for the rest of the department. This includes having oversight of the timeclock, sick leave, vacation time and any corrective discipline that would need to be implemented. A Social Welfare Examiner would also be able to perform any other kind of eligibility work as required. For example, if applicant has applied for both SNAP and HEAP, we would be able to streamline the work by having both cases assigned to the same person. A Social Welfare Examiner position also would have the opportunity for growth in the department, including opportunities for advancement that may not be available to contracted employees. These opportunities, as well as a pension and representation are more likely to build loyalty and a long-term employee. While we have been through 14 staff in the contracted HEAP position since 2010, in the past six years we have only lost 2 Social Welfare Examiners for reasons other than departmental advancement, retirement, or a family move.

2019-2020 allocation- $78,000

**Pandemic Caseloads**
In looking back at the caseload in 2020 the number of cases, number of transactions and amount of money spent on Temporary Assistance and Food Stamp Cases. Transactions on cases include registering applications, withdrawing applications, denying, opening, closing, reactivating, changes and recertifications.

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**American Rescue Plan**
On March 23 we received guidance from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance regarding how funds from the most recent stimulus impacts public assistance cases. The short answer is that these payments do not impact Food Stamps, HEAP, or Temporary Assistance eligibility in any way. However, if Child Support arrears are owed, of if arrears are owed from an overpayment in a Social Services Program, your stimulus will be impacted.
**Unemployment**

The unemployment insurance changes in the American Rescue Plan are as follows:

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| 7/2/18-4/20/20               | • 26 weeks of regular Unemployment Insurance (UI)  
                                • Up to 53 Weeks of Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) (ends 9/5/2021)  
                                • Up to 20 weeks of Extended Benefits (EB)  
                                • Total number of weeks: up to 99 |
| 4/27/20-8/31/20              | • 26 weeks of regular UI  
                                • Up to 53 weeks of PEUC (Ends 9/5/2021)  
                                • Up to 20 weeks of EB**  
                                • Total Number of Weeks: up to 99 |
| 9/2/20 and later             | • 26 weeks of regular UI  
                                • Up to 20 weeks of EB  
                                • Total Number of Weeks: up to 46 |

**Youth Bureau**

All vouchers for 2020 have been sent to the state for reimbursement. All programs have received annual reports to complete and information regarding the 2021 application process. The first 2021 meeting of the Yates County Human Trafficking task force will be April 6 at 9:30am.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE FINGER LAKES WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

WHEREAS, this Legislature, by Resolution #334-99, has authorized the creation of the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board for the Counties of Yates, Ontario, Seneca and Wayne in compliance with the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Board members must be appointed by the respective Legislative Boards; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has solicited nominations in accordance with the Law; and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board By-Laws state voting members shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years, and that terms shall be staggered,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Legislature does hereby appoint the following representative to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board to replace the vacancy left by outgoing representative Maria Fisher and to fulfill the vacated term through 6/30/22.

Randi DiAntonio  
Vice President  
NYS Public Employee Federation  
255 East Avenue  
Rochester, NY  14604

And be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Wayne, Ontario and Seneca Counties, Yates County Department of Social Services, the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, and the to the aforementioned appointee.

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Robert Coyne  
Executive Director  
Rochester Technology and Manufacturing Association  
2458 West Henrietta Road Suite 152  
Rochester, NY  14623

And be it further
RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Wayne, Ontario and Seneca Counties, Yates County Department of Social Services, the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, and the to the aforementioned appointee.

**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 cost to fill the position is $45,057 to $65,370, depending on health insurance; 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 April 12, 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.

**AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH PATHWAYS**

WHEREAS, Yates County and the Yates County Department of Social Services wishes to enter into contract with the following agency; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is May 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that after review by the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Yates County Legislature and Commissioner of Social Services are authorized to a contract with the following agency:

- Pathways, for the provision of parenting and family aid services

And, be it further;

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Yates County Treasurer, and the Yates County Department of Social Services.
Position Review Form  
Additional Social Welfare Examiner  
Department of Social Services

1. Does this position perform services that are mandated by the Federal or State government? ☒ YES ☐ NO

2. If the answer to #1 is no, does this position perform services that the County has traditionally maintained? ☐ YES ☐ NO

3. If the answer to #2 is yes, can an entity other than Yates County government perform these services? Historically, we have contracted with a community action agency for this function. ☒ YES ☐ NO

4. If this position is not refilled, can other positions be reconfigured to handle the work performed by the person in this position? If so, what positions? If not, how will the work conducted by the person in this position be handled? This is an addition, not a refill. The current caseload is unsustainable without some change so that the position is a permanent part of the agency and can be interchangeable with other positions. Since January 1, 2021 current staff have earned over 100 hours of extra time on HEAP. ☐ YES ☒ NO

5. If applicable, is there an existing Civil Service Eligibility List for this position? ☐ YES ☒ NO

There was a test given in December 2020. We await the scores for that test and will fill provisionally from the people who took that test.

6. Will the loss of this position impact overtime? If yes, why and how can this be minimized? (Please attach an analysis showing any impact on overtime.) ☒ YES ☐ NO

Having the position as a contracted position does not offer a stable enough workforce to be successful. Current staff are already working overtime to keep up with the workload.

7. Does federal and/or state aid offset the cost of this position? (If yes, how much) ☒ YES ☐ NO

Yes. The cost range for this position, including fringe is $45,056.68-$65,370.04. We will be 100% reimbursed for this position through our HEAP allocation.

8. If the position were eliminated, what would be the net county savings? (Include fringe benefits and retirement) ☒ YES ☐ NO

There is no financial savings to not creating this position. The main difference would be that the money for the position is kept in the county rather than being send to an outside agency.
9. Is there any risk, financial or otherwise, to waiting 30 days to refill this position? ☒ YES ☐ NO

The risk is in not meeting mandatory timelines for case processing. This leaves the county vulnerable to lawsuits and leaves families without support to heat their homes.

10. If you are given approval to refill this position, when do you expect to fill it? Date: ASAP

11. Please submit any other information that you think would be helpful to this review.
All surrounding counties use Social Welfare Examiners to process HEAP and supplement that with temporary contracted alternate certifiers or temporary Social Welfare Examiners.

Revised 8/2016
Partner/Public Sector

NOMINATION TO FINGER LAKES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD/WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

1. Name of Organization: NYS Public Employees Federation
   Address: 255 East Avenue Rochester NY 14604
   FEIN: 13-2808635

2. Type and Purpose of Agency (circle one):
   (Labor Organization)
   Title II Adult Education & Literacy
   Organization Serving Individuals with Disabilities
   Economic Development
   Youth Organization
   County Chief Elected Official or Designee
   Apprenticeship Program
   Community Based Organization
   Higher Education
   Veterans Organization
   Public Assistance Agency
   Other: ____________________________

3. Geographic area agency served: Statewide (but approximate 2200 members in the FL region)

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name: Randi DiAntonio Title: Vice President
Business Address: see above
Telephone: 585-232-6980 Cell: 585-615-2465
E-Mail Address: rdiantonio@pef.org

1. (Governing board member) OR staff (circle one)

2. Length of time with organization: ____________________________

I hereby nominate the individual noted above as a member of the Finger Lakes Workforce Development Board. I certify that the nomination is being submitted with the knowledge of the nominee.

Submitted by: Ethan S. Fogg Title: President - Canandaigua Chamber
Date: 3/11/2021 Phone: 585 394 4400

Potential candidates must submit a resume with this nomination.
Once received, all nominations will be reviewed and those selected will be contacted.
Final appointment is made by the four county legislative bodies.
PLEASE RETURN TO:

FINGER LAKES WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, INC.
41 Lewis Street Suite 104
Geneva, New York 14456
Phone (315) 789-3131
Fax: (315) 789-0163 or e-mail lynn@fingerlakesworks.com
Since 2018, Randi DiAntonio has been Vice President of the NYS Public Employees Federation (PEF), the second largest state employee union representing 52,000 professional, scientific and technical workers. She is probably best known in PEF Region 3 (Rochester) where she has worked for 22 years as a licensed master social worker 2 for the state Office for People with Developmental Disabilities but her activism and leadership in advocating for state services and the needs of New Yorkers has made her familiar to many members throughout the state.

DiAntonio wears many hats in her union. She currently chairs the PEF Statewide Political Action Committee which advocates for budget and legislative priorities and oversees member engagement initiatives. She is a member of the PEF Executive Board, was a PEF steward for 15 years and the local council leader at the Finger Lakes DDSO for 11 years.

Her strong history of labor advocacy was recognized with her selection to be one of 14 union women featured in the 2018 Working Women Calendar, published by the Workforce Development Institute. Thanking WDI for the honor, DiAntonio said she learned the valuable benefits of union membership while growing up in Brooklyn in a family where her mother’s membership in the United Federation of Teachers meant they had health insurance.

“And the reason my father could continue to live at home on his own after Mom died, was because she had been in a union and had retirement benefits and health care,” DiAntonio added.

In 2010 when facing furloughs and again in 2012, when facing threats of layoffs, closures and privatization DiAntonio organized and coordinated campaigns to raise public awareness about the loss of services and jobs, engaging members, families, legislators and the public. Diantonio continues to be a strong advocate for the essential services PEF members provide to New Yorkers.
Partner/Public Sector

NOMINATION TO FINGER LAKES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD/WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

1. Name of Organization: Rochester Technology & Manufacturing Association
   Address: 2485 West Henrietta Road Suite 152 Rochester, NY 14623
   FEIN: 22.146029

2. Type and Purpose of Agency (circle one):
   Labor Organization
   Title II Adult Education & Literacy
   Organization Serving Individuals with Disabilities
   Economic Development
   Youth Organization
   Apprenticeship Program
   Community Based Organization
   Higher Education
   Veterans Organization
   Public Assistance Agency
   Manufacutry Association
   Other:

3. Geographic area agency served: Finger Lakes Region

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name: Robert Coyne
Title: Executive Director
Business Address: 2485 West Henrietta Road Suite 152 Rochester, NY 14623
Telephone: Fax: Cell: 585-749-7535
E-Mail Address: bcoyne@rtma.org

1. Governing board member OR staff (circle one)
2. Length of time with organization: 2.5 years

I hereby nominate the individual noted above as a member of the Finger Lakes Workforce Development Board. I certify that the nomination is being submitted with the knowledge of the nominee.

Submitted by: E. S. Fogg
Date: 2/25/20
Title: President - Finger Lakes Chamber
Phone: 585-394-4100

Potential candidates must submit a resume with this nomination.
Once received, all nominations will be reviewed and those selected will be contacted.
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PLEASE RETURN TO:

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Phone (315) 789-3131
Robert J. Coyne
72 Creekview Dr. | Rochester, NY 14624 | 585-749-7535 | bcoyne@rtma.org

Objective
Represent Advanced Manufacturing in the Finger Lakes Region in areas of Workforce Development, Innovation, strategic planning, Political Advocacy and access to markets, in order to meet our members needs and provide a stable workforce pipeline within the community. Rochester Technology and Manufacturing Association will educate, excite and provide opportunities to underserved members of our community, to provide a pipeline of talent. This talent pool will allow for the manufacturing community in the Finger Lakes Region continue to encourage growth with new companies and expansion of existing employers in our region. With the introduction of Industry 4.0 it will be essential that the technical training be an essential part of our students in the future.

Skills & Abilities
– Co – Founder of the Finger Lakes Youth Apprenticeship Program www.flyap.org
– Community participant in the education of youth for manufacturing careers
– Leadership and managerial skills with over thirty years of experience.
– Public Speaking Dale Carnegie graduate.
– Over 40 years in the manufacturing business starting as an apprentice Toolmaker and finishing as General Manager of a local manufacturing employer.
– Leadership with board participation in Youth Sports, Adult Recreation and Advanced Manufacturing Associations

Experience
Director of Workforce Development, Rochester Technology and Manufacturing Association (RTMA) 10/2018– current
Rochester, New York
– Following the current demand of labor shortage in the advanced manufacturing trades, the RTMA applied for and became a sponsor for NYS Registered Apprenticeship programs. While registering employers the number one question was, where is the next generation of apprentices going to come from? After hearing this question multiple times, I along with Dale Pearce from Monroe Community College co-founded the Finger Lakes Youth Apprenticeship Program. Current activity includes, Sponsor for 23 employers, 118 apprentices and 11 trade outlines in New York State Registered Apprenticeship programs

General Manager, Acro Industries, Inc. 6/1996 – 10/2018
Rochester, New York
– Responsible for the entire operation including oversight of new systems implementation such as a new MRP system (Syteline), Quality Management Systems ISO (several revisions). Was responsible
for the acquisition of millions of dollars in equipment and facilities to expand the technical capabilities for the organization. This included investing in new technologies (Lamination of Panels and finishing of extrusions), that allowed Acro to grow their public transportation business over 300%. Oversaw all employee activity for over 150 employees. Responsible for the fiscal health and stability of the organization.

Education

Rochester New York
- Dale Carnegie (1992) – Leadership and public speaking. certificates completed
- Several leadership and management certificate programs.

Communication
- FAME annual meeting presented on our Youth Apprenticeship Program where Brent Parton from PAYA was guest speaker on the history and importance of apprenticeships and youth apprenticeships.
- Best Job You never heard of television commercial (2014)
- Enter Com Radio ads educating the Finger Lakes Youth Apprenticeship
- Multiple presentations to educators, employers and students on Apprenticeships and Finger Lakes Youth Apprenticeship Program

Leadership
- Past President RTMA board of Directors (2013 – 2018)
- Past President Monroe County Youth Hockey (2004 – 2007)
- Advisory Board member Edison Tech machining and technology pathway
- Advisory Board member BOCES welding
- Advisory Board member American Welding Society
- Coach for several youth hockey and soccer teams (1996 – 2006)

References

Available on Request
Public Health/Prevention Programs:

Communicable Disease Control

Rabies:
A rabid fox was killed by the Sheriff’s Department on 3/24/2021 on the 900 block of East Lake Road in the town of Barrington. The fox bit two women before a 3rd woman threw herself on top of the fox to stop it. The fox also bit this woman as well. It tested positive for rabies. The three individuals are presently receiving Post Exposure Prophylaxis Treatment through Soldiers and Sailors Hospital. The woman who had thrown herself on the fox was being celebrated as a hero. Education has been released to the public regarding the importance of seeking safety and calling for help when wild animals appear to be rabid.

Rabies funding has not yet been restored to next years state budget.

Influenza:
Influenza activity in New York State (NYS) remains sporadic. This is based on the weekly report from New York State.

COVID-19:
At the writing of this report the department has received 1134 positive test results and over 34,857 negative test results. Staff are monitoring 15 active cases and 33 contacts in isolation/quarantine. Currently no one is hospitalized due to the Covid-19 illness. No one has died from Covid 19 since the last report. Rapid Covid 19 testing sites for Yates County remain at: Rite Aid Drug Store, Finger Lakes Community Health, and Village Drug.

Gordmans has been rented to ensure consistency with vaccine distribution. There have been several clinics there so far. The vaccine tracker reports

Yates County

4,842 People with completed Vaccine Series

7,984 People with at least one Vaccine Dose

32.1% of Population with at least one Vaccine Dose

24,841 Total County Population

Presently the Jansen vaccine is being distributed also called Johnson and Johnson or J&J. This vaccine appears to be the one many residents have been waiting for as it is a one shot vaccine. The Governor decreased the age of vaccination to 30 years of age as of 3/30/21. On April 6 the vaccine may be given to those who are 18 years and above. The Pfizer vaccine will also be allowed at that time for residents 16 and above. Due to the cold chain storage Yates County will not be giving out the Pfizer vaccine. Over the past few weeks homebound individuals have also
been vaccinated. Staff have driven across the county vaccinating all the homebound individuals as identified.

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. The HUB offered Johnson and Johnson vaccine to have an equity pop up clinic for our Mennonite Population. The timeline for this offer was Monday March 29, 2021. It was confirmed on Wednesday March 30. The logistics of having this clinic included; a county employee would need to drive to the Dome arena in Rochester to pick up the vaccine. The weekend coming up included major holidays for the Mennonite community including Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Conversations had not begun with Mennonite population. Between the lack of time allowed for reaching out to the Mennonites, and the importance of Good Friday and Easter weekend to this population it was respectfully declined. On Wednesday March 30th conversations occurred with 4 of the bishops within the Mennonite Community. Two of the bishops are willing to have dialogue regarding the vaccine. The other two refused. Plans are being developed to appropriately work with the Mennonite Community.

**End of the Year Report**

The end of the year report for 2020 has been completed and emailed to the legislator’s office for review. Once reviewed it will be posted to the web site.

**Transportation for Early Intervention**

It came to the attention of Public Heath from other Public Health departments that Durham Transport, will not be renewing contracts as they are closing their business. We will be starting the bid process starting in late April early May.

**Mary Griffiths Retired**

A long-time employee of Yates County Public Health retired on Wednesday 3/31/21. We wish her well.

**Interviewing for a new Public Health Nurse**

Interviews have started for the Public Health Nurse position. The position has been offered and declined by one candidate. Interviews will be coming up in the next week with other candidates. Due to the need to be somewhat flexible with hiring for this position we are putting forth a resolution to potentially modify the hours for the new hire. This will be determined on a case by case need for the potential new hire.

**Resolution**

**APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CSEA CONCERNING ALTERING THE WORK HOURS FOR A PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE**

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Health has recommended the work hours for a Registered Professional Nurse position in her office be set at thirty (30) hours per week; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this County Legislature hereby approves said alteration of the work hours for the position; and be it further
RESOLVED, that this County Legislature hereby approves a certain Memorandum of Understanding by and between the County and the Civil Service Employees Association, Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Yates County Unit, Yates County Local 862 (“CSEA”) for the purpose of memorializing a mutual agreement to amend the current collective bargaining agreement between the County and CSEA to accomplish the work hour alteration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the County Legislature and the County Administrator be and hereby are authorized to execute said Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Director of Public Health, President of the CSEA, President of the Local CSEA, Personnel Officer, County Administrator and County Treasurer.

**Front End receptionist part time**

Public Health respectfully requests filling the position of part time account clerk typist. This position was vacated in the summer of 2020 and has not been filled. The amount of phone calls coming into Public Health due to Covid-19 pandemic has overwhelmed the support staff. They need to stop what they are doing to go to the front window to help people. Support staff are also helping out with the Covid-19 Vaccine Clinics, leaving the front desk with no one there. The other county departments have graciously been helping with phone calls. This is very much appreciated but we need to resume some of those activities within the department. We may still need help from other departments, based on the current situation of the Pandemic. The position is funded for this fiscal year’s budget.

**AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO FILL PART-TIME ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST VACANT POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Health has indicated for efficiency purposes and the additional workload being placed on the Public Health Department it would be in the County’s best interest to fill the vacant part-time Account Clerk Typist position; and

WHEREAS, as the result of a promotion, the part-time Account Clerk Typist position became vacant on August 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Health at the time did not request to have the vacated position filled and therefore, the position remained vacant; and

WHEREAS, the current Director of Public Health through the vacancy review process has identified the need for the position and is requesting the vacant position be filled; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to fill the position is $17,519, including fringe benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective April 12, 2021 the Director of Public Health is hereby authorized to fill a part-time Account Clerk Typist vacant position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to the Public Health Director, Personnel Officer, County Administrator and County Treasurer.
**Human Services Legislative Committee**
**Community Services Department**
**March, 2021**

**Action Items:** none

**SAFE Act:**
3 reports received and investigated: 1 reported to DCJS:

**Fiscal:**
Funding changes related to with holds have been initiated. Monitoring of CFR reporting for funded agencies from 2019 and 2020 have been undertaken. Adjustments regarding reduction in withholds and performance reviews are under consideration.

**AOT:**
Current cases: 0  Investigations: 0
One Ontario County AOT client is in the Transitional Residence awaiting a supportive housing placement back to Ontario County.

**Program: Yates Suicide Prevention Coalition**
Agreement finalized between the Living Well and the Yates Suicide Prevention Coalition. Which includes a ½ time coordinator. A new Steering committee is being formed as well as reconstituted work groups. Planning for the 2021 “Out of Darkness Walk” is under way and the AFSP web site has information about the walk, teams and donations. A program plan for 2021-22 is under development.

**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. Our trainer is developing a community needs assessment, meeting with other trainers, establishing new training and a training schedule 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. Surveys of youth, families’ school age children are either under way or completed and being analyzed.

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. Our family development specialist and trainer will be meeting with both sites to enhance site training needs and enhance family contacts and support. Both sites continue to come in contact with individuals and families with needs who are unknown to the care system.
Outpatient Behavioral Health Services:

Outpatient behavioral health services operating in Yates County met for the third time under the umbrella of Yates INSYGHT. Our two licensed clinics (Soldiers and Sailors JFK and the FLACRA Community Comprehensive Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)) provided updates on Covid-19 related issues, staffing, census, waiting list and capacity. The CCBHC has capacity and is growing. JFK has hired but is waiting for approvals before the replacement can provide services. They continue to review and prioritize admissions. 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 (FLCH) reported on services provided to children from Penn Yan CSD. Both programs have capacity. The Dundee satellite clinic has capacity and child psychiatric availability. FLCH also has capacity but without direct child psychiatry availability. The outpatient substance Use clinic operated by FLACRA also updated on current services and the integration of services. It does not have a waiting list.

Community outreach (COTI) for the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) population was also discussed given the ability to directly connect with services for individuals in the community. Family Counseling Services of the Finger Lakes (FCSFL) updated members on the full range of services available, as well as ways to fund the treatment.

Discussion has been initiated as well as the expectations of the Community Services Department. The goal is to eliminate waiting lists, shorten the time to actual assessment and treatment. So far, programs have been encouraged to develop agreements to expedite treatment access and connect individuals with specific treatments that would best meet their needs.

The discussion regarding resources available revealed that the reasons for the delays in treatment, are capacity related, clinical staffing driven and reflect a lack of community integration and coordination. The development of agreements, contingency plans and integrated problem solving, reflect the current Yates County Community Services Department expectations for local providers, going forward. The establishment of current census, capacity and payer status for each program will be shared and discussed at the next meeting.

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 road patrol, revised available referral information available in each patrol car, revised the 911 protocols to engage available (mobile crisis team) response and Centers for treatment intervention (COTI) response, provided cell phone link for officers in the field to directly discuss (zoom) 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 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 history, current behavior poor decision making and 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 course by 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 as part of the National Institutes of Health HEAL Initiative 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. Covid-19 has impacted the study time table.

Data collection and analysis has intensified and will be used to focus on specific treatment approaches and enhancement in the system of care for opioid abuse. Collaboration with all the data collectors including the regional level to better collect overdose data in general and Opioid Overdoses specifically.

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 provider’s 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 reaching out 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 those 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.

**Transitional Care Management/ Adult Single Point of Accountability (SPOA):**

Services for individuals leaving jail, in-patient treatment or for those threatened with homelessness are provided to individuals in Yates County. The focus is on applications for services, residential needs and social supports. Walk in clients and phone/mail referrals are served regardless of funding. A relationship with the County Jail allows follow up with those before release (usually). SPOA operates as a team and provides review of needs for housing, treatment, and support for those who are homeless, homeless threatened, new inpatient discharges etc. This program served 27 individuals in March.

**Children’s Single Point of Entry (C-SPOA):**

C-SPOA Operates a Children’s team of specialists that accept referrals for children/youth with behavioral health needs, school issues, residential needs, social support, family support, care management, treatment as well as referrals for higher levels of care. The team meets with the
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 INSIGHT, The CIT project, CCBHC and the HEAL Study.

3/15.2021 Update: Dialogue by partners with partners is occurring at all meetings and gathering. Efforts to recruit other services/providers is ongoing.

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.

3/15/2021 Update: Orientation/training is being planned for dissemination to agencies/providers, families the general public.

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, HEAL

3/15/2021 Update: Discussions and planning commenced with the two community centers and other partners. Planning for the INSYGHT Web page includes a focus on access to care including behavioral health crisis and emergency care.

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, CIT.

3/15/2021 Update: Work group with outpatient behavioral health providers has been initiated. The CIT work group has already begun to shift behavioral health crisis and emergency care from Law enforcement and the Emergency Department to the C-PEP,
Mobile Crisis, use of phone/tablet communication from the field and the creation of an early warning system to identify those who are beginning to be at risk. This can allow efforts to meet individual needs with the hope of eliminating the crisis/emergency scenario.

**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 and Emergency Departments.

3/15/2021 Update: The YSO and PY Police have already revised 911 procedures, added new orders to better direct calls. In addition, referral information is on each police vehicle computer to allow for options regarding help for an individual. The Initiation of a link with COTI and Mobile Crisis allows call to be diverted or for joint response, finally, mobile access to a psychiatrist was established with the C-PEP.

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.

Efforts to coordinate with 211 lifeline or 211 for the Southern tier are being explored. One issue is that calls apparently go to either depending on residence.

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

3/15 Update: This is complete and will need to be evaluated over time.

**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

3/15/21 Update: This remains an issue in Yates County. Coordination regarding discharges against advice from outpatient care, Emergency room care post a mental hygiene arrest and inpatient treatment remains disconnected and at times marginal. This allows individuals at some level of clinic risk to go unknown and not supported to the degree needed. That leads to further crisis, decompensations, Law enforcement involvement, ED visits and inpatient care or criminal justice involvement. Efforts to have notifications made and discharge plan provided are under way. However, the existing capacity to coordinate and provide follow up and support is limited. This needs to be expanded.

Priority #1: Ensure awareness, availability and coordination of follow up resources across various locations and platforms (phone, mobile, Web Page).
Develop and catalogue the availability of follow up resources and distribute widely to all groups in the community. Yates INSYGHT, HEAL, CIT.

3/15/2021 Update: INSYGHT Web Page with interactive searchable resources in planned to be in operation by this summer. The community sites will be set up to assist individuals to access the Web page. All partners will also be oriented to the resource. Dissemination of access information, training as needed will be underway.

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.

3/15/2021 Update: A community standard will be developed for crisis follow up with broad input from partners and the community.

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.

3/15/2021 Update: Work has started with Care Management Services to ensure that post crisis connections are maintained, offered, and initiated when the individual consents. The new enhanced Health Home Care Manager (HHCM) for SMI, intense SUD and high risk individuals provide an improved HHCM option.

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.

3/15/2021 Update: Peer support is available on the SUD side but not the Mental Health side. There is a need to add peer services within the system. Currently the Psychosocial Club in Penn Yan has a peer specialist but additional peers are needed.
I. **Personnel, Project & Training Updates:**

- VSA’s Keuka College social work student intern anticipated last day is May 6th.
- VSA’s administrative clerk has been instrumental in helping our agency scan archived records to the county’s LaserFiche document management system.
- The VSA Director is educating Veterans and their family members about the Columbia Protocol: Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS). He is working with the Yates County Suicide Prevention Coalition, developing and implementing a plan for educating our Yates County Veteran community on suicide awareness, intervention and support and resources. Yates County, unfortunately, had 3 suicides and 4 attempts last year. - Reference: County Crisis Intervention Team (CCIT) Statistical Data Report (March 19, 2021).
- VSA staff completed the following training:
  - General Code - Virtual LaserFiche Client User Workshop (March 23rd); and
  - New York State Division of Veterans’ Services (NYS DVS) – Gathering and Utilizing Evidence in Veterans’ Claims (March 25th).

II. **Veteran Services Update:**

- **Contact Report:** Our Monthly Contact Report for March shows 333 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 35 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 – April 7th, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
  Location: via Microsoft (MS) Teams virtual platform / teleconference

- **NYS CVSOA, Buffalo & Albany VA meeting**
  Date: Thursday – April 15th, 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon
  Location: via Webex platform

- **Yates County Crisis Intervention Team – Working Group meeting**
  Date: Friday – April 16th, 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon
  Location: via Zoom platform

- **National Veterans Legal Services Program webinar – Veteran Service Officer training**
  Date: Tuesday – April 20th, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
  Location: via Webex platform
• Yates County Suicide Prevention Coalition – Veteran Committee meeting
  Date: Tuesday – April 20th, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
  Location: via Zoom platform

• NYS DVS & County Veteran Service Officer Association (CVSOA) Leadership meeting
  Date: Wednesday – April 21st, 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon
  Location: via teleconference

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

Monthly total compensation for VA claims settled this month: $19,183.64
Total monthly compensation and disbursements year-to-date: $159,992.23

V. Informational Item(s):

• New Law Expanding Access To Veterans Treatment Courts (see details on press release)

March 30th, 2021, marks a historic day for Veterans and for Veterans Treatment Courts in New York State.

As you can see from the press release below, Governor Cuomo signed groundbreaking legislation allowing counties that lack a Veterans Treatment Court to transfer an eligible justice-involved Veteran’s case into an adjoining county’s Veterans Treatment Court.

This ensures that justice-involved Veterans statewide - not solely Veterans in a county with a Veterans Treatment Court — will be able to access the life-changing services that Veterans Treatment Courts offer. Truly a vital measure in helping to close the justice gap for the courageous individuals who have served in our nation’s military.

This legislation went through many iterations over the course of several years. Many outstanding advocates played crucial roles in keeping this issue at the forefront of public consciousness, convening and facilitating consensus working groups, writing and revising legislative language, and much, much more!

The fact that this comes in the immediate aftermath of Vietnam Veterans Day makes this even more significant. It was a Vietnam War Veteran appearing before Judge Robert Russell’s court in Buffalo back in 2008, and two Vietnam War Veterans who worked on Judge Russell’s court staff who counseled that Veteran, that inspired the creation of the first Veterans Treatment Court in the nation. The initial group of Veterans Treatment Court mentors in that first Veterans Treatment Court likewise were Vietnam War Veterans - some of whom continue to serve Veterans in that court today! This is yet another example of the legacy of Vietnam War Veterans serving their fellow Veterans throughout New York State and beyond.
• New Law -- Expanded COVID-19 Vaccine Access For Veterans + Spouses

(See details in full text of this newly enacted law)

On March 24th, 2021, President Biden signed into law H.R. 1276, the “SAVE Lives Act,” focusing on increasing COVID-19 Vaccine access to Veterans and their families.

This law authorizes Veterans Health Administration facilities to take several important new steps, including:

■ Administering COVID-19 vaccinations to ALL Veterans, regardless of whether the Veteran is enrolled in the Veterans Health Administration.

■ Administering COVID-19 vaccinations to the spouses of Veterans, even if the spouse is not currently participating in any of the VA’s Family Caregiver Programs.

■ Administering COVID-19 vaccinations to Veterans Health Administration-eligible Veterans who are living abroad (e.g., Veterans who live in Canada and typically receive their VA healthcare in New York, but now cannot come to New York because of border closures due to COVID-19)

In conversations with New York State Division of Veterans’ Services leadership, who have been calling leaders at some of the VA Medical Centers in New York State, they have learned that this law is not being implemented today.

I’ve been told that they are awaiting guidance from leadership in Washington, D.C., as well as in the Veterans Health Administration headquarters in Atlanta, before they start administering the COVID-19 vaccine to non-VA-enrolled Veterans, spouses of Veterans who are not caregivers, etc.

It also sounds to me that the implementation is going to be somewhat facility-specific, depending on the COVID-19 vaccine supplies available at each VA Medical Facility. This new law requires the VA to prioritize Veterans Health Administration-enrolled Veterans of non-VA-enrolled Veterans, just as it requires the VA to prioritize enrollees in the Family Caregiver Programs over spouses who are not enrolled in any of these programs. So, a VA Medical Center with a larger supply of the COVID-19 vaccination will likely have more doses left over to be able to give to spouses, non-VA-enrolled Veterans, etc. By contrast, a VA Medical Center with smaller supplies of the vaccine will have fewer doses left over to administer to these newly eligible groups.

I will continue to keep my ear to the ground on this, and will share any new information as it arrives.
### VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY - SERVICES PROVIDED TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES - MARCH 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
GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO

GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES SIGNING OF LEGISLATION EXPANDING ACCESS TO VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS AND STATE ACTIONS TO HONOR VETERANS

New Legislation (S.1957-A/A.5719-A) Provides Historic Expansion of Life-Changing Veterans Courts

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced he has signed legislation (S.1957-A/A.5719-A) expanding access to Veterans Treatment Courts across New York State, allowing qualifying justice-involved veterans in counties that lack a Veterans Treatment Court to have their cases transferred into an existing Veterans Treatment Court in a neighboring county. The Governor highlighted the need for this expansion in his 2021 State of the State agenda.

The Governor also announced that on Monday, New York State took additional actions to honor Vietnam War Veterans Day, including a virtual forum hosted by the New York State Division of Veterans’ Services honoring the service and sacrifice of Native American Vietnam War veterans and the illumination of landmarks in the colors of the Vietnam Service Ribbon.

"Veterans have made enormous sacrifices for this country abroad and unfortunately often face significant challenges upon returning home. New York State is redoubling our support for the brave men and women who have served America in uniform," Governor Cuomo said. "This legislation will make it easier to help veterans in the criminal justice system connect with much needed support services regardless of county. We’ve also taken action to commemorate the sacrifices veterans made in Vietnam and honor the important contributions of Native American servicemembers."

Senator Brad Hoylman said, "Veterans Treatment Courts are a homegrown New York success story that have deservedly become a national model. This legislation will dramatically expand access to Veterans Treatment Courts across New York State, connecting justice-involved veterans struggling with mental illness or addiction with the programs and services they need to repair their lives. I extend my thanks to Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins for prioritizing the needs of New York’s veterans, to Assembly Sponsor Sandy Galef for her partnership, and to Governor Cuomo for swiftly signing this bill into law."

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef said, "It is an honor to see this landmark legislation become the law of our state. What began as a noble experiment in Buffalo with an empathetic judge and a small group of Vietnam War Veterans will now be available to every eligible justice-involved Veteran in New York State. It was my privilege to sponsor this bill to connect these courageous New Yorkers to the life-changing services and resources that they so rightfully deserve."

Expanding Access to Veterans Treatment Courts

On March 29, Governor Cuomo signed S.1957-A/A.5719-A into law. The legislation closes existing justice gaps for veterans in the criminal justice system who meet eligibility criteria for the life-changing
services of a Veterans Treatment Court but who have been charged in a county that does not have a Veterans Treatment Court. The law also authorizes the Chief Administrator of the Courts to establish additional Veterans Treatment Courts around the state.

Under the new law, qualifying justice-involved veterans who are charged with certain criminal offenses—excluding domestic violence matters—in a county without a Veterans Treatment Court will be able to request that their cases be transferred to a Veterans Treatment Court in a neighboring county. This process will require the consent of both the district attorney for the county in which the charges were initially brought as well as the district attorney for the county into which the case will be transferred.

Veterans Treatment Courts allow veterans struggling with mental illness or substance use who are charged with crimes to receive treatment instead of punishment. New York State is home to the first Veterans Treatment Court in the country, established in Buffalo in 2008 after the Hon. Robert Russell observed that a Vietnam War veteran was struggling in the mental health court over which he presided in Buffalo. This ultimately led Judge Russell to recognize the value of connecting justice-involved veterans with their fellow veterans on their challenging rehabilitative journeys. The first veterans who volunteered to serve as peer mentors in Judge Russell's brand-new veterans-focused specialized court in 2008 were all Vietnam War Veterans.

**Judge Robert Russell said**, "Thank you and the team at the New York State Health Foundation for your support of Veterans Treatment Courts and the Veterans Treatment Court transfer legislation. The veterans of our state have made tremendous sacrifices for our freedom. This legislation affords veterans seen in our justice system the opportunity to participate, irrespective of where that veteran may reside, into a Veterans Treatment Court."

**Dr. Patrick Welch said**, "When Judge Robert Russell started the first Veteran Treatment Court in Buffalo, N.Y., in 2008, little did we realize this would become an international phenomenon. What has been created through Veteran Treatment Courts is the most profound change in the attitude of our criminal justice system towards veterans in the history of this country. This new law ensures that any justice involved veteran will have an opportunity to repair their life."

Today, more than 400 Veterans Treatment Courts have been established across the United States, following the same fundamental framework that Judge Russell developed in Buffalo. More than 30 of these courts exist throughout New York State, but access to them has long been uneven because they have not been established in every county. The bill signed by Governor Cuomo yesterday ensures that more eligible veterans are afforded access to life-changing Veteran Treatment Courts.
An Act

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish COVID–19 vaccines to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening and Amplifying Vaccination Efforts to Locally Immunize All Veterans and Every Spouse Act” or the “SAVE LIVES Act”.

SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO FURNISH COVID–19 VACCINE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS NOT ENROLLED IN PATIENT ENROLLMENT SYSTEM OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may furnish a vaccine for COVID–19 to a covered individual during the COVID–19 public health emergency.

(b) PRIORITIZATION.—In furnishing vaccines for COVID–19 under the laws administered by the Secretary, the Secretary shall—

(1) prioritize the vaccination of veterans who are enrolled in the patient enrollment system, veterans who receive hospital care and medical services pursuant to subsection (c)(2) of section 1705 of title 38, United States Code, and accompanying caregivers of such veterans before the vaccination of covered individuals not otherwise described in this paragraph; and

(2) only furnish vaccines for COVID–19 to covered individuals under this section to the extent that such vaccines are available.

(c) TIMING OF VACCINES PROVIDED TO SPOUSES OF VETERANS.—The Secretary may determine the timing for offering a vaccine for COVID–19 to the spouse of a veteran from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(d) VACCINE ALLOCATION.—It is the sense of Congress that, to the extent practicable based on the current national supply chain, the Secretary of Health and Human Services should adjust the allocation for the Department of Veterans Affairs for the vaccine for COVID–19 based on the additional eligibility of covered individuals under this section.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ACCOMPANYING CAREGIVER.—The term “accompanying caregiver” means a caregiver described in subparagraph (D), (E), or (F) of paragraph (2) who is accompanying a veteran who is receiving a vaccine for COVID–19 furnished by the Department.
(2) **covered individual.**—The term “covered individual” means any of the following individuals:

(A) A veteran who is not eligible to enroll in the patient enrollment system.

(B) A veteran who is eligible for care under section 1724 of title 38, United States Code.

(C) A beneficiary under section 1781 of such title.

(D) A family caregiver of a veteran participating in the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers under section 1720G(a) of such title.

(E) A caregiver of a veteran participating in the program of general caregiver support services under section 1720G(b) of such title.

(F) A caregiver of a veteran participating in the Medical Foster Home Program, Bowel and Bladder Program, Home Based Primary Care Program, or Veteran Directed Care Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(G) A spouse of a veteran.

(3) **covered public health emergency.**—The term “covered public health emergency” means an emergency with respect to COVID–19 declared by a Federal, State, or local authority.


(5) **patient enrollment system.**—The term “patient enrollment system” means the system of annual patient enrollment of the Department of Veterans Affairs established and operated under section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code.

(6) **veteran.**—The term “veteran” has the meaning given that term in section 101(2) of title 38, United States Code.

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*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.*
# Public Defender Report for Month of March, 2021

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1. Not included in totals.
1. Does this position perform services that are mandated by the Federal or State government? ☒ YES ☐ NO

2. If the answer to #1 is no, does this position perform services that the County has traditionally maintained? ☐ YES ☐ NO

3. If the answer to #2 is yes, can an entity other than Yates County government perform these services? ☐ YES ☐ NO

4. If this position is not refilled, can other positions be reconfigured to handle the work performed by the person in this position? If so, what positions? If not, how will the work conducted by the person in this position be handled? ☒ YES ☐ NO

This position needs to be filled to handle the various court schedules. Many schedules conflict with one another making it impossible for the current staff to cover the required appearances. Furthermore, the caseloads are so heavy for all the matters covered by the public defender’s office, that it is impossible for the current staff to provide adequate representation.

5. If applicable, is there an existing Civil Service Eligibility List for this position? ☐ YES ☒ NO

6. Will the loss of this position impact overtime? If yes, why and how can this be minimized? (Please attach an analysis showing any impact on overtime.) ☒ YES ☐ NO

Without this position, the two part-time public defenders would be required to work overtime. However, as mentioned above, the required court appearances cannot be covered with only 2 individuals, one of whom works remotely from Horseheads most of the time.

7. Does federal and/or state aid offset the cost of this position? (If yes, how much) ☒ YES ☐ NO

$ ~$65,000

8. If the position were eliminated, what would be the net county savings? (Include fringe benefits and retirement) ☐ YES ☒ NO

$ 0

There would be no savings.

9. Is there any risk, financial or otherwise, to waiting 30 days to refill this position? ☒ YES ☐ NO

It may be difficult to train the new hire so that he/she can work in their individual capacity.

10. If you are given approval to refill this position, when do you expect to fill it? Date: Within One Month
Beginning January 1, 2020, NYS now requires all local courts to hold criminal court every other week (before 1/1/2020, many of the courts held criminal court only once a month). There are 9 Townships in Yates County, plus the Village of Penn Yan. Additionally, there is County Court, Drug Court, Support Collections, and Family Court that the Public Defender’s Office covers. Employing only 2 part-time Public Defenders makes the job impossible.

There are currently well over one hundred criminal cases, and over 100 family court cases that the Public Defender’s Office is handling. The office needs to fill the vacancy positions immediately in order to provide adequate and required indigent legal representation and to minimize the county’s liability in regard to providing such representation.

**AUTHORIZE PUBLIC DEFENDER TO CREATE AND FILL ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER (FIRST) POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Public Defender has requested to create and fill a full-time Assistant Public Defender (First) position due to the anticipated vacancy that will occur on June 1, 2021 as the result of a resignation; and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender through the vacancy review process has identified the need to create and fill the Assistant Public Defender (First) position in order to allow for a seamless transition for personnel and to ensure clients remain unaffected; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to fill the position is $107,785 to $128,098, depending on health insurance; the County receives $48,699 reimbursement from the Hurrell-Harring Grant therefore, after factoring in the grant reimbursement the estimated cost to fill the position is $59,086 to $79,399;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, effective April 12, 2021 the Public Defender is hereby authorized to fill the full-time Assistant Public Defender (First) position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to the Public Defender, Personnel Officer, County Administrator, and County Treasurer.
## YATES COUNTY

### Non-Competitive Grants

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<td>June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2012</td>
<td>$7,134.00</td>
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<td>$5,978.81</td>
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<td>June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2015</td>
<td>$48,684.00</td>
<td>$19,994.63</td>
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<td>Contract approved February 10, 2021. Resolution to present 3/1/21. Mailed (2) signed/notarized contracts but now the ILS is saying it's too soon. (See email in folder)</td>
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| Statewide (H-H Year 1) | April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2023 | $347,233.80 | $82,291.18 | $264,942.62 | Submitted claim for $147,501.81 on 2/12/2021. Need to submit claim for Experts in ACP section. Need to submit Year 3 Budget. Claim for $65,559.23 received 10/6/2020 Claim for $16,731.95 received 12/8/2020 |

### Competitive Grants

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<td>Claim for $3,332.64 received 3/24/2021 Modified Request Sent 2/9/2021 Claim for $1,175.16 received 12/31/20</td>
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### Year to Date Summary -

| Claims received: $185,966.41 | Submissions pending: $149,051.81 |

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