

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Location: Yates County Legislative Chambers

Date: May 3, 2021 at 3:30pm

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)
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Committee members present: Leslie Church, Ed Bronson, Terry Button, Carlie Chilson, Dick Harper, Bonnie Percy

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

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

Resolutions:

- Recognize Yates County Distinguished Youth Award Recipient
- Authorize Contract with ProAction of Steuben and Yates Counties, Inc. for Staffing of the Yates County Summer Youth Employment Program
- Authorize Chairman to Sign Child and Family Services Plan
- Reappoint Elizabeth Cromheecke to the Yates County Youth Board

- Eviction Assistance
- Stewart v. Roberts
- Jobs/Workforce Development
- Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act funding
- Youth Bureau

PUBLIC HEALTH: Annmarie Flanagan
Communicable Disease Control

- E Coli
- COVID-19 update and vaccination efforts
- Volunteers
- Part-time position Account Clerk Typist

Resolutions

- Sign Agreements with ARC of Yates DBA Keuka Lake School
- Sign Agreements with Finger Lakes UCP DBA Happiness House
- Sign Agreement with Anthony Cerneskie, Speech Language Pathologist
- Sign Agreement with Christine Toner, Speech Language Pathologist

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Resolution

- Mental Health Month 2021

- SAFE ACT
- 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

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth

- Program updates

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steve Hampsey

- Statistics
- Grant update

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn

- Nothing to report

EXECUTIVE SESSION . If needed

Human Services Committee
Social Services Report
May 2021

Resolutions

Recognize Caden DeMarco as a Distinguished Youth Award for 2020

Enter into contract with ProAction for assistance with the summer youth employment program

Authorize Chair to electronically sign 2020 Yates County Child and Family Services Plan Update

The Youth Bureau recommends the reappointment of Elizabeth Cromheecke to the Yates County Youth Board for a one-year term beginning 5/30/2021 and ending on 5/30/2022

Eviction Assistance

The Federal Government has authorized funding for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). A sum of \$120,000 has been recommended for Yates County to provide outreach to eligible households and landlords to assist them in applying for rental arrears payments. This is not funding to pay for expenses, this money is only to be used for outreach. DSS is required to submit a plan for how that funding will be used by May 7. We are currently talking with local agencies who we think are well suited to know who from the community might be behind on rent. Those agencies will provide outreach and access for renters and landlords to apply directly for funding through an online portal. The initial money from the payments will be pooled for non-NYC counties. A 4/27 webinar indicated that the portal will be available at the end of May. The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance has indicated that there will be a media campaign regarding this program. While the money is awarded to the county, it will be distributed through Grants Gateway. Details regarding who is eligible for the funding is attached to this report.

Stewart v. Roberts

In a judgement for the class action lawsuit Stewart v. Roberts it was determined that Temporary Assistance cases were incorrectly denied based on the use of vehicles as resources. The judgement certified a class, set a procedure to identify class members, and ordered retroactive relief to class members. The class is defined as:

All applicants and recipients of TA in NYS who received, applied for, or will apply to TA benefits between July 20, 2015 and May 11, 2020, and who, within the applicable time frame and at the time of the application or recertifications.

- a. Owned a motor vehicle that had a fair market value exceeding the applicable resource levels set for in Social Services Law within the applicable timeframe; and,
- b. Had a loan, not or other encumbrance on the motor vehicles which resulted in the applicant or recipient having no equity or minimal equity in such motor vehicle, within the applicable time frame; and,
- c. Were denied TA or had their TA benefits discontinued because of the ownership of such motor vehicle within the applicable time frame.

In order to comply OTDA will send a notice to all adults and minor heads of household who were denied or discontinued TA due to excess resources during the above time frame Recipients are entitled to an interview by the district to determine if they are class members.

This means some individuals who were determined ineligible due to ownership of a vehicle with a Fair Market Value over a specified level, may now be eligible for retroactive relief. OTDA has not yet provided instructions regarding how to calculate retroactive relief. As a result of this, letters will be sent to all eligible people and we are required to set up an email so that clients can email us to set up an appointment. We were sent a list of possible cases that this would apply to. The list has fewer than 20 cases on it. I bring this to your attention because I anticipate that there will be news articles regarding this decision.

Jobs/Workforce Development

Remedy Staffing, a temporary employment agency in the area will be holding a drive through job fair in the parking lot of the County Office Building on May 22.

We are preparing our summer youth employment program and recruiting both worksites and program participants in anticipation of receiving our full allotment on time this program year.

Talks continue with FLCC toward the establishment of a remote learning lab in the Workforce Development suite. This would allow residents to participate in classes remotely.

Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding

We have been informed by the Workforce Investment Board that all 4 counties are to reduce their 20-21 Youth Budget proposed budget allocation by 20%. While we have a little room for adjustment using our Summer Youth Employment Program funding, a decrease will certainly impact services for clients including youth wages and incentives. As a reminder, the WIOA budget year is July-June.

Youth Bureau

All annual Reports have been returned and are being sent to NYS. All programs that have previously received YDP funding has received information on contract renewal. Proposals are due back by 5/14. This year all programs must participate in a training called Darkness to Light given by Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes. We would ideally like the staff that are directly working with youth to attend this training. You are required to send a minimum of one participant. Participants for this training must stay for the entire duration of the training to receive credit.

RECOGNIZE YATES COUNTY DISTINGUISHED YOUTH AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, the Yates County Youth Board selected Caiden DeMarco for recognition as a Yates County Distinguished Youth of 2020, acknowledging his outstanding service to his community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Legislature take recognition of this honor bestowed upon Caiden DeMarco by the Yates County Youth Board on May 10, 2021 in Penn Yan, NY, and thank him for his 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 Caiden DeMarco and the Youth Bureau Director.

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH PRO-ACTION OF STEUBEN AND YATES COUNTIES, INC. FOR STAFFING OF THE YATES COUNTY SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Department of Social Services to contract with an outside agency for assistance in operating the Summer Youth Employment Program,

RESOLVED, that after review by the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services be authorized to sign a contract with Pro-Action of Steuben and Yates Counties, Inc to contract for summer staffing with the Department for the period 5/1/21-9/30/21 for an amount not to exceed \$9,500, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Yates County Treasurer and the Department of Social Services.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PLAN

WHEREAS, it is necessary for each Local Department of Social Services to develop a Child and Family Services plan for the time period April 1, 2018-March 31, 2023, and submit said plan and annual updates to the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, and that this plan requires approval from the Chief Elected Official, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services is authorized to make technical adjustments in the Child and Family Services Plan if so directed by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to electronically sign the plan on behalf of the county; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Yates County Department of Social Services

**Yates County Public Health
Human Services Committee
Background information
May 3, 2021**

Public Health/Prevention Programs:

Communicable Disease Control

E Coli: we have had three cases of E Coli, all identified from the Penn Yan Central School District. One student had been hospitalized with Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS). No further cases identified. We will continue to monitor. The Soldiers and Sailors Emergency Room has been contacted to request they increase their surveillance measures, for those presenting with diarrhea like illnesses. The initial labs have been sent to the Wadsworth, the state laboratory. The specimens should also be shared with the CDC, by the Wadsworth laboratory. We will continue to watch for other potential contacts as well as a source. It has been identified the source may be from a bathroom.

COVID-19: We remain with surveillance and reporting of positive COVID 19 tests. The numbers have been lower than the winter months but there remains a consistent trend of cases. On Friday 4/23/21 we were alerted by Keuka College of 11 positive cases. These individuals denied symptoms and had been part of the random sampling going on at Keuka College. Random sampling helps to identify cases early before further transmission can occur. Presently we have over 50 individuals under quarantine, either on the campus or off. Of concern is some of these same students had the disease in the fall. Some with one dose and now their 2nd dose will be on hold, due to the 2nd dose was this week. Some have been vaccinated with two doses. Of further concern is, this may be a variant strain of COVID-19 which may not be covered under the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. Unfortunately, we do not know if genome testing is being conducted on these positive tests.

COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts:

Vaccination clinics continue at the Gordmans' sight. Johnson and Johnson Vaccine has been released from the pause. There is a warning for this vaccine which includes a past medical history of Thrombosis. If the individual reports yes, then they should not receive the vaccine. Everyone who has questions is being urged to reach out to their medical provider.

On Friday April 30, 2021 a small clinic at Penn Yan Academy will take place for students 16 years old and older, the Pfizer Vaccine will be used. We have been able to secure Pfizer vaccine from Ontario County for this event.

Community Education regarding the importance of getting vaccinated continues. Marketing efforts to promote and educate the communities about when the vaccine clinics are. To date we have had:

1. Our hash tag campaign: #YatesSaysYes2Vax this campaign is geared towards 16 to 30 year old's
2. B & G campaign is also moving forward. The billboard is up. You can see it in Dundee on your way south, across from the Dundee Raceway. This campaign is geared towards the 18 and above demographic.
3. Our Facebook campaign to promote the vaccine remains, and now includes individuals are giving statements regarding getting vaccinated and why they did. This campaign is geared towards everyone.

4. There will a meeting just for the Mennonite Community on Friday May 7, 2021 at 10 am with Dr. Wayne Strouse to discuss health concerns in the community. The legislature has been very helpful in reaching out to members of this community, thank you. You will be updated with the outcomes. This is being geared towards a specific group in our county the Mennonites.
5. Significant community education has gone into reopening rules and regulations. Including and not limited to; concerts in the park, little league, school reopening's. This work is geared towards appropriate demographics.
6. Rapid covid testing has been offered to all the schools, in Yates County, to increase a sense of normalcy during the end of the year activities. Contact has occurred with local health care providers to have them do short video clips regarding everyone who is eligible should be vaccinated.
7. Mass mailings have been looked at to identify if this is an appropriate way to utilize funds. This would include a post card campaign to promote vaccination rates in areas such as Dundee and Rock Stream
8. Utilizing ad space in the free newspaper which goes out weekly. The cost here is reasonable and will be considered.
9. We have reviewed purchasing a LED sign to help us get the word out regarding vaccine clinics. The reason for this is there are many in our county including our Mennonites who do not have access to the internet. The use of an LED sign outside of the county building has the potential to support all the departments, not just Public Health. The present signs we have only allow up to 4 words. Our hash tag of: #YatesSaysYes2Vax would not fit on the current sign, nor would the time, date and location of a vaccination clinic.
 - a. See the cost estimate of sign included.
 - b. Specific guidelines would be in place for the use of the sign.
 - c. See a potential policy on its use, shared from Schuyler County.
 - d. Cost sharing is possible with other departments, as there is a use for this county wide.
 - e. Buildings and Grounds has the capability and talent to ensure the sign is aesthetically pleasing and is representative of Yates County's commitment to the community.

Possible uses for the LED sign: vaccination clinics: flu, covid and rabies. It could also be used to let residents know about food distributions, when HEAP applications are due, Amber Alerts, and weather advisories. The Public Health Department is very willing to manage the sign, so the information is updated, appropriate and reflective of the county's commitment to our residents and visitors.

Volunteers: We currently have been utilizing a large group of MRC volunteers at our clinics. Our emergency preparedness coordinator has asked if we could start the process of a recognition picnic. She suggested having a dish to pass. As an FYI Schuyler County chose to have the event catered.

Yates County Vaccination Statistics

8,112 People with completed Vaccine Series

9,690 People with at least one Vaccine Dose

24,841 Total County Population

Part time Position Account Clerk Typist: Interviews will be occurring soon.

RESOLUTIONS

SIGN AGREEMENTS WITH ARC OF YATES DBA KEUKA LAKE SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Yates County Public Health seeks to sign agreements with Arc of Yates dba Keuka Lake School, 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 herby authorized to sign agreements with Arc of Yates dba Keuka Lake School at the following all-inclusive rates:

NAME	SERVICE	RATE	CONTRACT DATE
Arc of Yates dba Keuka Lake School	3-5 Services & Evaluations Center Based	NYSED Rates	07/01/2021-06/30/2026
Arc of Yates dba Keuka Lake School	Related Services	ST \$70, OT \$70, PT \$70, SEIT (Special Instruction) NYSED Rate	07/01/2021-06/30/2026

And, be it further

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

SIGN AGREEMENTS WITH FINGER LAKES UCP DBA HAPPINESS HOUSE

WHEREAS, Yates County Public Health seeks to sign agreements with Finger Lakes UCP dba Happiness House, 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 herby authorized to sign agreements with Arc of Yates dba Keuka Lake School at the following all-inclusive rates:

NAME	SERVICE	RATE	CONTRACT DATE
Finger Lakes UCP dba Happiness House	3-5 Services & Evaluations Center Based	NYSED Rates	07/01/2021-06/30/2026
Finger Lakes UCP dba Happiness House	Related Services	ST \$55, OT \$55, PT \$55, AT \$55	07/01/2021-06/30/2026

And, be it further

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

**SIGN AGREEMENT WITH ANTHONY CERNEKIE, SPEECH LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGIST**

WHEREAS, Yates County Public Health seeks to sign an agreement with Anthony Cerneskie, Speech Language Pathologist, 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 herby authorized to sign an agreement with Anthony Cerneskie, Speech Language Pathologist at the following all-inclusive rates: \$65.00 in 2021, \$66.00 in 2022, \$67.00 in 2023, \$68.00 in 2024, \$69.00 in 2025, and \$70.00 in 2026, for the period 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2026; and be it further

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

**SIGN AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTINE TONER, SPEECH LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGIST**

WHEREAS, Yates County Public Health seeks to sign an agreement with Christine Toner, Speech Language Pathologist, 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 herby authorized to sign an agreement with Christine Toner, Speech Language Pathologist at the following all-inclusive rates: \$65.00 in 2021, \$66.00 in 2022, \$67.00 in 2023, \$68.00 in 2024, \$69.00 in 2025, and \$70.00 in 2026, for the period 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2026; and be it further

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

**Human Services Legislative Committee
Community Services Department
April, 2021**

Action Items:

Mental Health Month Resolution

SAFE Act:

4 reports received and investigated: 1 reported to DCJS:

Fiscal:

Budget updates completed and agency discussions completed.

AOT:

Current cases: 0 Investigations: 0

Program: Yates Suicide Prevention Coalition

The part time coordinator started and chaired an organizational meeting. A steering committee was formed as well as several work committees. Planning for the 2021 “Out of Darkness Walk” continues and the AFSP web site has information about the walk, teams and donations. Community training efforts will resume in May as will community education efforts. The Coalition will be sponsoring the adoption of the Columbia Protocol part of the Columbia Lighthouse Project. The free app is designed for community members and is supported by training provided by Columbia University. It can be used for yourself or for a loved one or friend. There are 3-6 questions which will measure suicide risk. At the end there are instructions and resource numbers you can use or share.

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 has begun to provide trainings and is developing a community needs assessment, meeting with other trainers, establishing a training schedule in support of the Systems of Care Development.

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 CIT 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 Law Enforcement or the criminal justice system. Crisis Intervention Training for Law enforcement, dispatch and 911, revising the protocols for 911 and dispatch to include the COTI outreach team and Mobile Crisis Team from Clifton Springs, appointing an officer in charge of the CIT efforts, adding a consult capacity for officers in the field using tablet computers/cell phones with a psychiatrist at the C-PEP compromise current efforts.

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. The Regional Planning Consortium

We continue on our 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 is provided under the authority of the Community Services Director (DCS) to develop a plan to change to course by engagement with the individual, the family, and by referrals to community social support, 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 continues and will be used to focus on specific treatment and prevention approaches and enhancement in the system of care for opioid abuse. This includes collaboration with all the data collectors including the regional level to better collect overdose data in general and Opioid Overdoses specifically.

In mid-2021, the first campaign focused on Naloxone, Medications for Opioid Use Disorders (MOUD) and stigma community stigma. 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 reach 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. We have an incomplete system of crisis care for the behavioral health population. The missing elements include in home crisis services, in clinic crisis services, expanded mobile crisis services, expanded crisis respite and crisis residential services. In addition, an expanded drop in center and psychosocial club with additional community peers.

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 with needs before release (usually). SPOA operates as a team and provides review of needs for housing, treatment, support for those who are homeless, homeless threatened, new inpatient discharges etc. This program served 36 individuals in April.

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 parent, guardian, school representative, family advocate child/youth and other significant individuals to develop a plan of care and treatment. individuals were served in March.

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH 2021

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, all Americans face challenges in life that can impact their mental health, especially during a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there are practical tools that all people can use to improve their mental health and increase resiliency; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and

WHEREAS, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, health care provider, organization and citizen share the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention and treatment efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yates County Legislature, does hereby proclaim May 2021 as Mental Health Month in Yates County and calls upon the citizens, local governments, agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Yates County to commit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

Human Services Committee Meeting
May 3rd, 2021
Veterans' Services Agency (VSA)

I. Personnel, Project & Training Updates:

- **Sydney Lyon**, our Keuka College social work intern's last day of her field education at the county will be May 6th. Our VSA will be recognizing her commendable contributions to our Veteran community and achievements during the upcoming Human Services Committee meeting on May 3rd.
- VSA director and VSO facilitated the New York State County Veteran Service Officer's Association meeting via virtual platform to over 30 county, state and federal Veteran representatives (April 15th).
- The VSA is sending all VA claims and application via secure VA direct upload portal.
- FY2020 Indigent Veteran Burial reimbursement was received from New York State Department of Taxation and Finance - Division of the Treasury (April 15th).
- FY2020 Veteran Services - Aid to Localities disbursement from the New York State Office of General Services was received (April 12th).
- Veteran and Military Records LaserFiche Project – (this is the project Mrs. Paula Clawson is working on to scan all paper records for Yates County). The intent of the virtual session was technology support and information exchange with Livingston County, which has a well-established program.
- VSA staff completed the following training:
 - Department of Veterans Affairs – Privacy and Information Security Awareness (April 20th); and
 - New York State Division of Veterans' Services (NYS DVS) – Indigent Veteran Burial Reimbursement Process (April 21st).

II. Veteran Services Update:

- **Contact Report:** Our Monthly Contact Report for April shows **439** 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 **23** Veterans to medical appointments.

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

- **Finger Lakes Veterans Advocacy Council meeting**
Date: Wednesday – May 5th, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location: via Microsoft (MS) Teams virtual platform / teleconference

- **Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board – Veteran Outreach Committee meeting**
Date: Friday – April 15th, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Location: via Zoom platform
- **Yates County Suicide Prevention Coalition – Veteran Committee meeting**
Date: Tuesday – May 18th, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Location: via Zoom platform
- **Veteran and Surviving Dependents Benefits Outreach Presentation**
Date: Wednesday – May 19th, 12:00 noon
Location: Valley Inn - Outdoor Pavilion, 2682 Guyanoga Road, Branchport
- **Yates County Crisis Intervention Team – Working Group meeting**
Date: Friday – May 21st, 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Location: via Zoom platform
- **Veteran Grave Site Flag Replacement in preparation for Memorial Day**
Date: Thursday – May 27th, 9:00 a.m.
Location: Lakeview Cemetery – 426 Court Street (Entrance) – Penn Yan
** Appropriate social distancing will be observed by all volunteers **

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

Monthly total compensation for VA claims settled this month: \$15,984.63
Total monthly compensation and disbursements year-to-date: \$175,966.86

V. Informational Item(s):

- **Veteran Community Outreach and Education via “Open Mic” on WFLR / Podcast**
The VSA director and a member of the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board (FLWIB) Veteran Outreach committee, will be going on our local radio stations and create a podcast. Our goal is to discuss Veteran, Active Duty Military, and family member employment opportunities and specialized training resources in our Finger Lakes region. The VSA director will also announce upcoming Memorial Day weekend events planned in our community. As of the writing of this report no information was available about any confirmed Memorial Day Observances in Yates County.
- **“Finger Lakes Times Heroes” – Public Notice of Veterans’ Services**
There will be a public notice of our Yates County Veterans’ Services in the Finger Lakes Times Memorial Day 2021 newspaper (to be published May 29th). Please look for the announcement in the “Finger Lakes Heroes” section. Our VSA social work student intern, Ms. Sydney Lyon, created this wonderful graphic art/public notice of services, under the direct supervision of the VSA Director

VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY - SERVICES PROVIDED TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES - APRIL 2021

	Type of Service	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	April 2021	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020	Aug 2020	Sept 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020
F E D E R A L	Disability Compensation	79	54	69	100	71	66	118	90	66	68	86	90	107
	Pension	20	6	27	45	11	24	19	19	35	33	28	26	32
	Healthcare	48	23	26	47	26	16	9	16	10	26	29	35	38
	Education				1	1	1			1	4		10	1
	Insurance					1	2			1	4	2	1	2
	Home Loan				2	5	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	
	Burial	15	20	4	15	12	10	14	24	20	25	25	17	14
	Medals		2	2	5		5	6	9	6	8	10		10
	Military Records	7	10	12	11	4		6	6	11	11	5	10	8
	Other ₄	67	24	105	108	386	44	164	15	74	101	34	29	7
S T A T E	Gold Star Parents													
	Blind Annuity			1				1						
	Supp Burial	2									4	5	2	
	Education	1	1		1									
	Home Loan				1									
	Parks Passes	1			2									
	Hunting & Fishing Passes				1			1						
	Employment	2	8								4			
	State Veterans Home	1				2	1	1	1				4	
	State Medals							20	6					
Other	3	2	6	4		1	2	6		1	2	2	2	
L O C A L	Transportation Coord.	25	39	17	19	4	9	21	6	7	15	19	20	8
	Property Tax	8	20	1	2	2		2	5	4	6	3	2	1
	Other ₂	43	43	63	75	4	39	21	20	16	16	53	39	69
	Totals: ₃	322	252	333	439	532	220	406	225	253	328	303	288	299
	Actual Transports	12	22	35	23	3	8	13	18	13	20	26	18	11
	Initial Veteran Contacts ¹	3	4	3	1	1	1	1	0	4	4	2	5	1
	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													

**Yates County Human Services Committee Meeting
Pro Action Yates Report
May 2021**

Action Items:

Program Updates:

1. Legal Services:

In March, 4 customers were new referrals to Legal Services, while an additional 6 (already enrolled) seniors received 16.1 hours of assistance.

2. COVID-19 Vaccination Line:

Calls for appointments have really slowed down over the last month. Our staff followed up with seniors in our programs that were not known to be vaccinated and connected the few that were unvaccinated and wanted to get vaccinated with Candice.

3. EISEP/ Home Care:

Local providers continue to have no additional aide hours to provide to the seniors on our wait list. Our Supervising Case Manager has called all additional providers that claim to serve our County and only our 2 contracted providers actually have staff available in Yates.

Wait list: 13 PCI 4 PCII

Aging NY continues to advocate for a higher wage for aides in NY. I will talk about this initiative more during my verbal report.

4. Food Distributions:

On 4/15, 163 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 137 Mennonite families also happened at that point.

Our next distribution is on 5/20 at the Town of Starkey Highway Department. Sign-ups were made available on 4/26.

Foodlink's new "Pop up Pantry" model should start in July. We await additional details of how exactly this will work.

5. Transportation:

Transportation served 29 people for 99 medical appointments in month of March.

6. Personal Emergency Response System:

Over the past 12 months we have seen an uptick in the number of customers that can't afford all (\$30) or part of the monthly cost of their PERS units. We have a donation program that covers these costs for individuals that can't afford this service on their own. Donations to this fund in 2020 added up to less than 10% of what needed to be covered.

We do not want seniors to go unserved simply because they can't afford to participate and while NYSOFA funding does not support PERS we have submitted 2 grants to assist with funds for seniors with economic hardships and a 3rd grant will be submitted in June. If for some reason we can't cover these shortfalls with grant funding we will utilize CSBG funding to cover the cost.

7. Senior Nutrition:

We are currently 38 HDM and 6 Congregate "grab and go" meals daily in Yates. We have 4 Bulk, once a week delivery, in Yates. It can fluctuate based on customer's schedules, hospitalizations, and family visits.

We released a virtual tour of the kitchen and a brief explanation of all the safety and sanitation procedures in place to help reassure customers and their families about the level of care that is taken to safely prepare and deliver their meals.

As of 4/27/21, 98% of the Senior Nutrition staff has been Covid-19 vaccinated.

Other:

1. Fiscal and Contract Update:

We held our Region 7 Caucus meeting in March with NYSOFA Director Greg Olsen and Aging NY Director Becky Preve in attendance. Additional funding, flexibility in service delivery, and reporting requirements were discussed. I will talk about this more during my verbal report.

Public Defender

Report for Month of April, 2021

Court		Type		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year to Date		
Criminal	Trial Level	Felony	Violent	2	2	1	0									5		
			Non-Violent	2	5	7	5									19		
		Misdemeanor/Violation		8	10	34	25										77	
	Appeal	Felony	Violent	Verdicts														
				Guilty Pleas														
				Other														
			Non-Violent	Verdicts														
				Guilty Pleas														
				Other														
	Misdemeanor	Verdicts																
		Guilty Pleas																
		Other																
	Other	Violation of Probation		2	1	3	1										7	
		Parole Hearings															0	
		Conflict Cases (Note 1)		3	5	3	5										16	
		Drug Court (Note 1)		1	1	3	0										5	
		Other															0	
Monthly Totals			14	18	45	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108		
Cases Closed/Vouchered			4	4	38	30										76		
Case Load Change			10	14	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32		
Family	Trial Level		8	4	6	7										25		
	Appeal															0		
	Conflict Cases (Note1)				5	1										6		
	Monthly Totals			8	4	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25		
	Cases Closed/Vouchered			2	4	10	3									19		
	Case Load Change			6	0	-4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6		
Ongoing	Total Active Cases		323	337	340	345	345	345	345	345	345	345	345	345	345			

Notes: 1. Not included in totals.

YATES COUNTY					
Non-Competitive Grants					
Grant	Grant Term	Amount	Claimed	Balance Remaining	Comments
Dist. #1	June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2012	\$7,134.00	\$1,155.19	\$5,978.81	Grant closed with funds unspent.
Dist. #2	June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2015	\$48,684.00	\$19,994.63	\$28,689.37	YC does not have additional expenditures.
Dist. #3	June 1, 2013 - May 31, 2016	\$48,684.00	\$0.00	\$48,684.00	YC does not have expenditures applicable to this time period.
Dist. #4	January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2016	\$48,684.00	\$0.00	\$48,684.00	YC does not have expenditures applicable to this time period.
Dist. #5	January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2017	\$97,368.00	\$0.00	\$97,368.00	YC does not have expenditures applicable to this time period.
Dist. #6	January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2018	\$48,684.00	\$0.00	\$48,684.00	YC does not have expenditures applicable to this time period.
Dist. #7	January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2020	\$48,684.00	\$22,875.00	\$25,809.00	Claim for \$12,125 received 9/4/2020. Contract term was extended to December 31, 2020.
Dist. #8	January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020	\$64,912.00	\$64,912.00	\$0.00	Grant Expired. Claim for \$32,456 received 9/3/2020. Claim for \$32,456 received 11/20/2020.
Dist. #9	January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2021	\$48,684.00	\$6,512.88	\$42,171.12	Submitted claim for \$4,057.00 on 4/14/2021 / Approved via email 4/19. Claim for \$6,512.88 received 3/8/2021
Dist. #10	January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2022	\$48,684.00	\$0.00	\$48,684.00	Fully executed contract received.
Dist. #11	January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2023	\$97,368.00	\$0.00	\$97,368.00	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)
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. Submitted Year 3 and Year 4 Budget on March 31. Matt Alpern accepted it. Claim for \$65,559.23 received 10/6/2020 Claim for \$16,731.95 received 12/8/2020

Competitive Grants					
Grant	Grant Term	Amount	Claimed	Balance Remaining	Comments
Counsel at First Appearance (CAFA)	6/01/13 to 5/31/16 (Extended to 7/31/2019)	\$156,200.00	\$132,178.40	\$24,021.60	Grant Expired. Claim for \$3,517.55 received 11/2/2020.
Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction (Upstate QI)	1/01/14 to 12/31/16 (Extended to 12/31/18)	\$122,111.00	\$91,003.00	\$31,108.00	Grant Expired.
Second Upstate Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction (2 nd Upstate QI)	7/01/17 to 6/30/21	\$298,500.00	\$97,010.23	\$201,489.77	Claim for \$3,332.64 received 3/24/2021 Modification Request Sent 2/9/2021 Submitted claim for \$1,550.00 11/19/2020 \$12,000 received 8/5/2020 Claim for \$1,175.16 received 12/31/20

Year to Date Summary - Claims received: \$185,966.41
Submissions pending: \$153,108.81

Year to Date Summary

Grant	Date Submitted	Amount	Date Received	Amount	Grant Amount Remaining
2 nd Upstate QI			8/5/2020	\$12,000.00	\$206,097.57
Dist. #8			9/3/2020	\$32,456.00	\$32,456.00
Dist. #7			9/4/2020	\$12,125.00	\$25,809.00
H-H Year 2			10/6/2020	\$65,559.23	\$281,674.57
CAFA			11/2/2020	\$3,517.55	Grant Expired (\$24,021.60 unclaimed)
Dist. #8			11/20/2020	\$32,456.00	Grant Expired (\$0 unclaimed)
H-H Year 2			12/8/2020	\$16,731.95	\$264,942.62
2 nd Upstate QI			12/31/2020	\$1,175.16	\$204,922.41
2 nd Upstate QI	11/19/2020	\$1,550.00			
Dist. #9			3/8/2021	\$6,512.88	\$42,171.12
2nd Upstate QI			3/24/2021	\$3,432.64	\$201,489.77
H-H Year 2	2/12/2021	\$147,501.81			
Dist. #9	4/14/2021	\$4,057.00			
Total	Submitted	\$153,108.81	Received	\$185,966.41	