HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA
Location: Yates County Legislative Chambers
Date: November 1, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

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

- Leslie and Ed will sign the audit this month
- Approve minutes of the October meeting
- Public Comment

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller
Resolutions:
- Authorize Contract For Client Transportation
- Authorize Contracts With The Following Agencies/Persons (Tonya Nesbit Baker, Crossroads Consulting Services)
- Authorize Contracts With The Following Agencies/Persons
- Authorize Workforce Development Budget Allocations
- Resolution Calling On The Governor To Complete Affordable Care Act Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage Reconciliations That Are Years Overdue And Immediately Release EH Federal Funds Owed To Counties And New York City
- Resolution Urging New York State To Renew Its Commitment To Prevent and Protect Children From Abuse And Neglect By Restoring State Share Funding Levels To 65 Percent Under The Existing Open-Ended Child Welfare Financing Mechanism
- Resolution Urging The State To Prioritize The Distribution Of Federal Emergency Rental Assistance And Clarify Its Homelessness Prevention Goals By Making Permanent Housing The Central Focus

- Foster Care
- Family First Preventative Services Act
- Homeless
- ERAP Report
- HEAP/Utility Arrears
- Unemployment
- Text of Warming Center Letter
PUBLIC HEALTH: Sara Christensen
- COVID update
- Immunization
- Chronic Disease
- 2022-2024 Community Health Assessment (CHA)/ Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
- Accreditation

Resolutions:
- Authorize Chairman To Sign Purchase Agreement With Abbott Rapid DX North America, LLC
- Authorize Chairman To Sign Agreement With Dundee Central School District
- Authorize Chairman To Sign Agreement With Penn Yan Central School District
- Authorize Legislature To Ratify Agreement With Penn Yan Central School District

COMMUNITY SERVICES – George Roets
- SAFE ACT
- Fiscal
- Staffing
- Program updates

Resolution:
- Authorize Contract Renewals With The Following Agencies/Persons

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steve Hampsey
- Statistical report
- Grant updates
- Vacancy Review Form

Resolution:
- Authorize Public Defender To Fill/Create Position (Assistant Public Defender)

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Resolutions:
- Proclaiming November 10th As United States Marine Corps Day In Yates County
- Proclaiming November 11th As Veteran’s Day In Yates County
- Veteran Service Projects
- Personnel & Training updates
- Statistics report
- Upcoming Veteran-Related Training, Meetings, and Community Events
- Claims Settled

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth
- Program updates

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn
- Nothing to Report at This Time

Executive Session if needed
Resolution/Appointments
Enter into contract with Mark Chamberlain for transportation services, waiving liability insurance
Enter into contract with Tanya Nesbit Baker, LMSW
Enter into contract with Crossroads Consulting Services for Qualified Individual Services
Enter into contract with the following agencies for Qualified Residential Treatment Programs:
   - Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference, Glove House, Hillside Children’s Center,
   - House of the Good Shepherd, Northeast Parent and Child Society, Saint Anne Institute,
   - St. Catherine’s Center, Venderhyden Hall, Villa of Hope, William George Agency,
   - Elmcrest Children’s Center.
Allocate workforce development funding
NYSAC Resolution- Medicaid
NYSAC Resolution – Child Welfare funding
NYSAC Resolution- Homeless prevention

Foster Care
Foster care numbers have increased in the last several years. I think the current numbers can be attributed to several different factors, related primarily to the pandemic. While children were not in school, we received fewer CPS hotlines, but those that we did receive were often from Law Enforcement and had a tendency to be more severe. I would imagine if you talked with law enforcement and community providers, you would find that mental health concerns, drug use and domestic violence have all increased during the pandemic. These increases impact children and the foster care census. Another result of the pandemic is that the pace of family court has slowed considerably. We currently have 4 families who have pending court action regarding the termination of parental rights, which would free the children for adoption (and take them out of foster care). We also have the unusual circumstance of having a sibling group of 6, a sibling group of 4, and 2 sibling groups of 3.

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Family First Preventive Services Act
The official start date of the FFPSA was September 29, 2021. This federal act reforms federal financing to prioritize family based foster care over residential care by limiting federal reimbursement for certain residential placements. Yates County is well positioned for these new regulations as it is our regular practice is to be mindful of ensuring that children are placed in the least restrictive environment for foster care. We currently only have 2 children in congregate
settings. Unfortunately, this act requires additional evaluations for youth by a Qualified Individual (QI). Each county must seek out and contract with their own QIs, these can be agencies or sole practitioners. Additional certifications are also required for agencies to become Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTP), which will likely become an expense that is passed on to the county. The department also is required to enter into new contracts with the QRTP agencies, in spite of the fact that there we already have existing contracts with these agencies. There is also an increase in the number of documents that the department needs to file with the court, and likely an increase in the number of appearances. Yates County has very few families who qualify for federal reimbursement, but we are required to go through the same procedures for each child, regardless of eligibility. This act also applies to Juvenile Delinquents (JD). On the first day of the act Yates County family court placed a JD in the custody of the department, we were able to have the youth assessed by the QI and have filed the appropriate paperwork in a timely manner. The QI has determined that the youth should remain in the QRTP and we await the judge’s approval.

**Homeless**
The letter sent to area businesses, organizations and churches is attached. We are hopeful that we will have community support from a warming center resulting from our 10/28 meeting.

**ERAP report**
The October 26 ERAP report indicates that there have been 79 applications in Yates County for payment of rental arrears/perspective rent and utility arrears (up one application in the last month). A report dated October 19 lists the following rent payments:

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**HEAP/Utility Arrears**
Regular Arrears Supplement benefit (RAS). RAS is a onetime benefit funded with the HEAP appropriation available under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The department has now issued payments for 66 households that were in arrears. There has been $55,312 issued to NYSEG and $6,128 issued to PYMUB.

**Unemployment**

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Dear Community Partner,

One of the many services provided by the Department of Social Services is to assist homeless individuals and families in accessing safe and permanent housing. For many, this can be a long and difficult process. Resources typically utilized to meet the emergent need don’t exist in Yates County. We have no homeless shelters or warming stations for people to get out of the cold when the temperatures reach 32 degrees or colder.

Our first task is to get the individual or family off the street. If the emergency occurs during business hours, we complete an assessment to determine actual need. Many things need to be taken into consideration when housing individuals and families. Do they have jobs, transportation, school aged children, disabilities or illness that requires accommodation? Once we have that information, we seek placement in the most appropriate setting for the individual or family while we work with them towards permanent housing.

If the emergency is reported to us after hours through our on-call system, we have historically provided emergency housing and completed assessment and planning on the next business day while utilizing the local taxi service to provide transportation for out-of-town locations. That is no longer an option.

As you know, homelessness can occur for many reasons and affects all levels of society. Sometimes the homelessness is caused by an emergency, sometimes it is months or years in the making. Either way, we must be immediately responsive to the need.

A strategy utilized in many counties across the state is the establishment of warming stations or centers where individuals and families can immediately access shelter from the cold. This can serve as a stop gap for those who will seek more formal assistance on the next business day.

Yates County DSS is seeking community assistance to meet the most urgent needs of our community that occur outside of business hours by working to establish a warming center. These centers should be in accessible, safe and warm locations, such as church basements, community rooms or vacant property. It ideally would entail putting in a few cots with bedding and perhaps some warm beverages. Warming centers need to be staffed when being utilized and preferably in pairs of volunteers.

Our numbers for after-hours access are not large. We housed approximately 20 to 25 people after business hours during the winter of 2020-2021. This is not a nightly occurrence and it is difficult to forecast needs. Last year our numbers were much lower than previous years due to the moratorium on evictions.

If you or your organization is interested in helping to make a Yates County Warming Station a reality, please let me know so that we can anticipate your attendance at our first planning meeting on the evening of October 28th at 6 pm in the Yates County Office Building. I can be reached at 315-536-5142 or amy.miller@dfa.state.ny.us.
I look forward to hearing from you and gathering your thoughts around this important project.

Sincerely,
Amy D. Miller
Commissioner
Yates County Department of Social Services

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR CLIENT TRANSPORTATION

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

WHEREAS, the term of these contracts is November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022;

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 sign a contract with:

- Mark Chamberlain, waiving liability insurance

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.

AUTHORIZE CONTRACTS WITH THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES/PERSONS

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

WHEREAS, the term of these contracts is October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022;

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 sign contracts with the following agencies/persons:

- Tonya Nesbit Baker for the provision of counseling services at $90 per hour
- Crossroads Consulting Services for the provision of Qualified Individual Assessments for $125 per hour.

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.

AUTHORIZE CONTRACTS WITH THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES/PERSONS

WHEREAS, Yates County and the Yates County Department of Social Services wishes to enter into contract with the following agencies for the provision of Qualified Residential Treatment Programs; and
WHEREAS, the term of these contracts is September 29, 2021 through June 30, 2023;

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 sign contracts with the following agencies/persons at rates set by New York State:

- Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference
- Glove House
- House of the Good Shepherd
- Northeast Parent and Child Society
- Saint Anne Institute
- St. Catherine’s Center
- Vanderhyden Hall
- Villa of Hope
- William George Agency
- Elmcrest Children’s Center

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.

AUTHORIZE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

WHEREAS, Yates County received additional WIOA Youth funds to serve Youth from 7/1/2021-6/30/2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following amounts be allocated to the 2021-2022 Workforce Budget;

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and be it further
RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Yates County Commissioner of Social Services, and the Yates County Treasurer.

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR TO COMPLETE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ENHANCED FEDERAL MEDICAID ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE RECONCILIATIONS THAT ARE YEARS OVERDUE AND IMMEDIATELY RELEASE EH FEDERAL FUNDS OWED TO COUNTIES AND NEW YORK CITY

WHEREAS, the funding to support the Medicaid program is provided by a combination of federal, state and local resources; and

WHEREAS, the state requires the counties and New York City to contribute $7.6 billion annually to pay for the federal and state defined and controlled program; and

WHEREAS, the locally required share of Medicaid funding paid in New York is the highest of any state in the country; and

WHEREAS, this large local funding share for Medicaid and other state programs is a major contributor to New York’s high local tax burden compared to other states; and

WHEREAS, under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the federal government provided an enhanced Medicaid matching share (eFMAP), which has saved New York state billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the state is required under federal law to share these savings with counties and New York City based on the proportionate share localities pay of the nonfederal match; and

WHEREAS, the state has utilized a methodology that provides 80 percent of these estimated federal savings to counties in the year the costs accrue; and

WHEREAS, the balance of savings owed to counties is required to be reconciled annually to ensure the withheld savings are transferred to county budgets and local taxpayers, as well as meeting the intent of federal law; and

WHEREAS, the last completed reconciliation and transfer of federal savings owed to counties was for state fiscal year 2015-16; and

WHEREAS, individual counties and NYSAC have made numerous requests, over multiple years, regarding the status of outstanding Medicaid ACA eFMAP reconciliations and the federal funds withheld from counties; and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of a meaningful response from state officials, dozens of counties have submitted Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests to the New York State Department of Health (DOH); and
WHEREAS, DOH has been providing detailed responses to county FOIL inquiries and initial responses indicate, if current trends continue, that well over $1 billion in federal funding is owed to counties and New York City for SFY’s 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Yates County share of this federal funding is $710,127; and

WHEREAS, because the state is withholding these federal funds, it requires counties and New York City to reserve funds locally to make up for the loss, meaning local taxes have been kept higher than they need to be over multiple years, or local services are scaled back or eliminated; and

WHEREAS, in the years leading up to the last completed ACA eFMAP reconciliation, counties were provided an estimate of their coming year Medicaid costs by September, in time to incorporate the savings in their budgets, which ceased when regular reconciliations ended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) urges the Governor to complete these unfinished reconciliations as soon as possible and to provide counties and New York City a full accounting of the federal funds owed, and to take immediate steps to release the funds to localities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the state should also renew its practice of providing timely notice to counties of coming year Medicaid costs so they can appropriately budget those savings for local taxpayers and to preserve highly desired local quality of life services provided in our communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Yates County shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

RESOLUTION URGING NEW YORK STATE TO RENEW ITS COMMITMENT TO PREVENT AND PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT BY RESTORING STATE SHARE FUNDING LEVELS TO 65 PERCENT UNDER THE EXISTING OPEN-ENDED CHILD WELFARE FINANCING MECHANISM

WHEREAS, the current 62 percent /38 percent preventive, protective, adoption funding stream reflects a reduction in the State’s financial commitment to the well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of State funding for these child welfare programs has made it more difficult and costly for counties to provide services designed to keep children safe and to provide them with permanent homes and reduced stays in foster care; and
WHEREAS, the COVID pandemic has made reaching children more difficult as many mandated reporters have not been in direct contact with children due to state and federal social distancing restrictions and public health protocols; and

WHEREAS, the safety and welfare of children should remain the State’s highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the uncapped child welfare funding stream at 65 percent state share (which was lowered to 62 percent to backfill state budget shortfalls) provided counties with critical fiscal support allowing for the development of innovative community-based programs that led to a dramatic reduction in the number of children in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, the gradual, but steady, pullback in State funding support for a variety of human services programs including child welfare, adoption subsidies, food stamp administration, Family Assistance, Safety Net, youth detention and foster care creates an environment in which the State is directly moving away from its constitutional requirement to care for the needy, effectively forcing this State constitutional responsibility on county government and local property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, New York State enacted a two percent property tax cap which further exacerbates local budget pressures while additional costs are shifted from the state to counties for state mandated programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Comptroller has recently identified in Monthly State Cash Reports that New York State currently has over $16 billion in cash reserves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Yates County believes the State should renew its commitment to the well-being of children by restoring current funding levels to 65 percent state share, to be matched with a 35 percent local share, under the existing open-ended child welfare financing mechanism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yates County shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.

RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE TO PRIORITIZE THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE, AND CLARIFY ITS HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION GOALS BY MAKING PERMANENT HOUSING THE CENTRAL FOCUS

WHEREAS, homelessness and housing affordability continue to be major concerns across the state; and
WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has made the situation worse by placing an estimated 830,000 New York households in jeopardy of losing their homes because of lost income caused by the pandemic, with past due rent estimated in excess of $3.2 billion according to analysis by the University of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, in December 2020, Congress provided New York State with $2.4 billion in emergency rental assistance funding, which has been augmented with another $300 million in federal/state funding; and

WHEREAS, this funding was provided by Congress to prevent people from losing their homes and increasing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the program did not open for applications until June 1, 2021 and faced numerous implementation challenges with less than $2 million being expended in New York by August 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, every county that received similar federal funding to prevent evictions was strongly encouraged by the state to give their funding to the state so funds could be pooled and the process for distributing funds could be streamlined (with nearly every county turning their funds over); and

WHEREAS, the homeless population is facing new problems as the needs of families have become more complicated; and

WHEREAS, regardless of family size and demographics, many of those facing homelessness or seeking emergency shelter can have challenging medical needs, mental health and substance abuse issues, some are registered sex offenders, and still others are state prison parolees or on probation; with some facing several of these challenges at the same time; and

WHEREAS, the state is implementing new hotel regulations that could reduce the number of units available to homeless families and leaving county officials with very limited options that may be less effective and more expensive in managing local homeless populations; and

WHEREAS, the state requires counties to fund 71 percent of costs for Safety Net individuals and 100 percent of the costs of administering these programs; and

WHEREAS, local social service districts focus scarce resources on achieving permanent housing, preventing homelessness and providing temporary placement; and

WHEREAS, counties maintain that preventing homelessness in the first place is the best way to keep families safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, counties maintain that while it is important to provide help in a crisis, it is better policy to maintain stability and prevent emergencies by providing sufficient resources up front.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Yates County calls on the Governor and State Legislature to prioritize the distribution of the federal emergency rental assistance to prevent unnecessary homelessness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the state should make permanency the central focus of statewide homelessness policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the State should coordinate a timely transition to supportive housing for the highest need individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues in collaboration with OTDA, other state agencies, and local social services districts; especially those that have been repeatedly homeless and in need of supportive placements overseen by OMH, OASAS, OPWDD and DOCCS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the state should target funding to counties that allows them to work with community partners to develop service models that achieve permanency through innovative and flexible approaches that meet local needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the State should work with counties in developing a public education campaign to ensure the public better understands the plight of families and individuals struggling with homelessness and how everyone can benefit by helping them achieve stable housing in our communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York State encouraging member counties to enact a similar resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Yates County shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the Office for Temporary Disability Assistance and all others deemed necessary and proper.
YATES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH  
Human Services Committee  
Background Information  
November 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2021

Public Health Prevention Programs:

Communicable Disease Control:

COVID-19 Update:
At the time of submission of this report (10/28/21), our current numbers are:

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COVID testing is available locally through health care provider offices, Rite Aid Pharmacy, Water Street Pharmacy (adults and children) and Village Drug is offering testing for school age children and school staff.

Public Health continues to help Penn Yan Central School District with their weekly staff testing at the Penn Yan Transportation Garage twice a week and is going very well. Dundee Central School has hired a part time nurse to do their weekly staff testing and we are reimbursing them for the nurse’s time and providing testing kits.

Yates County Public Health has been assigned a School Specialist that is employed through NYS Contact Tracing and Investigation Initiative. The specialist works virtually and assists Public Health with the contact tracing on positive students and staff. The specialist also provides a daily report to our school administration and nurses that includes the names of individuals under quarantine/isolation and the return to school dates.
Rabies:
A rabies clinic was held in Dundee on September 29th at the Village Barns. A total of 116 animals were vaccinated including 86 dogs and 30 cats. Our last rabies clinic for 2021 will be held on November 6th from 9 to 10am at the Benton Fire Department.

Influenza:
Rite Aid Pharmacy held 3 public flu clinics in the County Auditorium on Sept 30th, October 8th, and October 18th. A total of 30 flu shots were given. Public Health continues to offer flu vaccine for children 6 months through 18 years of age who are VFC eligible and adults who are uninsured or their insurance does not cover the flu shot. This past week, Public Health received our 1st lab confirmed flu case for 2021-2022 flu season.

Immunization:
COVID 19 Vaccine: CDC and NYS have approved Moderna and J&J Booster doses for eligible individuals. Booster doses along with 1st and 2nd doses are being offered at our weekly COVID 19 vaccine clinics at Gordmans. We do anticipate being very busy the first few weeks with Moderna boosters as this was the vaccine primarily given the first 4 months of our vaccination efforts this past year. We also are holding vaccination clinics at Penn Yan Academy, Penn Yan Middle School and Dundee Central School for students 12 years and up. We will be looking at holding pop up clinics again in November in going to different areas of the county to help promote boosters as well as 1st and 2nd doses.

Local pharmacies also offering booster doses: CVS – Pfizer only, Walgreens – Pfizer only, Rite Aid – Pfizer & Moderna. Public Health is working with Village Drug in re-distributing vaccine to them and they will be offering Moderna & J&J boosters in the near future.

We anticipate the CDC will approve the Pfizer vaccine for children aged 5-11 years the week of November 1st. We have begun planning efforts and will be holding vaccination clinics at Gordmans and possibly the local schools. We are highly encouraging our local health care provider offices to offer COVID 19 vaccination to this age group.

NYS VFC Site Visit: On September 8th, NYS Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program conducted a mandatory site visit to Public Health to conduct a compliance check on our VFC Program. These are conducted every two years. Areas looked at our eligibility & documentation, storage & handling and inventory. We are happy to report no compliance issues were identified during the visit.

NYS COVID 19 Vaccine Provider Site Visit: On November 10th, NYS will be visiting Public Health to assess our implementation of key COVID-19 Vaccination Program requirements and recommendations and to provide education and technical assistance. This is a CDC requirement for State Health Departments to conduct at the local level.

Chronic Disease:
Public Health is partnering with the NYS Cancer Services Program and Rochester Regional Health in holding a mobile mammography screening event called “Sister’s Day” at the Himrod Fire Department on November 15th. Mammograms will be offered to eligible women age 40 and over. Free colon cancer screening kits for men and women age 50 an over without health insurance will also be available.
2022-2024 Community Health Assessment (CHA) / Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Work has started on the new 2022-2024 CHA/CHIP with S²AY and Common Ground Health. Common Ground Health is working on comprehensive data collection. Public Health and our Choose Health Yates committee will be reflecting on our 2019-2021 CHIP during the months of October and November and completing the 2021 Annual Reporting Survey which is due to be submitted to NYS in December. Starting in January, the focus area will be engaging stakeholders and identifying community assets.

Accreditation
It is hard to believe we are at our 1 year mark of being nationally accredited. Each year, we have to complete and submit an annual report to the National Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The purpose of the annual report is to show continued advancement in quality and performance and ensure our department remains in conformity with the requirements set forth by PHAB under which it was reviewed for accreditation. The report has three sections – Section I addressed the health department’s continued accreditation status, Section II – addresses the health department’s ongoing quality improvement work and Section III – population health outcomes reporting. Our report has been completed and submitted to Ontario County. They submit all reports on behalf of the S²AY counties to PHAB.

Resolutions:

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH ABBOTT RAPID DX NORTH AMERICA, LLC

WHEREAS, Yates County Public Health is desirous of entering into an agreement with Abbott Rapid DX North America, LLC to lease an ID-NOW COVID-19 Testing equipment; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such equipment is 100% funded through the ELC School Funding Grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to enter into a contract with Abbott Rapid DX North America, LLC to lease an ID-NOW COVID-19 Testing equipment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract will run one year from commencing on the effective date for an amount not exceeding $21,313; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Public Health Department and the County Treasurer.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH DUNDEE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Yates County Public Health is desirous of entering into an agreement with Dundee Central School District to reimburse Dundee Central School District with COVID-19 related expenses as allowable in the ELC School Testing Grant; and
WHEREAS, the costs of such expenses are 100% funded through the awarded ELC School Testing Grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to enter into a contract with Dundee Central School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract will run from 7/1/2021 to 7/31/2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Public Health Department and the County Treasurer.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH PENN YAN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Yates County Public Health is desirous of entering into an agreement with Penn Yan Central School District to reimburse Penn Yan Central School District with COVID-19 related expenses as allowable in the ELC School Testing Grant; and

WHEREAS, the costs of such expenses are 100% funded through the awarded ELC School Testing Grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to enter into a contract with Penn Yan Central School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract will run from 7/1/2021 to 7/31/2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Public Health Department and the County Treasurer.

AUTHORIZE LEGISLATURE TO RATIFY AGREEMENT WITH PENN YAN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Yates County Public Health wishes to enter into agreement with Penn Yan Central School District for screening testing for COVID-19 as it is outlined in the Yates County Public Health COVID-19 School Testing Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Yates County Public Health Director executed said contract on September 21, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the execution of the contract with Penn Yan Central School District for COVID-19 School Testing Services by the Director of Public Health is hereby ratified; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Public Health Department and Penn Yan Central School District.
Human Services Legislative Committee
Community Services Department, October 2021

**Action Items:**

none

**SAFE Act:**

3 reports received and investigated: 0 reported to DCJS:

**Fiscal:**

Budget reviews with Agencies under contract and grants

**AOT:**

Current cases: 0  Investigations: 0

**Staffing:**

The full time Children’s Single Point of Accountability Coordinator (C-SPOA) started October 18th, 2021. Orientation and training are underway.

**Program: Yates INSYGHT:**

INSYGHT in Collaboration with the Office of Mental Health and under oversight of New York State System of Care grant staff have initiated a collaboration building and action planning workshop approach. Insight key partners and a core planning team. The goals of this approach include: Assessing and understanding current state of the Yates County System of care (INSYGHT). Identifying opportunities for improving and expanding the local System of Care, identify priorities and develop a local System of Care action plan. Four planning meetings and four workshops are planned during the last 2 weeks of October and the first two weeks of November.

Updates: High Fidelity Wraparound continues to enroll new cases and recruit for more; trainings continue2-4 times per month; local events are attended to deliver information about INSYGHT ;the next focus group will be on November 3rd from 6:00 – 7:30pm; the community sites (Our Town Rocks and The Living Well); Dundee Central School has children undergoing an active Functional Behavior Assessment; Intervention plans are reviewed and modified; finally professional development activities have been developed related to trauma, stress.
Program: Crisis Intervention Training (CIT):

The CIT work group continues to meet to monitor efforts to divert individuals from the criminal justice system and law enforcement to the behavioral health treatment, residential and support systems. The use of Mobile Crisis, COTI and consultation with C-PEP continue with a slight increase in October.

Soldiers and Sailors Hospital has a new administrator on board who also has direct responsibility for the John. D. Kelly (JDK), mental health clinic and behavioral health services in the Emergency Department and the jail. Soldiers and Sailors also has a new full-time psychiatrist who is board certified in Psychiatry as well as medicine. He has a special interest in rural psychiatry and has relocated with his family to our area.

Due to concerns for those who drop out of outpatient services, become involved with Law Enforcement, are threatened with homelessness or become homeless, emphasis on outreach and follow up for them was discussed. Both JDK and the Certified Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) have detailed plan for follow up on that population.

Overall, the efforts put in place continue to divert individuals from the Criminal Justice System and Emergency Department into the behavioral health care system. The available of direct virtual consultation with the Clifton Springs Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (C-PEP) has reduced transports to the hospital and encouraged reengagement with treatment. The mobile Crisis Team has continued to effectively handle crisis situations although they are limited because of Covid restrictions and the willingness of individuals to engage with them.

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.

Local efforts have included focus on (OUD) numbers overtime, overdoses attention to other substances, current substance use trends in Yates County. Coordination with prevention and education efforts also continue with providers and the community as a whole. The addition of a youth prevention specialist with the CCBHC has added a boost to prevention efforts with youth. The stigma and shame associated with SUD will be an ongoing target for education efforts going forward.
Yates County Crisis Services Plan Update:

Efforts continue to make all segments of the community aware of the crisis services available including the local, regional and state crisis services. These efforts include providers, INSYGHT, the Community Services Department, other county departments local coalitions and organizations. Training and support for the Living Well and Our Town Rocks will also advance that effort. Community Education and training through INSYGHT and the local Coalitions will advance this effort.

Transitional Care Management (TCM)/ 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. Those transitions are especially difficult for the behavioral health populations. The focus is on engagement, assistance with applications for services, residential needs and social supports. Each case is monitored for successful outcome. Walk-in clients and phone/mail referrals are served regardless of funding. The intent is to support at risk individuals and help them retain independence and, continue in treatment as needed. Referrals continue to increase as the year progresses.

SPOA operates as a team including: providers, residential, Social Services, Community Services, Health Home Care Management, Family Care, Assertive Clinic Treatment, Respite Services and provides review of needs for housing, treatment, support for those who are homeless, homeless threatened, new inpatient discharges etc. This program served 16 individuals in October. The SPOA Coordinator convenes the team on a regular basis, may call special meetings and will monitor cases providing feedback to the team on the progress, issues, successes or failures involved.

Children’s Single Point of Accountability (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, health home care coordinator child/youth and other significant individuals to develop a plan of care and treatment. 8 family/child were served in September.

The addition of a full time C-SPOA Coordinator will allow for the next step in the System of Care Development and integration into INSYGHT. The intent is to better coordinate services planning for children and youth in need, expediting services initiation, monitoring progress and making corrections faster than before. Communications between and among the children and youth treatment community and the agency gait keepers will be prioritized under this effort.
**Yates Substance Abuse Coalition:**

The Coalition continues to support local children and youth prevention efforts, community education for adults and families and the Healing Communities Project. Strategic planning activities along with new branding is the current focus for the coalition.

**Mozaic:**

Services and programs for the Intellectually (ID) and Developmentally Disabled (DD) population in Yates County as part of a three-county collaboration continues to evolve. All programs are open albeit under covid restrictions and limitations. Clinic services are fully operating as a three-county collaboration, residential services remain intact, care management is fully engaged, vocational is active as are day programs. Staffing remains a problem with recruitment and retention the main focus. Vacancies force increased pressure on supervisors, support and staff to fill in. Various solutions are being considered but the problem is not local.

**Outpatient Behavioral Health Services:**

The INSYGHT workgroup of providers continues to meet monthly to discuss outpatient care issues, capacity, barriers, innovations and changes within our system. The intent is to better share information and resources to meet the communities needs at the outpatient behavioral health level. The adoption of models that provide immediate services and eliminate waiting lists while making sure services are available to everyone in need.

Efforts to better understand the private system in Yates County along with the public side of care is an additional aspect of this work group. The payment for services aspect is another issue that the work group discussed. Medicare funding provides for those eligible a range of services often not utilized. That happens because of lack of awareness, cumbersome approval processes or a lack of staff to provide the service. Public or private Insurance coverage is available to adults and children and accepted by the public and private providers. There are also payment options, charity care or no fee services available. However, there are still situations where payment is a barrier. Transportation is also a barrier to treatment.

Shortage of Clinical staffing for behavioral health clinics and other clinic support programs continues to plague Yates County. Clinical Social Worker, therapists and community services staff turnover has reduced the capacity and effectiveness of the system. Recruitment and retention efforts have not been successful in keeping all programs fully staffed. Competition for staff has intensified leaving critical vacancies in outpatient clinics and support programs.
AUTHORIZE CONTRACT RENEWALS WITH THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES/PERSONS:

WHEREAS, Yates County Community Services wishes to renew their agreements with the following agencies/persons; and

WHEREAS, the term of these agreements is January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that after upon approval by the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Yates County Legislature and Director of Community Services are authorized to sign renewal Agreements with the following agencies/persons for the payment of consideration for the services to be provided therein equal to the amount of funding ultimately provided to the County for such purpose by the applicable New York State agency for the time periods covered by such Agreements. To this end, the initial state funding allotments for such services are set forth below; however, such Agreements will contain recitations that these initial consideration amounts are subject to change by the applicable state funding agency, and that consequently in such instances where said agency changes the ultimate funding amount for the time period covered by an Agreement the amount of consideration to be paid pursuant to such Agreement shall be adjusted accordingly; and further that the payment of the consideration therein is contingent on Yates County receiving the New York State agency funding for such purpose and in the amount of such consideration:

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#### Year to Date Summary
- Claims received: $414,220.22
- Submissions pending: $1,550.00
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VACANCY REVIEW FORM

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 created/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 caseload that each attorney continually handles exceeds the ILS caseload standards, making it difficult for the current staff to provide adequate representation. In 2022 and beyond, the ILS is going to begin monitoring attorney caseload numbers more closely. Current caseload exceeds the maximum allowed. This new position would be pro-active to this requirement rather than a last minute reaction to it.

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

   This new position would enhance the vacancy left in regard to Family Court. It would also allow the present staff a little breathing room as far as court appearance conflicts, schedules, caseload capacities, and allow for time off in order to stave off pending burn-out.

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. / Resolution does call for $20,000 plus fringe from Yates County to supplement the salary provided from the 3rd Upstate Quality and Caseload Reduction grant.
9. Is there any risk, financial or otherwise, to waiting 30 days to refill this position? ☒ YES ☐ NO

The particular individual who is interested in the position is likely to seek employment elsewhere if not offered a position in Yates County soon.

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

11. Please submit any other information that you think would be helpful to this review.

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.

There are currently well over one hundred criminal cases, and nearly one hundred family court cases that the Public Defender’s Office is handling. The Public Defender’s office has available funding for a Family Court attorney through the new 3rd Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction grant (pending full approval; see attached contract) to provide adequate and required indigent legal representation and to minimize the county’s liability in regard to providing such representation, as well as to meet caseload maximums as required by the ILS.
AUTHORIZE PUBLIC DEFENDER TO FILL/CREATE POSITION
(ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 18a and Article 18b of County Law, subject to approval from the County Legislature, a public defender may appoint his/hers employees as deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, as a Full-Time Assistant Public Defender position became available October 21, 2021 (per email from ILS regarding approval of the 3rd Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction grant proposal); and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost to the County to fill the position is $20,000, which does not include fringe benefits;

WHEREAS, any remaining cost, including fringe, to fill the position will be funded by the 3rd Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction grant which is estimated to be $65,000 plus fringe of $27,950;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, effective November 1, 2021 the Public Defender is hereby authorized to fill the Full-Time Assistant Public Defender position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to the Public Defender, Personnel Officer, County Administrator, and County Treasurer.
ATTACHMENT B-1

BUDGET

Office of Indigent Legal Services
THIRD UPSTATE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND CASELOAD REDUCTION
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023

COUNTY OF YATES

Total Contract Amount: $298,500.00

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I. Resolution:

- Proclaiming November 10th as United States Marine Corps Day in Yates County (see details on attached resolution).

- Pronouncing November 11th as Veteran’s Day in Yates County (see details on attached resolution).

II. Veterans’ Service Projects:

- Application for indigent Veteran burial reimbursement from New York State Division of Veterans’ Services (NYS DVS).

- Suicide Prevention and Awareness. VSA director attended and spoke on behalf of the Yates County Veteran community at the Keuka Out of the Darkness Walk on October 17th. $20,000 has been raised so far toward American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

III. Personnel Training & Conference Updates:

- VSA staff completed the following training and conferences:
  - Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) S.A.V.E. Veteran suicide awareness and prevention training at the Dundee Library on October 25th.
  - VSA director and the Veteran Service Officer attended quarterly New York State County Veteran Service Officers Association virtual meeting on October 21st.
  - VSA director attended teleconference with New York State Division of Veterans’ Services (NYS DVS) and County Veteran Service Officers Association (CVSOA) leadership team on October 20th.
  - VSA director attended the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Department of New York’s conference in Albany on October 8th and 9th.

IV. Veteran Services Update:

- Contact Report: Our Monthly Contact Report for October shows 609 services were provided.

- Transportation: VSA staff and volunteers, using County vehicles, transported 28 Veterans to medical appointments.

V. Summary of Statistical Data: (see attached spreadsheet).
VI. Upcoming Veteran-Related Training, Meetings, and Community Events:

- **Finger Lakes Veterans Advocacy Council meeting**
  Date: Wednesday – November 3rd, 10:30 a.m.
  Location: via VA’s Microsoft Teams platform or teleconference

- **Veteran, Active-Duty Military and Their Families – Coffee ‘n Cards conversation**
  Date: Saturday – November 6th, 1 – 4 p.m.
  Location: Milly’s Pantry/Pinwheel Market – 19 Main Street, Penn Yan

- **Keuka College – Veteran’s Recognition “Honor Route” Parade & Dinner**
  This is a new protocol, which will involve Veterans driving through a specific route on campus, where they will be recognized by students, staff and faculty as they process along the route. Veterans (who reserve in advance) will receive carry home dinners, donated to Veterans by the Penn Yan Elks Club.
  Date: Tuesday – November 9th, 12:00 noon
  Location: start route at Keuka College’s Recreation and Athletic Center, Keuka Park
  Phone & RSVP: 315-279-5653 or email at ladams@keuka.edu

- **Dundee Central School – Veteran’s Recognition Concert**
  Date: Wednesday – November 10th, 6:30 p.m.
  Location: Dundee Central School Auditorium - 55 Water Street, Dundee

- **Dundee Library – Veteran’s Day Story Time**
  Date: Thursday – November 11th, 9:30 a.m.
  Location: 32 Water Street, Dundee

- **American Legion Post 355 – Veteran’s Day Ceremony w/ Luncheon**
  Date: Thursday – November 11th, 11:00 am
  Location: American Legion Johnson-Costello Post 355, 2001 Himrod Road, Penn Yan
  **** Dress for the weather as it may be held in outdoor Pavilion ****

- **U.S. Flag Retrieval at Lakeview Cemetery**
  Date: Saturday - November 13th, 9:00 a.m.
  Location: 426 Court Street, Penn Yan

- **NYS DVS & CVSOA Leadership Team meeting**
  Date: Wednesday – November 17th, 10:30 a.m.
  Location: via teleconference

- **VA S.A.V.E. – Veteran Suicide Awareness & Prevention presentation**
  Date: Wednesday – November 17th, 1:30 p.m.
  Location: Modeste Bedient Memorial Library, Branchport

- **NYS DVS – Veteran Service Officer Training (VA Compensation & Case Law)**
  Date: Thursday & Friday – November 18th & 19th
  Location: via Webex platform

- **New York State County Veterans Service Officer Association meeting**
  Date: Thursday - November 19th, 9 a.m.
VII. **Claims Settled & Disbursements to our Veterans/Surviving Dependents:**

Monthly total compensation for VA claims settled this month: $15,719.05
Total monthly compensation and disbursements year-to-date: $209,005.37

VIII. **Informational Item(s):**

- **International Survivor of Suicide Day – November 20\(^{th}\).** The 4th Annual International Survivor of Suicide Loss Day event will be held at Milly's Pantry on Saturday - November 20th, from 1-3 p.m. International Survivor of Suicide Loss Day is a time when survivors of suicide loss come together to find understanding, connection, and hope through shared experiences. Link to register is [https://isosld.afsp.org/penn-yan-new-york/](https://isosld.afsp.org/penn-yan-new-york/)

- **VA Veteran Cultural Competence training (5.5 CEs) & Expiration of Term of Service Sponsorship Program (ETS-SP) certification.** Virtual and in-person options. Syracuse University on Monday - November 8\(^{th}\) and Fordham University on Wednesday – November 10\(^{th}\).

Please encourage medical or mental health providers, as well as business leaders, to participate (in-person or virtually) in the evidence-based, VA Veteran Cultural Competence training. This training provides 5.5 FREE CEs, and provides interested citizens with key tools to learn how to better serve Veterans and their families. See details below. **LIMITED CAPACITY!!**

**Trainings:**
- Syracuse University on November 8\(^{th}\) (in-person or virtual)
- Fordham University on November 10\(^{th}\) (in-person or virtual)

Sign up at: [https://tccolumbia.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9BjHv5Q2BOJzbpA](https://tccolumbia.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9BjHv5Q2BOJzbpA). VA employees will receive the TMS registration information after signing up.

More information is available at: [https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn2/education/vcc.asp](https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn2/education/vcc.asp)

*Attending training also makes individuals eligible to become a sponsor and work with a transitioning Servicemember as part of the VA Transitioning Servicemember/Veteran Sponsorship Initiative. [https://www.va.gov/HEALTHPARTNERSHIPS/VSPN.asp](https://www.va.gov/HEALTHPARTNERSHIPS/VSPN.asp)

- **Messaging Collaboration - DD-214s at County Clerks.** Assemblymember Barrett and her colleagues, including the chair of the Subcommittee on Women Veterans, reached out to the NYS DVS and asked if the CVSOA can help promote the fact that Veterans can file their DD214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) at their local County Clerk’s office. Naturally, we are happy to do whatever we can to spread the word.

Attached is a flyer that the NYS DVS created. We will be sharing and promoting this on our end, but we also wanted to make certain that this went out through all available county and government channels into local communities.
• **WFLR “Open Mic” with Lucas Day – November 9th.** Announce Veteran’s Day events and share Veteran-related information with our Yates County community.
RESOLUTION NO. XXX-2021

PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 10TH AS US MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY
IN
YATES COUNTY

WHEREAS, a resolution of the Continental Congress on November 10, 1775, created a Corps of Marines to be formed of men so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve on sea vessels for the Continental Navy; and

WHEREAS, Marines hold to an array of significant, highly respected traditions including the celebration of the birth of their Corps by gathering every year on November 10th with a formal, widely known ceremony that includes the singing of the Marine Corps Hymn (unless circumstance prohibit); and

WHEREAS, Marine missions have changed over the last 246 years, the Marine Corps unyielding commitment to protecting the lives of our citizens and the interests of our nation has remained constant with its purpose, by congressional mandate, to be this nation’s rapid response force. From humanitarian relief efforts to combat operations, the Marine Corps is always ready to answer our nation’s call; and

WHEREAS, a special breed of American multitudes have borne the name “Marine” protecting this great nation on land, on sea and in the air faithfully signifying all that is highest in military efficiency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature extends its gratitude to all Marines, past and present, their families and loved ones, who continue to sacrifice for our liberty and freedoms, by proclaiming November 10, 2021 as “US Marine Corps Birthday” in Yates County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to the Veterans’ Services Director and all Yates County Veteran organizations.
RESOLUTION NO. XXX-2021

PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 11TH AS VETERANS DAY
IN
YATES COUNTY

WHEREAS, since the birth of our Nation, American Patriots have stepped forward to serve our country and defend our way of life; and

WHEREAS, with honor and distinction, generations of servicemen and women have taken up arms to win our independence, preserve our Union and secure our freedom; and

WHEREAS, our Veterans are brave and selfless individuals who, when duty called, willingly put themselves in harm’s way to defend the lives and liberties of others; and

WHEREAS, their abiding patriotism and enduring devotion to the ideals on which the United States was founded can never fail to inspire us; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day, our Nation comes together to honor our Veterans and commemorate the legacy of profound service and sacrifice they have upheld in pursuit of a more perfect Union; and

WHEREAS, serving as teachers, engineers, government employees, parents and in other important capacities, these patriots have made contributions to civilian life that serve as a testament to their dedication to the welfare of our country; and

WHEREAS, on November 11th we are reminded of our solemn obligation: to serve our Veterans as well as they have served us; and

WHEREAS, as it was proclaimed in the first Veterans Day Proclamation, issued by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all Veterans, Veterans’ organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature and all citizens join together to observe Veterans Day on November 11th and to honor the special men and women who have served our country; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to all Yates County Veteran organizations and the Director of Veterans’ Services.
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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
Dr. Joseph Geraci, a clinical psychologist and retired U.S. Army Infantry Lieutenant Colonel, will facilitate this evidence-based cultural competence training to provide participants with strategies to better understand and support Veteran wellness and reintegration.

The training is intended for anyone who currently provides services to, or employs Veterans or their families. This includes medical or mental health professionals, business leaders, HR executives, administrators, and higher education faculty and staff.

This training also provides a unique opportunity for interested individuals to join our team of ETS/EAS Sponsors and have a significant impact upon a transitioning service member and their family.

For more information, visit https://etssponsorship.com

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For questions regarding the event or if you’re interested in hosting a Veteran Cultural Competence Training, please contact the training team at the Transitioning Servicemember/Veteran and Suicide Prevention Center (TASC).
DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN HAVE YOUR MILITARY DISCHARGE PAPERS FILED WITH YOUR COUNTY CLERK?

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Join us to learn how to SAVE a life:

- An overview of the data on Veteran suicide
- Signs of a mental health crisis
- How to use the S.A.V.E model to respond to someone in crisis
- How to reduce the risk of self-harm

Brought to you by the Yates Suicide Prevention Coalition

Led by Ashley Smith, LCSW
U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

Modeste Bedient Memorial Library in Branchport
Wednesday Nov. 17th @ 1:30pm
JOIN US FOR
Conversation
Coffee
Cards
+ Connection!

Starting Saturday, November 6, 2021
1:00 - 4:00 pm
Milly's Pantry/Pinwheel Market
19 Main Street
Penn Yan, NY 14527

For general questions:
The Living Well
(315)536-0838 ext. 104

Phil Rouin
(315) 536-5196

OR

Amanda Hayes
ahayes585@yahoo.com
Yates County Human Services Committee Meeting
Pro Action Yates Report
November 2021

Action Items:

Program Updates:

1. Special Event Drive Through Lunch:

   Seniors can register by calling 315-279-432. The next drive through lunch will be 11/17/21 from 11:30-12:00.

2. EISEP/ Home Care:

   Traditional aid service  PC1 (housekeeping) = 17  PCII (personal care) = 6
   Consumer Directed Care  PC1 = 5                PCII = 2
   IIIE Caregiver respite  PC1 = 2                PCII = 1

   Everyone from the Waitlist for Jan – Aug 2021 is now either receiving services or no longer needs services. A new list has been started with 2 people being added since 9/1/21.

3. Transportation:

   156 medical trips were provided to 33 individuals in September. 2 trips included a transportation companion riding along. 13 non-medical trips were provided to 6 individuals in September.

4. Personal Emergency Response System:

   We have 120 units in homes, with 15 second pendants in place and 11 panic buttons in September.

   There are currently 4 Project Lifesaver customers.

5. Senior Nutrition:

   We are currently serving 53 HDM (up 9 from last month) and 7 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.

6. Legal Assistance:
4 individuals were referred for services in September. 38.8 legal counsel hours were provided to 10 individuals in September. There is only $316 (4.5 hours) left in the contract for 2021. A waiting list will need to be started once funding is exhausted.

LawNY is offering a virtual community education Q&A series quarterly in 2021. The next session is scheduled for 10/5/21. The focus is on general legal questions and answers.

New reporting guidelines for legal assistance services are effective 10/1/2021. There are certain additional client characteristics and case related data that is required to be reported, however NYSOFA hasn’t told us or LawNY what those new guidelines are yet. We don’t anticipate any issue with completing these new reporting requirements once we are told what is needed.

Other:

1. **Fiscal and Contract Update:**

   We are waiting for guidance for this year’s AU as well as information on requirements for this year’s budget modifications.