

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
JANUARY 3, 2022**

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

Others present: Jesse Jayne, Bill Holgate left at 3:56 p.m., Doug Paddock, Daniel Banach, Mark Morris, Pat Killen left at 4:11 p.m., Tim Cutler, Nonie Flynn

Leslie and Carlie will sign the audit this month.

Public Comment:

Joy Shank and John Prendergast spoke against the vaccine mandate.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Sara Christensen

Sara updated the Committee on the COVID statistics as of 12/30/21:

COVID 19 Data Summary	
Total Cases	2554
# Active Cases	72
# in Isolation/Quarantine	250
# Hospitalized	3
# Recoveries	2449
# Deaths	33
# Total Negative Tests	66,769
7 day avg % positivity (CDC)	8.62
CDC transmission level	High

Breakthrough Cases (May – Dec. 30th)	
Total # Cases	1324
# of cases eligible for vaccination	1089
# cases fully vaccinated	407 (37%)
# cases unvaccinated	682 (63%)

Yates County Vaccination Rate
Total Population: 52.1%
18 yrs and older: 60.3%
12 yrs and older: 58.3%
5yrs and older: 53.9%

Cases by Month	2020	2021
January	0	441
February	0	63
March	2	47
April	26	96
May	15	37
June	5	3
July	6	4
August	7	77
September	4	186
October	161	279
November	135	298
December	222	440 (as of 12/30)
Total	583	1971

Sara reported that they will be receiving free at home test kits from New York State. They were initially told it would be over 10,000 tests, but they are really only receiving 1,115 tests. She will continue to work with the Office of Emergency Management this week on a distribution plan. The demand will outweigh the supply, so they will do the best they can to distribute these tests evenly throughout the county.

Sara reported that the CDC has now adopted the 5 day isolation/quarantine period. Residents of Yates County that have a positive home test can reach out to Public Health on their website to let them know they are positive.

There was discussion regarding the test kit distribution to schools, county employee testing, and vaccinated individuals testing positive.

Sara reported that influenza is categorized as widespread in New York State. They have received 16 lab confirmed cases to date, two are flu b and 14 are flu A.

Sara reviewed her 2022 goals.

There was discussion regarding COVID treatments and it was recommended that individuals seek these treatments from their physicians.

Sara reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Authorize Chairman to sign Agreement with St. Michaels School
- Authorize Chairman to sign Agreement with Judith Hillyard, Teacher of the Deaf
- Authorize chairman to sign Agreement with Pauline Young, Speech Language Pathologist

COMMUNITY SERVICES – George Roets

George reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Amend Resolution No. 410-21
- Appoint Member to the Yates County Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities subcommittees
- Appoint Member to the Yates County Community Services Board

There was discussion regarding the use of marijuana.

George reported that under the SAFE Act there were 2 reports received and investigated, 0 were reported to Division of Criminal Justice Services.

George reviewed the grant budgets.

George reported that there were no current AOT cases and no investigations.

George updated the Committee on the following programs: Yates INSYGHT, Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), Columbia University HEALing Communities Study (HCS), Yates County Crisis Services Plan, Transitional Care Management (TCM)/ Adult Single Point of Accountability (SPOA), Children's Single Point of Accountability (C-SPOA), Yates Substance Abuse Coalition, Mozaic, and Outpatient Behavioral Health Services.

ASSIGNED COUNSEL: Dianne Lovejoy

Dianne reviewed the 4th Quarter Statistics report.

Assigned Counsel
Report 4th Quarter 2021

Court	Type		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year to Date			
Criminal	Trial Level	Felony	Violent													0		
			Non-Violent					1			1	2				4		
		Misdemeanor/Violation	1		1	2	1	2	5	2		2				16		
	Appeal	Felony	Violent	Verdicts													0	
				Guilty Pleas				1									1	
				Other														0
		Non-Violent	Verdicts															0
			Guilty Pleas									1						1
			Other															0
	Misdemeanor	Verdicts															0	
		Guilty Pleas															0	
		Other															0	
	Other	Violation of Probation												2			2	
		Parole Hearings															0	
		Conflict Cases (Note 1)															0	
		Drug Court (Note 1)															0	
		Other															0	
Monthly Totals			1	0	1	2	2	3	5	3	3	2	2	0	24			
Cases Closed/Vouchered			2	2	2	1	5	6	7	2	3			2	32			
Case Load Change			-1	-2	-1	1	-3	-3	-2	1	0	2	2	-2	-8			
Family	Trial Level		15	6	3	3	5	22	12	49	24	23		29	191			
	Appeal														0			
	Conflict Cases (Note 1)														0			
	Monthly Totals		15	6	3	3	5	22	12	49	27	24	23	29	218			
	Cases Closed/Vouchered		11	5	8	4	10	13	10	14	14	17	8	41	155			
Case Load Change			10	5	-5	-1	-5	9	2	35	13	7	15	-12	63			
Ongoing	Total Active Cases		434	437	431	431	423	429	429	465	478	487	504	490				

Notes: 1. Not included in totals. 2 Felony and 2 Family Court Cases were added to 2020

Attorneys assigned cases:

	Trial Level	Appeal
Criminal	11	3
Family	15	2

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steve Hampsey

Steve was unable to attend, but the Committee Members could review his statistic report and grant updates that were submitted.

VETERANS: Carrie Ahearn

Carrie reported that she and the Director of Veteran Services will attend the American Legion Department of New York’s Veterans Services committee meetings on January 21st and 22nd. Carrie reviewed the completed trainings: Yates County De-Escalation training, National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) training, VA Service Connected Disability Rating Changes and Case Law, and Keuka College Social Work Field Instructor Orientation.

Carrie reviewed his Monthly Service Report for December which shows 421 services provided, including 7 homeless Veterans that were provided services, and 44 rides transporting Veterans to medical appointments.

Carrie reported the following upcoming veteran-related trainings, meetings, and community events: Finger Lakes Veterans Advocacy Council meeting, Yates Suicide Prevention Advisory Council meeting, New York State Division of Veterans’ Services (DVS) VSO training, Veteran, Active-Duty Military and Their Families-Coffee ‘n Cards conversation, NYS DVS & CVSOA Leadership Team Meeting, and American Legion Department of New York-Veteran Services Meeting.

Carrie reported the monthly total compensation for VA claims settled this month is \$91,944.67. The total monthly compensation and disbursements year-to-date is \$328,456.78.

Carrie reviewed the status of the 2021 goals and the proposed 2022 goals.

There was discussion regarding providing services for homeless Veterans.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth

Zachary provided program updates on the following: Case Manager Position Open, ESIEP/Homecare, Special Event Dinner, Transportation, Personal Emergency Response System, Senior Nutrition, Emergency Assistance, and Health Promotion.

There was discussion regarding food distribution to seniors.

Zachary reported that they are waiting for guidance for this year's AU as well as information on requirements for this year's budget modifications. They were contacted by New York State Office for the Aging regarding the potential FEMA funds to be distributed to the County Office of the Aging. If that project moves forwards Zachary will provide a report at a future meeting.

Zachary reported that the New York State Office for the Aging will be conducting their first program review and nutrition audits since 2019. He will share the results once they become available.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

Amy reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Authorize Contract for Fraud Investigation Services
- Enter Into Contract with Arbor Development
- Amend Resolution 474-21
- Allocate Funding for 2022 Budget

Amy reported on the Code Blue/Homeless. They currently are housing 11 separate cases. One of these cases is a parent with 2 children and the others are all individuals. Only one case is housed outside of the county. There were 23 different cases in December.

Amy reported Yates County received 93 applications. 22 of the applications will not be acted on because they were determined to be duplicates or not completed, 22 applications have not been processed at all by Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, 31 applications are still in progress, and 30 are completed.

Yates County	28 payments (+2)	\$200,815 (+\$12,100)
Schuyler County	24 payments (+5)	\$144,206 (+\$41,810)
Ontario County	294payments (+39)	\$1,753,776 (+\$21,844)
Steuben County	130 payments (+27)	\$755,378 (+\$137,413)
Seneca County	63 payments (+8)	\$304,562 (+\$202,166)

Amy reported that emergency HEAP benefits begin 1/3/22. To be eligible for the emergency benefit they must have already been received and applicants must meet a certain criteria.

<u>Benefit Type</u>	<u>Benefit Amount</u>
Oil, Kerosene, Propane	\$965
Wood, Wood Pellets, Corn, Coal or other deliverables	\$700
Natural Gas (Heat Only)	\$465
Natural Gas Heat with Domestic Electric	\$650
Electric Heat	\$650
Heat Related Electric	\$185

Amy reported that as of 12/28/21 they have received 496 HEAP applications. 120 of those applications have been denied and 59 are still pending.

Amy reported that Certified Production Technician classes begin on 1/24/22 in their career center.

Amy reviewed the following unemployment rates:

Unemployment Rates

2021	June	July	August	September	October	November
Ontario	4.6	4.5	4.4	3.6	3.5	3.2
Seneca	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.0	3.9	3.2
Wayne	4.7	4.8	4.6	3.8	3.6	3.2
Yates	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.2	3.1	2.8
Monroe	5.6	5.7	5.5	4.7	4.4	3.9
NYS	6.1	7.4	7.1	6.3	6.0	5.5
US	7.3	5.7	5.3	4.6	4.3	3.9

UI Numbers are based off a random sample of robocalls that inquire into whether individuals are seeking employment. An unemployment rate of 2.8% means that almost everyone who wants to work is working.

There was discussion regarding the high demand for employees.

Amy reported that the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children taskforce has planned an online community training online on online safety on 1/13/22.

Amy reviewed the status of her 2021 goals and her proposed 2022 goals.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn

Nonie reported that there is \$1 million grant available for costs associated with administering vaccines and boosters and enforcing the mask-or-vaccine mandate for indoor public places provided by NYS.

There was discussion regarding the mask mandate, the resolution against the mask mandate, and the \$1 million grant.

Nonie reviewed the Project Status Report as it relates to Human Services.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.