

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

February 6, 2023

Committee members: Carlie Chilson, Terry Button, Ed Bronson, Jesse Jayne (Zoom), Dick Harper

Others present: Bonnie Percy, Rick Willson, Dan Banach, Doug Paddock, Tim Cutler, Pat Killen (left at 4:00 p.m.), Leslie Church, Nonie Flynn (Zoom), Emilee Miller, George Roets, Phil Rouin, Zack Housworth, Amy Miller, Sara Christensen, Dr. Doug Sinclair

Carlie & Terry will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steve Hampsey

The Committee reviewed the Grant Status Report and the Statistic Report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: George Roets

George reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. After discussion/edits the Committee approved.

- Supporting Governor Hochul's Comprehensive Plan to Overhaul New York's Continuum of Mental Health Care and Reduce the Number of Individuals with unmet Mental Health Needs
- Reappoint Member to the Yates County Mental Health Subcommittee (Craig Sandberg, MD)
- Reappoint Member to the Yates County Community Services Board (Craig Sandberg, MD)
- Reappoint Member to the Yates County Community Services Board: Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee (Mike Schultz)
- Appoint Member to the Yates County Community Services Board: Mental Health Subcommittee (Becky Bennett-Tears)
- Appoint Member to the Yates County Community Services Board: Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee (Emily Facticeau)

George reported that they received and investigated 3 SAFE Act reports with 1 reported to DCJS.

George reported that budget adjustments were made and the grant budgets have been approved.

George provided program updates: Yates INSYGHT, Outpatient Behavioral Health Work Group, Yates County Stigma Initiative, Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), Columbia University HEALing Communities Study, Crisis Services Plan, Mozaic/Catholic Charities Developmental Services, Yates Prevention Coalition, and Single Point of Access.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Phil reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. After discussion the Committee approved.

- Proclaim March 29th, 2023 as Vietnam War Veterans Day in Yates County

Phil provided an update on the Veterans' Service Project, PFC Dwyer Veteran Suicide Prevention Program.

Phil provided an update on personnel, training, & conference update, highlighting that the new VSA Director Doug Gibbs started February 6th and McKenzie Low, the Keuka College intern started on January 30th.

Phil reported that their monthly services report for January shows 211 services were provided.

Phil reported that they made arrangements for 12 Veteran transports during the month of January: Yates County Veterans transported = 5; VSA Volunteer Transport Trips = 8

Phil reviewed the Summary of Statistical Data.

Phil reviewed the following Upcoming Veteran-Related Training, Meetings and Community Events:

- VA Finger Lakes Health Care System & Veterans Advocacy Council meeting
- VA Expiration Term of Service Sponsorship presentation
- Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – Seeds to Supper event
- New York State Division of Veterans' Services (NYS DVS) VSO training
- Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – Coffee n' Cards event
- VA Operation S.A.V.E. – Suicide Prevention training
- NYS DVS & CVSOA Leadership Team meeting
- Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – Seeds to Supper event
- Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – Veteran Family Bowling event
- Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – Veteran Ice Fishing event
- Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – Veteran Bowling Night event

Phil reported that the monthly total compensation for VA claims settled in the last month was \$28,875.22 with year-to-date total compensation and disbursements being \$82,050.05.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zack Housworth

Zack reported that in November they had 2 individuals referred for services and there was 18.6 legal counsel hours provided to 12 individuals.

Zack reported that 170 people were served via I&A with 251 units in December.

Zack reported that in regards to NY Connects, there were 12 units for 11 individuals in December.

Zack provided an update for November's and December's HIICAP (Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program).

Zack reported that 108 medical trips were provided to 26 individuals and 52 non-medical trips were provided to 12 individuals in December.

Zack reviewed the following Health Promotion currently offered:

- Bone Builders (in person and on Zoom)
- Beginner Tai Chi (in person)
- Intermediate Tai Chi (in person)
- Advanced Tai Chi (in person)
- Walk with Ease (in person)
- Bingocize (in person)

Zack reported that in regards to the Personal Emergency Response System they have 117 units in homes, with 9 second pendants in place and 11 panic buttons, 6 of the homes have the cellular PERS units, and there are 3 Project Lifesaver customers in November.

Zack provided an update to Senior Nutrition, highlighting that they currently serve 71 HDM daily, have 10 bulk, once a week deliveries, and it can fluctuate based on customer's schedules, hospitalizations, and family visits. Our Town Rocks (Dundee) and Keuka Housing (Penn Yan) have agreed to offer hybrid congregate meal sites in Yates County.

Zack provided an update to EISEP Case Management, highlighting that they currently have 8 people on the wait list.

Zach reported that the Dundee Pop Up Pantry served 277 Households; containing 344 Adults, 278 Children, and 179 Seniors.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

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

- Calling on the State of New York to Continue to Pass-Through Federal Affordable Care Act Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage Funds
- Authorize Commissioner of Social Services to Fill Principal Social Services Program Examiner Position

Amy provided information in regards to the New York State Executive Budget Proposal and how it may impact social services.

Amy reported that February is the last month of SNAP recipients receiving the maximum amount of the supplemental nutrition assistance program. Before the supplement, an average of \$239,835 a month in SNAP benefits were issued and with the supplement, the average issued per month is \$558,929.

Amy reported that they have received the amount for the Youth Bureau allocations. The budget year for this funding is changing and the amount for 1/1/23-9/30/23 is \$21,338 and a new budget year starts 10/1/23. They also received a second allocation of the youth sports funding of \$12,275.

Amy reported that as part of the department goals this year, she is currently meeting one on one with all members of the social services staff, asking them a series of questions pertaining to their job, and she hopes to be able to identify trends.

Amy reported that in regards to Code Blue as of February 1, there are 20 cases (4 including children) that they are housing in various motels and with Keuka Housing Council. Their Code Blue Plan has been approved by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

Amy reviewed the Unemployment Rates for December:

	December 2022	December 2021	December 2020
Ontario	2.7	2.6	5.5

Seneca	2.8	2.8	5.7
Wayne	2.8	2.7	5.5
Yates	2.9	2.4	5.0
Monroe	2.9	3.0	6.9

PUBLIC HEALTH: Sara Christensen & Dr. Doug Sinclair

Sara introduced Dr. Doug Sinclair, the new Public Health Director.

Sara reported that Public Health has been awarded \$13,708 in funds from the Local Health Department Performance Incentive Program. They are encouraged to consider utilizing the award funds to support ongoing disease prevention efforts, and promotion of COVID-19 vaccination, but funds can be used to support any costs associated with Article 6 services.

Sara reviewed Prevention Programs Updates, highlighting, Health Education, Communicable Disease Control, Immunization, and Rabies.

Sara reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. After discussion the Committee approved.

- Authorize Chairwoman to Sign Agreement with Cynthia Vollmer, Occupational Therapist

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.