

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

February 7, 2022

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

Others present: Bonnie Percy, Rick Willson, Dan Banach, Leslie Church (left at 3:59 p.m.), Pat Killen, Doug Paddock, Mark Morris (Zoom), Nonie Flynn, Emilee Miller, Steve Hampsey, George Roets, Philip Rouin, Zachary Housworth (Zoom), Amy Miller, Sara Christensen

Carlie & Terry will to do the audit this month.

The minutes of the December meeting and January meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joy Schank spoke in regards to the adverse events from the COVID vaccines. No one knows the long term effects from the vaccine. Parents should have the right to choose regarding masks and vaccines.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steve Hampsey

Steve reviewed the Statistic Report.

Steve reviewed the Grant Status Report.

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

- Authorize Chairwoman to Execute Distribution #12 Non-Competitive Grant and any Contract Extensions Relating to Distribution #12 Non-Competitive Grant

COMMUNITY SERVICES – George Roets

George reported that they received and investigated 4 reports for the SAFE Act and 1 was reported to DCJS.

George reported that the OASAS Jail Funding plan has been developed.

George reported that there have been 0 cases and 0 investigations for AOT.

George reported on the following Program Updates: Yates INSYGHT, Crisis Intervention Training, Columbia University HEALing Communities Study, Yates County Crisis Services Plan, Transitional Care Management, Children's Single Point of Accountability, Yates Prevention Coalition, Mozaic, Outpatient Behavioral Health Services, Staffing Related Issues, and Transportation.

George reviewed his 2021 Annual Report.

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

- Amendment to Resolution No. 410-21 (Reintegration Mental Health Counseling P.C.)

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

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

- Authorize Director of Veterans Services to Fill Veteran Service Officer Position
- Request State Funding for the Establishment of a PFC Joseph Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Support Program in Yates County

Phil reviewed the following Veterans' Service Projects: Veteran Suicide Prevention and Community Engagement and Yates Suicide Prevention Coalition's Advisory Council.

Phil reported on his Personnel, Training & Conference Updates. He highlighted that Mrs. Carrie Ahearn resigned and that Ms. Michele Personius has returned as an Intern.

Phil reported that their Monthly Services Report for January shows 356 services provided. Two homeless Veterans were provided services.

Phil reported that the VSA staff and volunteers transported 40 Veterans to medical appointments.

Phil reviewed the Summary of Statistical Data.

Phil reported the following Veteran-Related Training, Meetings, and Community Events: Coffee 'n Cards Saturday February 12th 1-4p.m., Yates County Suicide Prevention Advisory Council Meeting Wednesday February 15th 5:30 p.m., and NYS DVS & CVSOA Leadership Team Meeting Wednesday February 16th 10:30 a.m.

Phil reported that the monthly total compensation for VA claims settled in the last month was \$46,514.47. Total compensation and disbursement year-to-date was \$138, 459.14.

Phil reported the New York State Proposed Budget Update and Veterans' Services Volunteer Recognition Ceremony planned for March.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth

Zach provided Program Updates on the following: Senior Nutrition Case Manager, EISEP/Home Care, Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program, Transportation, Personal Emergency Response System, Senior Nutrition, Emergency Assistance, and Tax Preparation Season.

Zach also reviewed the Fiscal and Contract Update and updated the Committee on the Nutrition Program Audit. Zach explained why restaurants do not want to be a provider for Senior Congregate Meals.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

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

- Authorize Contract with Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes
- Authorize Contract with Pathways Inc.
- Authorize Chairwoman to Sign MOU for Allocation of Funding
- Recognize Yates County Distinguished Youth Award Recipient

Amy reported on the continuation of Medicaid spending cap.

Amy reported that they are Expanding Medicaid Eligibility. The theory of this is that more people will have health insurance, but it will likely increase the cost of Medicare. NYS is continuing the takeover of Medicaid by making these cases easier to process.

Amy reported that the Raise the Age has increased the age of criminal responsibility from 16 to 18. They have not had a Raise the Age placement yet.

Amy reported that Modernizing Foster Care Rates will have local cost implications. Amy will be discussing those implications with the County Administrator. The Foster Care block grant is increased, but this will not likely be enough to cover the rate increase.

Amy reported that they expanded the State's housing supply. To prevent evictions and homelessness they have the following programs: Homeowner Assistance Fund, Homeowner Protection Program, and Legal Representation for Eviction.

Amy reported that there is a new grant program to help people become childcare providers, but there is a lack of childcare providers.

Amy reported that there are proposed changes to the Public Assistance Program to Address Poverty. This will impact the way that they currently process cases.

Amy reported that there is no charge in the Safety Net reimbursement from NYS. They will continue to pay 71% of Safety Net Cost.

Amy reported that Summer Youth Employment Program has been increased 1.1 million over last year and this should cover the increase in minimum wage.

Amy reviewed the ERAP Payments as of 2/1/22.

Amy reviewed the Unemployment Rates.

Amy reported that Certified Production Technician classes began on January 24th. There are 6 individuals are being funded this class and are attending in person. Four are currently employed and are upskilling for promotions and two are unemployed job seekers.

Amy reported that in partnership with Finger Lakes Youth Apprenticeship Program and Penn Yan Academy 10 students (2) seniors and (8) Juniors and five businesses (Coach and Equipment, Abtex, Castner Performance, Birkett Mills, and Penn Yan Aero).

Amy reported that there was an online community training on Online Safety for Youth was held on 1/13/22 and had 35 people in attendance.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Sara Christensen

Sara reported that the total COVID case count to date is 3,957 cases, they have received 26 new cases since their prior report, 2 individuals are hospitalized, 35 deaths, and the 7 day CDC percentage is currently at 11.83% which is considered High. They are seeing their weekly case count decrease.

Sara reported that New York State made changes to the isolation/quarantine guidelines. New York State is now the one calling positive cases. Because of that, they do not have the data on various areas. That is why there has been a change in her monthly report and what the Public Health Department is reporting on. Schools are not accepting at home negative tests at this time. This is partly because they do not have the ability to validate that the test was done on the child.

Sara reported that they will be bringing the Vaccination Clinics to the Yates County Auditorium. She would like to reserve a few parking spots for those attending the clinics. The Committee approved reserving these spots.

The Committee reviewed the rest of Sara's report including the following: Flu, STD, Rabies, and the NYS 2022-2023 Executive Budget Proposals.

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

- Authorize Chairwoman to Sign Agreement with Megan Schewe, Occupational Therapist

Mr. Bronson moved to enter executive session to discuss:

The employment history of a particular individual, with members of the Committee, other members of the legislature, the County Administrator, and the Social Services Commissioner. Seconded by Mr. Button.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.