

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

March 7, 2022

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

Others present: Leslie Church, Bonnie Percy, Dan Banach, Mark Morris, Doug Paddock, Tim Cutler, Nonie Flynn, Emilee Miller, Tim Groth, Steve Hampsey, Philip Rouin, Amy Miller, Sara Christensen, George Roets, Zachary Housworth (Zoom)

Leslie Church chaired the meeting this month.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steve Hampsey

Steve reviewed his Statistic Report.

Steve reviewed his Grant Status Report.

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

- Authorize Chairwoman to Execute the Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harrington Non-Competitive Grant (CSTWIDEHH53) and Any Contract Extensions Relating to the Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring Non-Competitive Grant (CSTWIDEHH53)

Carlie & Ed will to do the audit this month.

The February minutes were approved as submitted.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

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

- Proclaim March 29th, 2022 as Vietnam War Veteran's Day in Yates County

Phil reviewed the following Veterans' Service Projects: Outdoor Rx Program for Veterans, Veteran Workforce Development, and Veteran Suicide Prevention & Community Engagement.

Phil reported that Mrs. Carrie Ahearn resigned in January and that he is actively looking to fill the position. The deadline for submitting applications is March 10th and it is a requirement for the applicants to be Veterans.

Phil reported that the following trainings were completed: Financial Wellness for Veterans 2/3, Division of Veterans Services Veterans Service Officer Training 2/10, and Life and Death Planning 101 2/18.

Phil reported that their Monthly Services Report for February shows 257 services provided. Staff and volunteers, using County vehicles, transported 38 Veterans to medical appointments.

Phil reported the following Veteran-Related Training, Meetings, and Community Events: Coffee 'n Cards Saturday March 5th., NYS Division of Veterans' Services VSO Training Thursday March 10th, Yates County Suicide Prevention Advisory Council Meeting Wednesday March 15th, NYS DVS & CVSOA Leadership Team Meeting Wednesday March 16th, and the Finger Lakes Veterans Advocacy Council Meeting April 6th.

Phil reported that the Monthly Total Compensation for VA claims settled last month is \$35,407.80. The total compensation and disbursement year-to-date is \$221,894.70.

Phil reported that the NYS County Veterans Services Program to Assist Our Veterans Thrive will be held at the NYSAC Legislative Conference. Veterans have been given additional time for the “due process” response for claims. The Veterans’ Service Volunteer Recognition Ceremony is postponed until summer.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth

Zach provided Program Updates.

Zach reported that there was an increase in Unmet Needs Funding that they receive. For the last two years they have received about \$44,000 to \$46,000 in Unmet Needs Funding. They typically use this to fill in the gaps on different services that Federal Funds or SOFA Funds do not quite make ends meet and that has been successful. Towards the middle of last month, New York State gave them an additional \$90,000 in Unmet Needs Funds. That had not been spent by the downstate counties and was redistributed to counties that have been spending their funds. This funding must be spent by the end of March. Zach has been working with their Fiscal Director and with staff to make sure they would purchase things that were needed. He did not want to spend the money to just spend the money. He was very clear with their Aging Services Representative from the state that they would do their best to spend the money responsibly. They did purchase an all-wheel drive Kia vehicle for their home visitors to use when they go to make home visits. They were also able to purchase a couple of items for the kitchen that were getting close to the point of failure. One was a three door freezer and one was a stovetop that they have actually been going without and kind of having to work around using both the ovens and the skillet. They were also able to get a new printer and a couple other smaller purchases like that for the office that would make programs function a little better.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

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

- Amend Resolution 65-22 (Lifeguard Services)
- Authorize Commissioner of Social Services to Fill Director of Income Maintenance/Child Support Position
- Authorize Commissioner of Social Services to Create and Fill Caseworker Position

Amy reviewed the total Medicaid amounts spent in some categories for the Federal Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021:

	2020	2021
Hospital Inpatient	\$1,161,028	\$1,080,103
Hospital Outpatient	\$1,210,680	\$698,585
Personal Care	\$1,220,168	\$1,107,977
Free standing clinics	\$853,649	\$1,649,725
Skilled Nursing Facility	\$3,729,185	\$5,213,558

Amy reported that they have issued 555 HEAP benefits so far this year. This is \$370,262 in payments that went directly to providers. There are currently 51 pending applications and about 208 application have been denied. HEAP Season ends on April 29th. There was a second

emergency benefit available on February 22 and those benefits are only available to those who have received the regular benefit.

Amy reported that they have issued 171 RAS benefits to households that were in arrears. \$130,782 was issued to NYSEG and \$15,099 was issued to PYMUB.

Amy reported that since October Yates County has spent \$23,264 on Code Blue. This is 19 separate cases, with one case involving children. Stays range from 88 days to 1 night and there are currently 7 Code Blue cases housed, with only 1 family. Code Blue Funding has been reimbursed 100% by New York State.

Amy reported that front door traffic has increased at the main front desk and the front desk in the Workforce Unit.

Amy reported that New York State awarded Non-custodial Program Funds to Yates County for the third year. The program provides additional supports and supportive services to non-custodial parents.

Amy reported that the next CSEC Taskforce meeting is March 15th. The Youth Bureau Director held a meeting with County-Wide Leaders to discuss starting a Summer Swim Program for 2022. The Youth Bureau Director has also been asked to partner with the Penn Yan Middle School and Council on Alcoholism and Addiction of the Finger Lakes to work with students on creating a public mural for Downtown Penn Yan.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Sara Christensen

Sara provided the following COVID-19 Update as of 3/1/22:

COVID 19 Data Summary	
Total Cases to Date	4151
Total Cases in Feb 2022	269
# Currently Hospitalized	2
# Deaths	38

Yates County Vaccination Rate
Total Population: 53.9%
18 yrs and older: 61.8%
12 yrs and older: 59.9%
5 yrs and older: 55.9%

The Committee reviewed the rest of Sara’s report including the following: Flu, STD, Rabies, and the Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan.

Sara reported that the new Public Health Specialist, Brittany Czworcka, started working on February 14th.

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

- Authorize Sheriff and Director of Public Health to Create and Fill a Shared Part-Time Physician Position

COMMUNITY SERVICES: George Roets

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

- Amendment to Resolution No. 410-21 (Richard Hoyt, PhD)
- Appoint Member to the Yates County Community Services Board and the Mental Health Subcommittee (Andrea L. Paul)
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George reported that they received and investigated 2 reports for the SAFE Act and none were reported to DCJS.

George reported that the OASAS Jail Funding plan has been submitted and is waiting for approval.

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/Catholic Charities, Outpatient Behavioral Health Services, Staffing Related Issues, and Transportation.

George reported that someone from Soldiers & Sailors Hospital will be attending the March 17th Legislature meeting to talk about the crisis at John D. Kelly.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn

Nonie reported that that Ardele Bigos, from Finger Lakes Health, will be at the March 17th legislature meeting presenting on Mental Health Needs.

Nonie reported that she is researching having a celebration to recognize the different departments' volunteers this Summer, with a Volunteer Appreciation Day.

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 present, and the County Administrator.

Seconded by Mr. Button.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.