

## **HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**May 2, 2022**

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

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

Carlie & Dick will to do the audit this month.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as presented.

### **PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steve Hampsey**

Steve reviewed the Statistical Report and Grant Status Report.

### **VETERANS: Philip Rouin**

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

- Proclaim May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as National Poppy Day in Yates County

Phil reported that the sixth Veteran, Active-Duty Military and Their Families-Coffee 'n Cards event was held April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Phil reported that Mr. Kyle Bills started on May 2<sup>nd</sup> as the new Yates County Veteran Service Officer.

Phil reported that Michele Personius, Keuka College Social Work Intern's last day at Yates County will be May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Phil reported that staff completed the Pyramiding & Bilateral Factor in VA Disability Compensation Claims and Training, Responsibility, Involvement & Preparation of Claims.

Phil reported that their Monthly Services Report for April shows 257 services provided. VSA staff and volunteers, transported 37 Veterans to medical appointments, using County Vehicles.

Phil reviewed the Summary of Statistical Data.

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

- Finger Lakes Veterans Advocacy Council Meeting, May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Veteran, Active-Duty Military and Their Families-Coffee 'n Cards conversation, May 7<sup>th</sup>
- New York State Division of Veterans' Services VSO Training, May 12<sup>th</sup>
- "Hometown Heroes" Veteran Banner Ceremony, May 14<sup>th</sup>
- NYS DVS & CVSQA Leadership Team Meeting, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Phil reported that the monthly total compensation for VA claims settled in the last month was \$152,997.15 and the total compensation and disbursements year-to-date is \$531,965.82.

### **OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth**

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

- Authorization to Sign Annual Update and 4-Year Plan Review and Approval for the Yates County Area Agency on Aging

Zach reported that 3 individuals were referred for services in March. 14.5 legal counsel hours were provided to 5 individuals.

Zach reported that they had 35 people enrolled in Bone Builders with 194 units of service in March.

Zach reported that for HIICAP (Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program) 21 units for 20 individuals in March for 1:1 counseling and 0 individuals registered to attend the Welcome to Medicare presentation, so it was canceled.

Zach reported that 118 medical trips were provided to 30 individuals in March. 2 trips included a transportation companion riding along. 42 non-medical trips were provided to 9 individuals in March.

Zach reported that the next event scheduled is the May Banquet on 5/18/22 and it will be a drive thru event.

Zach reported that they had 121 units in homes, with 10 second pendants in place and 11 panic buttons in March.

Zach reported that emergency assistance funding is still available for household items, housing assistance, utility appointments, and basic needs items for Yates County residents that were financially impacted by COVID-19.

Zach reported that the OFA began receiving calls on 1/18/22 for scheduling of income tax preparation appointments by AARP Tax Aides. In March, appointments were scheduled and 95 intake packets were distributed.

Zach reported that they have access to the AU portal and have adjusted their plan for the 2022 year.

Zach reported that Pro Action's Weatherization program is taking applications for projects in Yates County. There is a waiting list, but they expect to do about 90 houses between Steuben and Yates.

### **SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller**

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

- Authorize Contracts with Children Awaiting Parents
- Renew Contract with Canandaigua Driving School
- Renew Residential Services Contracts from July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Amy reported that their Youth Bureau Director, Alicia Avellaneda resigned and her last day was April 29<sup>th</sup>. They are working out what is best to do with that position.

Amy reported that they have spent \$45,744 on code blue housing. The department paid for 645 nights in temporary housing for 27 different cases.

Amy reviewed budget highlights in the following areas: Office of Children and Family Services, Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, and Department of Health.

Amy reviewed the Unemployment Rates:

	October	November	December	January	February	March
Ontario	3.5	3.2	2.6	3.6	3.8	3.5
Seneca	3.9	3.5	2.8	3.9	4.1	4.8
Wayne	3.6	3.2	2.7	3.7	3.9	3.7
<b>Yates</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Monroe	4.4	3.9	3.0	4.0	4.2	3.9
NYS	6.0	5.5	5.0	5.3	5.1	4.7
US	4.3	3.9	3.7	4.4	4.1	3.8

Amy reported that they already have over 20 employers who are interested in participating with the Summer Youth Employment program.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH: Sara Christensen**

Sara reported that S<sup>2</sup>AY Rural Health Network changed their name on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sara reported that the flu is continuing to go around and last week they had 23 new cases reported to their department. They have seen an increase in flu among children in Dundee School District. They are working closely with the school administration and nursing office regarding that.

Sara reported that positive COVID cases will not receive any type of phone call from New York State or the Public Health Department. With the availability of antiviral treatment, they really are encouraging positive cases that, if they test positive, they should follow up with their health care provider. They may be eligible for the antiviral and the sooner they start the better, it may help lessen the risk of severe disease.

Sara reported that as of 4/27/22 they have had 4653 cases, 38 deaths, no COVID-19 related hospitalizations. For the month of April, they have had 361 cases reported, both lab confirmed and at home tests. They are seeing an increase in cases like the majority of the surrounding areas.

Sara reported that one of their open Public Health Nurse positions was filled by Ashley Leisure and she started.

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

- Sign Agreement with Health Research Inc. (HRI)-Public Health Corps Fellowship Program

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES: George Roets**

George reported that they received 4 reports and investigated under the SAFE Act, 0 reports were reported to DCJS.

George reported that the funding was received for PFC Dwyer Veterans Peer program.

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.

**LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS: Carlie Chilson**

Carlie reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. After discussion and a few changes, the Committee approved.

- Recognition of Yates County Volunteers

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn**

Nonie reported they will be receiving \$148k in 2022 from the NYS Attorney General's opioid litigation. The majority of the funding is to assist in their response to the substance use disorder epidemic and will be restricted for approved purposes for prevention, treatment and recovery. \$59k of the unrestricted funding will be used for Medical Assisted Treatment in the jail. They will have to report on the use of all funds spent.

Nonie reported that the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held June 9th at the fireman's field.

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, the County Administrator and the Public Health Director.

Seconded by Mr. Button.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.