

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 1, 2022

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

Others present: Bonnie Percy, Leslie Church, Mark Morris, Doug Paddock, Pat Killen, Tim Cutler (3:50 p.m.), Nonie Flynn, Emilee Miller, Zachary Housworth, Amy Miller, Sara Christensen, Phil Rouin, George Roets

Carlie & Jesse will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as submitted.

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

Steve was not present, but the Committee reviewed the Statistic Report and the Grant Status Report.

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

Zachary reported that one thing that he had on his list of things to talk about is that this Thursday, they have their final meeting with New York State Office for the Aging to discuss the ability of them to hire their own PC1 Housekeeping Aids. It looks like that's going to be able to be approved, there was a lot of confusion at the state level as to what the training requirements would be. The state originally put out that the training requirements for their own PC1 staff would be the same as for like a home health aide or a CNA. Which doesn't make sense, because they are not doing anything medical. It's like making meals, cooking, cleaning, laundry and things of that nature. They are expecting that they will be able to move ahead with hiring, hopefully, by the end of the month.

Zachary reviewed program updates.

Zachary reported that their AU has passed both Fiscal and Program reviews at NYSOFA. The next step will be the Attachment C Committee.

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

Amy reported that there are currently 38 youth in care, including 3 Juvenile Delinquents. They have 72 open protective/preventative cases for only 4 caseworks to manage. There has been an increase in domestic violence, drug abuse, and alcohol abuse within families that may be contributing to the number of cases.

Amy reported that in the past 13 months, Temporary Assistance Caseloads have hovered between a high of 147 and a current low of 103, and the average caseload is 131. Food Stamp (SNAP) caseload numbers have been between 1,122 and 1,489 and the average monthly caseload has been 1,204. Medicaid caseloads have been between 1,430 and 1,528 with an average monthly caseload of 1,471.

Amy reported that due to the success of the pilot sites of the rural bridges program FLCC now has 7 remote learning sites to offer training programs.

Amy reported that recreation funding from the legislature for 2022 has been used to assist in meeting the need for lifeguards and swim instruction.

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

- Recognize Yates County Distinguished Youth Award Recipient
- Enter into Contract for the Administration of the Heating Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Program for 2022-2023

Amy reported that Social Services Districts are required to enter into an Agreement with local OFA and/or other community based organizations for outreach and intake of applications.

Amy reviewed the following unemployment rates:

**Unemployment rates**

	June 2022	June 2021	June 2020
Yates	2.6	3.9	8.5
Seneca	2.9	5.1	11.0
Wayne	3.1	4.7	9.8
Ontario	2.9	4.6	10.2
Monroe	3.5	5.6	11.9

**PUBLIC HEALTH: Sara Christensen**

Sara reported that there is a rabies clinic Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Potter Fire House. A fox was tested positive for rabies that resulted in an individual needing post exposure treatment. There was also a cat in Milo that tested positive for rabies. If they think that there is a threat, they will let the public know.

Sara reported that as of July 27<sup>th</sup>, New York State had a total of 1,228 confirmed cases of Monkeypox. There were 1,148 cases in NYC and 80 cases in 16 different counties including 4 in Monroe and 1 in Chemung.

Sara provided a report regarding STD/HIV/Maternal Health and free access to condoms via dispensers.

Sara provided the following statistics:

Yates				NYS			
Year	Chlamydia	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Year	Chlamydia	Gonorrhea	Syphilis
2017	53	5	1	2017	116814	34099	9877
2018	56	6	3	2018	119571	37262	10183
2019	37	6	1	2019	124622	40901	10500
2020	34	4	0	2020	124389	42517	10613
2021	34	8	3				
2022- July	24	1	3				

The Committee agreed to go ahead and install the condom dispensers in the public restrooms in the County owned buildings.

Sara reported that their Deputy Director has submitted her resignation effective August 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Authorize Director of Public Health to Fill Deputy Director of Public Health Position
- Authorize Chairwoman to Sign Agreement with Dundee Central School District
- Authorize Chairwoman to Sign Agreement with Penn Yan Central School District

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

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

- Tribute Resolution Honoring John H. Cooley, M.D.

George reported that they have received and investigated 2 reports to the SAFE Act and 2 were reported to DCJS.

George reported that year three Heal Study budget has been approved, Year Systems of Care budget has been approved, and 2023 Community Services budget has been submitted.

George reported 0 AOT cases and 0 cases investigated.

George reviewed program updates.

### **VETERANS: Philip Rouin**

Phil introduced Mr. Jack Clancy, Mr. Earle Gleason, and Mr. Alan “Herbie” Snyder, all Vietnam Veterans.

Phil explained the significance of the Purple Heart. Those that have been wounded in combat or killed in combat receive a Purple Heart Metal. It was first the Badge of Merit, by General George Washington in 1782. In 1932, it was changed to the Purple Heart Metal.

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

- Proclaim August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as National Purple Heart Day in Yates County

Ms. Chilson requested that Mr. Snyder attend the legislative meeting on Monday and read the resolution aloud as he is a recipient of the Purple Heart Metal, the Committee and Mr. Snyder agreed.

The Committee would really like to see these types of resolutions come forward before the date occurs.

Phil provided updates for the Veterans’ Service Projects, Trainings & Conferences, and Veteran Services.

Phil reviewed the Veterans Service Agency-Services Provided to Veterans and Their Families statistical report for the month of July 2022.

Phil really emphasized the urgent need that Veteran Services has for volunteers. They need drivers to volunteer to drive disabled veterans to and from their medical appointments. The ability for them to access medical appointments is critical to maintaining the best possible quality of life for their local veterans.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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