

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

September 5, 2023

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

Others present: Leslie Church, Rick Willson, Dan Banach, Mark Morris, Doug Paddock, Tim Cutler, Nonie Flynn (Zoom), Jessica Mullins, Emilee Miller, Steve Hampsey, Becky Bennett-Tears, Amy Miller, Doug Sinclair, George Roets, Doug Gibbs

Carlie & Dick will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislative Zoom Attendees: 0 Other Zoom Attendees: 0

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steve Hampsey

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

- Authorize Chair to Sign Agreement with Lexis Nexis Services

Steve reviewed the Grant Status Report and Statistic Report.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Becky Bennett-Tears

Becky reported that 0 individuals were referred for services in July with 3 participants on the waiting list.

Becky reported that 737 People were served via Information & Assistance in July.

Becky reported that in regard to NY Connects, there were 21 units for 19 individuals in July.

Becky reported that there were 37 units for 23 individuals for HIICAP (Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program) in July for 1:1 counseling. 0 Individuals attended the Welcome to Medicare presentation.

Becky reported that there were 166 medical trips provided to 21 individuals in July, 2 trips included a transportation companion, and 61 non-medical trips were provided to 10 individuals in July.

Becky reported that the Yates Wellness Program currently offers Bone Builders (in person & Zoom), Beginner Tai Chi, Intermediate Tai Chi, Advanced Tai Chi, Walk with Ease, and Bingocize.

Becky reported that they have 115 Personal Emergency Response System units in homes, with 1 second pendants in place, 10 panic buttons, and 11 of the homes have cellular PERS units. There are 3 Project Lifesaver customers.

Becky reported that they are currently serving 45 HDM daily in Yates. They have 5 bulk, once a week deliveries. The Our Town Rocks' site in Dundee has been getting between 4 and 6 customers each day that they are open.

Becky reviewed the following EISEP Case Management:

Traditional aid service PCI (housekeeping) = 16 PCII (personal care) = 2

Consumer Directed Care	PCI = 3	PCII = 0
IIIIE Caregiver respite	PCI = 1	PCII = 2

The wait list currently has 8 people on it.

Becky reported that their Registered Dietitians have started a comprehensive review of the menu for Home Delivered and Congregate Meals.

Becky reported that they have answered several preliminary questions for the Attachment C committee, but they do not have their final meeting with them scheduled yet.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

Amy reported that on 8/21, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) issued Code Blue allocations to districts. This is a different process from previous years. The new system requires them to fill out a template plan and districts are urged to submit a Code Blue Request and Overview form and a Code Blue Excel Budget to OTDA for any new Code Blue expenses that would push local costs above a county’s original allocation. Additional funding for unexpected Code Blue funds will require Division of Budget (DOB) and OTDA dual approval. Yates County allocation was \$127,000 and during the last Code Blue season they spent \$131,619. They will be requesting additional funding with their initial submission.

Amy reported that a nationwide rise in the prevalence of scam-related benefit theft has targeted SNAP (food stamp) and Temporary Assistance (TA) households. The passage of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 included provisions to permit states to use SNAP funds to replace SNAP benefits that were stolen through electronic means such as EBT card skimming, cloning, third-party misrepresentation, or other similar fraudulent methods like phishing. Starting 8/21, households believing their SNAP or TA cash benefits have been stolen electronically may submit a request for replacement benefits using the LDSS-5215. Replacement requests for stolen SNAP and TA cash benefits must meet the criteria; Type of Theft, Date of Theft, and Type of Benefit.

Amy reported that five participants in their Summer Youth Employment Program have achieved unsubsidized employment since the beginning of the program. The Youth Bureau received notification of additional Team Sports funding from a Legislative Fund. The Yates County allocation is \$16,388.

Amy reviewed the following Unemployment Rates:

	July 2023	July 2022	July 2021
Ontario	2.7	3.1	4.5
Seneca	2.7	3.0	4.9
Wayne	2.7	3.3	4.8
Yates	2.5	2.8	4.1
Monroe	3.3	3.9	5.7

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

- Appointment to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
- Authorize Contract with Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene
- Authorize Contract from September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024

PUBLIC HEALTH: Dr. Doug Sinclair

Doug reported that Public Health Corps Fellow starts on 9/11 and will be working on program management and quality assurance, development of health promotion strategies. The first of two strategic planning sessions will be on 9/7 and they will review staff assessment survey results and complete a SWOC analysis. The COVID-19 hospitalizations in the United States and New York continue to rise.

Doug reported that the First Sisters' Day event will be 9/26 at the Benton Fire Hall. This event will have mobile mammography for breast cancer screening and a lunch presentation on caring for your gastrointestinal tract through lifestyle and screening. The Second Sister's Day event will be 11/29 at the Himrod Fire Department for mobile mammography.

Doug reviewed that Communicable Disease Prevention and Control:

- Human Immunizations: Next clinic September 6, 08:45-10:30 in the Public Health Clinic.
- Rabies Immunization: Next clinic September 27, 18:00-19:00 in the Starkey Highway Department.

Doug reported that they participated in the Yates County Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting on 8/22.

Doug reported that the Health Educator trained twelve people at Keuka Housing Council on Mental Health First Aid.

Doug reviewed the Yates County Public Health Live Birth report and the Yates County Maternal and Child Health group met 8/30 to discuss local needs and resumption of pre-pandemic activities.

Doug reviewed the status of his 2023 Goals.

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

- Amend Resolution No. 498-22 (Authorize Chair to Sign Contract with the S²AY Rural Health Network, Inc.)

VETERANS: Douglas Gibbs

Doug reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. After discussion the Committee approved and requested that Doug read this resolution at the upcoming Legislative Meeting.

- Proclaim September 18th, 2023 as US Air Force Birthday in Yates County

Doug reviewed Veterans' Service Projects updates, highlighting; PFC Dwyer Veteran Suicide Prevention Program and VSA.

Doug reviewed the Personnel, Training & Conference updates, highlighting; VSA Director PIV Card process, FL Veterans Advocacy Council Meeting, and DAV Accreditation training.

Doug reported that their Monthly Services Report for June shows 91 services were provided. The VSA Director and VSO made arrangements for 26 Veteran transports during the month of August with 2 cancellations. VSA volunteers, using county vehicles, provided 18 Veteran transports to medical appointments and Transportation was also provided for 6 additional Veterans where a volunteer used their own vehicle. The total mileage for the trips 1,297 and a total of 73 hours.

Doug reviewed the Summary of Statistical Data.

Doug reviewed Upcoming Veteran-Related Training, Meetings and Community Events and the Informational Items that were attached.

Doug reviewed the following payments:

2023 Regular Payments

344 Payments/month

\$629,193.30/month

\$7,550,319.55 total for 2023

2023 Retroactive Payments by month

January - \$5,851.38

February - \$126.82

March - \$17,016.62

April - \$0

May - \$6,863.75

June - **\$29,307.44 – new retro pmyts. Last month's report showed \$0.00.**

July - \$7,582.22

August - \$3,620.32

COMMUNITY SERVICES: George Roets

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

- Recognize September as National Suicide Prevention Month

George reported that in regards to the Safe Act, 3 reports were received and investigated and 0 was reported to DCJS.

George reviewed the Opioid Settlement funding and expense report submitted to OASAS and the proposed 2024 Budget Finalization.

George reported that there were 0 current AOT cases and 0 AOT investigations.

George reviewed program updates, highlighting, INSYGHT, Columbia University HEALing Communities Study (HCS), Crisis Intervention Training (CIT).

George reported that in regards to the Crisis Services Plan, efforts to fill the gaps continue to move forward. They are working with FLACRA to expand their substance use disorder intervention team to serve the mentally ill in crisis. He will be working with his behavioral health subcommittee to review current funding to determine possible reallocations.

George reminded that the Out of Darkness, Keuka Lake Walk is on 10/15 at Keuka State Park. Funds raised go to research and support coalition efforts on suicide prevention.

George reported that the first required report on settlement funding was submitted as required to OASAS and accepted. Subsequent reports on an annual basis will be required and some of the funding will have payments over a number of years.

George reviewed the following Outpatient Behavioral Health Workgroup:

Census Data July 2023	JDK	CCBHC	total
Adult MH	235	341	576
Children MH	70	180*	250
Adult SUD	----	79	79

42 children at Dundee Satellite

George reported that the two public clinics are very active with the CCBHC with a 25% growth in the last 4 months. Both programs are near full staff and active recruitment is ongoing at both clinics. JDK triages referrals and there is up to a 3 week wait for admission, the CCBHC has no wait time, however, active treatment after admission may be delayed up to 2 weeks.

George reviewed his Goals & Objectives 2024-2027.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn

- Nothing to Report

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.