

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

October 3, 2022

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

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

Carlie & Terry will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as submitted.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Phil introduced Amanda Hayes, Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program Specialist.

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

- Supporting Operation Green Light for Active Military Service Members in Transition to Civilian Life (Veteran Status)
- Proclaiming November 10th as US Marine Corps Birthday in Yates County
- Proclaiming November 11th as Veterans Day in Yates County

Phil reviewed the 2023 Budget Summary, PFC Dwyer Veteran and VA SSG Fox Suicide Prevention Programs.

Phil reported that he has 6 applications for the Veterans Services Officer position and he plans to start interviews this week.

Phil reported that they provided 271 services for the month of September. Phil reported that there were 10 Veteran transports coordinated during September and there were 7 Veterans that actually were transported.

Phil reviewed the summary of Statistical Data, Veteran-Related Training, Meetings and Community Events, and the Claims Settled & Disbursements to our Veterans/Surviving Dependents, and Informational Items.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steve Hampsey

Steve reviewed the Statistical Report for the month of September and there are 229 open cases.

Steve reviewed the Grant Status Report.

Steve reviewed the 2023 Budget Summary, highlighting the transition of the part-time staff to full-time staff member.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Amy Canfield

Amy reported that they were able to transport a veteran and they can continue to do so as long as they are over 60 years old.

Amy reported that they received all needed approvals and they have their Full Time Housekeeping Aid position posted.

Amy reported that they are holding the public hearings for this year's AU:

- Tuesday, October 18th at St. Mark's Terrace, Chapel Street in Penn Yan at 3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, October 19th via Zoom at 10 a.m. (Pre-registration is required);
- Thursday, October 20th at 10 a.m. at the Penn Yan County Office Building in Penn Yan.

*Anyone that wishes to attend must register with their office at (315) 279-4321.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

Amy reported that the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Funds continue to come to the Yates County Residents. She reviewed the TA and SNAP household's eligibility criteria.

Amy reported that Joe Davis, Employment and Training Supervisor resigned effective 9/30 and they will be looking at the position in the next month or two to see how they would like to move forward.

Amy reported that the first day of HEAP has not been officially announced and applications and assistance will be available at The Living Well and Our Town Rocks.

The benefit level has increased for the first time since 2018

Heating Method	2022-2023	2021-2022
Oil, kerosene propane	\$900	\$695
Wood, pellets, coal, corn	\$635	\$525
Electricity, natural gas	\$400	\$350

The income limits have raised.

Household size	2022-2023 Maximum	2021-2022 Maximum
1	\$2,852	\$2,729
2	\$ 3,730	\$3,569
3	\$ 4,608	\$4,409
4	\$ 5,485	\$5,249
5	\$ 6,363	\$6,088

Amy reviewed the ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program) payments:

	October 2021		October 2022	
Yates County	9 payments	\$63,930	66 payments	\$458,949
Schuyler County	7 payments	\$44,548	46 payments	\$304,569
Ontario County	116 payments	\$673,852	490 payments	\$2,996,954
Steuben County	28 payments	\$162,376	278 payments	\$1,635,173

Unemployment Rates

	August 2022	August 2021	August 2020
Ontario	3.1	4.4	8.3
Seneca	3.1	4.7	8.9
Wayne	3.4	4.6	8.6
Yates	2.8	3.9	6.9

Monroe	4.0	5.5	10.5
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Amy reviewed the 2023 Budget Summary.

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

- Amend Resolution No. 245-22 Authorize Chair to Sign Resource Allocation Plan
- Amend Resolution No. 244-22 Authorize 2022 Yates County Youth Bureau Contracts

PUBLIC HEALTH: Sara Christensen

Sara reported that there are two flu vaccination clinics coming up that Rite Aid Pharmacy is holding in the county auditorium this week and it starts their official 2022-2023 flu surveillance. The State will start reporting that weekly. They haven't had any confirmed influenza cases yet, as far as this season. They are predicting that it's probably going to be quite a bit of a flu season this year compared to the last two years.

Sara reported that the Commissioner declared polio a threat to public health. It allows some funding to open up for counties, especially downstate, that are in the actually active response. They are finding polio in the waste water around the surrounding counties of Rockland. There has only been the Rockland case that they are aware of. In regards to vaccination rates of the children in Yates County, Yates has one of the lowest rates:

Table 1: Yates County Polio Vaccination Rates by Zip Code

ZIP Code	Polio Vaccination Rate
14418	43.5%
14456	77.9%
14512	80.6%
14527	53.0%
14544	60.7%
14561	60.0%
14837	53.4%
14415	*
14441	*
14478	*
14507	*
14842	*
14878	*

*Not shown, due to a small number (<20) of residents in the eligible age range.

Sara reported that it wasn't surprising, much in part to do with the Mennonite community and the non-vaccination. It's not just true of polio, it's true of a lot of the childhood immunizations. They continue to promote and educate on the importance of vaccinations, all vaccinations, but specifically also polio. They now have the ability to order polio vaccination for adults, so they are looking into that and are going to be promoting that as well. Most adults can assume that they received their polio vaccination by now, because it's been recommended for a very long time. Adults that are at higher risk for exposure can get a one-time boost, but they should consult with their doctor and assess their degree of risk.

Sara reported that they have seen a little bit of an influx in COVID cases. They are working with school districts in regards to that. They are holding their first bivalent booster clinic and are still providing access to at home COVID tests.

Sara reported that they are celebrating national Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention week. Children with lead levels of 5ug/dL or higher are provided care coordination services. They really focus on prevention, because the goal is not to have a child in care coordination for lead poisoning. They are trying to keep the community apprised as well as the health care providers.

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

- Sign Agreement with Health Research Inc. (HRI)-HEPP
- Authorize Chairwoman to Sign Agreement with Bright Start Pediatric SLP & OT Services

Sara reviewed the 2023 Budget Summary.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: George Roets

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

- Sign Wave 2 Addendum with the Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York
- Authorize Chairwoman to Sign Contract with Finger Lakes Addictions Counseling and Referral Agency

George reported that they have received and investigated 5 reports to the SAFE Act and 3 were reported to DCJS.

George reported that year three Heal Study 2022/2023 Budget 3rd year funding authorization (\$527,468). The System of Care grant budget for 2022/2023 has been authorized.

George reported 0 AOT cases and 0 cases investigated.

George reviewed program updates.

George reviewed the 2023 Budget Summary.

ASSIGNED COUNSEL: Dianne Lovejoy

Dianne reviewed the 2023 Budget Summary.

Mr. Bronson moved to enter into executive session to discuss:

1. The employment history of a particular individual, attendees being members of the Committee, other legislators present, the County Administrator, and the Commissioner of Social services; and
2. The employment history of a particular individual, attendees being members of the Committee, other legislators present, the County Administrator, the District Attorney, and the Public Defender.

Seconded by Mr. Button.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.