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

Others present: Bonnie Percy, Rick Willson, Dan Banach, Leslie Church, Doug Paddock, Tim Cutler, Pat Killen, Nonie Flynn, Emilee Miller, Phil Rouin, Zach Housworth, Amy Miller, Sara Christensen, George Roets

Leslie & Ed will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steve Hampsey**
Steve submitted the Grant Status Report and Statistic Report for review.

**VETERANS: Philip Rouin**
Phil reviewed the Veterans’ Service Projects highlighting: Suicide Prevention and Awareness, PFC Dwyer Veterans and VA SSG Fox Suicide Prevention Programs, and Yates County Disabled American Veteran (DAV) vehicle fundraising and volunteer driver recruitment campaign.

Phil announced that John Antes was selected as the county’s new Veteran Service Officer (VSO) and he started today, 11/7.

Phil reported that he completed the New York State Division of Veterans’ Services VSO training and attended the Dwyer Veteran Peer Support Program Statewide Expansion Western New York Regional Forum.

Phil reported that there were 297 services provided, there were 41 Veteran transports, VSA volunteers provided 9 Veterans transports to medical appointments, and 1 transport where the volunteer used their own vehicle.

Phil reviewed the summary of statistical data.

Phil reviewed the upcoming Veteran-Related Training, Meetings, and Community Events.

Phil reported that the total monthly compensation for VA claims settled in the last month of $26,228.29 and the total compensation and disbursements year-to-date is $1,143,349.01.

Phil reported that the VSA received $25,000 in revenue from the NYS Office of General Services on October 5th and November is Veterans month at Corning Museum of Glass, and many other merchants and restaurants also offer special discounts associated with Veterans Day.

**OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Zachary Housworth**
Zach reported that they were finally able to get everything approved and they were able to hire a housekeeping aid. She should be up to a full case load by the end of the month and that'll help them move eleven people off of the personal care waiting list. They were able to move over about twenty thousand dollars of unmet needs funding from New York State to cover the additional people.
Zach reported that they are trying to hire for their registered dietitian position. If anyone is aware of anybody who has those credentials and is looking for sixteen hours a week of work. Ten of it could be completed remotely, six of it would pretty much have to either be in the office or in the homes of their customers, but they are very flexible about it. They have had a couple of applications that came in, and they have reached out to some of the surrounding counties that have the sixteen hour a week dietitians as well. There's a little bit of concern with some of the other directors that they might end up paying for the same work from different counties. If they have one person that's covering four counties, that's a lot hours to get done in one week.

Zach reported that they are looking to hopefully identify and open a couple of hybrid congregate sites in Yates County right now. Their one congregate site that they have for meals is at St. Mark's Terrace in Dundee. They are down to about six people a day. They are happy to keep providing the service, however, they would like to potentially identify a couple of more hybrid sites.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller
Amy reviewed the 2022 Recreation Funding use.

Amy expressed the need to create and fill an additional caseworker position. So far, in 2022, the services staff has accrued 1035.75 hours over 35 weeks. She reviewed the following comparisons:

- In 2017, Yates County had 26 children in foster care. Today we have 45.
- In 2020, the Department of Social Services was required have complete 21 permanency hearings, during the current year we will complete 60.
- In 2017, we opened 18% of our CPS cases in 2021 we opened 24% of CPS cases.
- In 2017, our investigations were closed in an average of 52 days. In 2022, our average is 62 days.
- In 2017 we filed 8 surrenders or terminations of parental rights, as of October 1, 2022, we have filed 59,
- In 2017 we filed 82 abuse or neglect petitions, as of October 1, 2022, we have already 79.

Amy reported that by the end of the first day of HEAP season (11/1), $139,521 in benefits were distributed due to early outreach applications. Of the 198 early outreach applications that were returned and 167 were approved.

Amy reported that in October 2022 they served 21 separate cases for homelessness; 2 included children, the department paid for a total of 449 nights, they have not housed any clients under code blue at this time.

Amy reviewed several public assistance changes that were included in the 2022-2023 New York State Budget: Application of the Earned Income Disregard, Elimination of the waiting period for Safety Net Assistance, and Resource limit changes.

Amy reviewed the following unemployment rates:

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Amy reported that the Youth Bureau recommends the appointment of Jenni Patchett to the Yates County Youth Board for a 3 year term.

**PUBLIC HEALTH: Sara Christensen**

Sara reported that the Flu is in Yates County. Since her report they’ve received another ten lab confirm cases and those are only the cases that they know about. They also know that individuals are staying home that may have the flu and are not being tested. Flu A seems to be their dominant strain right now. They continue to monitor that and they will be doing a lot of public messaging over the next few weeks. When she looked at the data this morning from New York State, right now, their five to seventeen year olds are leading the number of lab confirmed cases statewide.

Sara reported that they have received a few reports from school districts of children being diagnosed with RSV. Some of their day cares, are starting to see that. It's important for parents to reach out to the health care provider, especially if the symptoms don't improve and worsen.

Sara reported that there isn’t much new with COVID-19. They are pretty busy with their booster clinics and test kits continue to be available in the public settings as well as their Public Health Office.

Sara reported that back at their table is Ebola. They haven't seen this concern since 2014-2015. She thinks it's still a little bit of a lower risk as far as someone coming to Yates County that's been in Western Uganda, but there's a chance, so they are prepared. In the event that they do get a call, saying they have a traveler, and there's a risk assessment, questionnaire that they interview the individual with, and then determining risk. If they're lower risk, then it's more of a self-monitoring and if they're discovered to be a higher risk, then Public Health gets involved. Sara then issues a quarantine order of the individual for twenty one days, so they are at home, monitoring themselves for signs and symptoms, and if they were to develop symptoms, they notify Public Health right away, and then they take next steps from there.

Sara reported that they did hold their last Rabies Clinic at Benton on Saturday. They vaccinated one hundred and thirty animals. They are now starting to look at planning their 2023 clinics.

Sara answered questions about Monkey Pox. It is not in the forefront right now, she does look at the data. They haven't had any positive cases in Yates County of Monkey Pox, but some of the other counties are still seeing cases, but it seemed to kind of stabilize.

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

- Sign Amendment #2 to Agreement with Health Research Inc. (HRI)-ELC COVID-19 Enhanced Detection

**COMMUNITY SERVICES: George Roets**

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

- Authorize Chairwoman to Sign Contract with Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc.
• Authorize Legislature to Enter into Volunteer Services Agreements with Participants in Connection with the INSYGHT: Family and Youth Program Through the Community Services Department

George reported that there were 2 SAFE Act reports received and investigated with 1 reported to DCJS.

George reported that the 2023 Community Services Department Budget has been approved.

George reported 0 AOT cases and 0 cases investigated.

George provided program updates highlighting: Yates INSYGHT, Outpatient Behavioral Health Work Group, Yates County Stigma Initiative, Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), Columbia University HEALing Communities Study (HCS), Crisis Services Plan, Mozaic/Catholic Charities Developmental Services (Services/Residential), Opioid Settlement Funding Plan, and Yates County Jail Services Update.

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 Director of Public Health; and
2. The employment history of a particular individual, attendees being members of the Committee, other legislators present, and the County Administrator.

Seconded by Mr. Button.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.