

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: M. Walker, S. Erdle, D. Wester, D. LeFeber, D. Pangrazio, M. Falk, I. Coyle, B. Mann
 ABSENT: I. Davis, G. Horr,

Human Services Chair Merilee Walker asked Mt. Morris Supervisor David DiSalvo to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING – SUE CARLOCK

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

Departmental Updates – Ms. Carlock gave an update on the home away from home respite program. She believes they will be able to save the program by expanding our caregiver contract with Noyes. SUNY Geneseo does still want students to participate on a volunteer basis and it can still be held at the Interfaith Chapel. Ms. Carlock explained that they will be having their first in person falls prevention event on September 16. Ms. Carlock reviewed upcoming events.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

Program Statistics:

Served Client Summary

Livingston

1/01/2022 and 7/31/2022

| Service Type | Total Units January -July 2022 |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Case Management (hours) | 1,146 |
| Meals (Home Delivered 26,595, Congregate 11,319) | 37,914 |
| Information and Assistance (calls) | 2,319 |
| Legal Services hours (Jan – June) | 115 |
| Personal Care (hours) | 2,591 |
| Transportation (one-way rides) | 3,318 |
| Personal Emergency Response System (service months) | 2,710 |

Program Updates:

Home Away from Home Respite Program

In May 2022 we were informed that SUNY Geneseo would no longer take the lead for the Home Away from Home Program, employing the Program Coordinator. This program has been a highly successful collaboration between SUNY Geneseo, Noyes Hospital, and LCOFA; it started through a VISTA grant in 2015. SUNY Geneseo will still identify students to volunteer for the program. The Interfaith Center is still very interested in

hosting the program and Livingston Cares has some funding for the site rental and materials. LCOFA will increase contract funding for the UR Med/Noyes Health Caregiver Services Program and the Caregiver Coordinator will oversee the Home Away from Home Program. She has been involved since the beginning, and is the one who does the assessments prior to participants enrolling in the program. For approximately \$15,000, 10 individuals can participate in the program 2 times week for 4 hours during the school year, providing 2,400 hours of needed respite to support caregivers. In fact, this is the number one need expressed by caregivers. If we were paying for individual respite in the home, this service would cost close to \$70,000.

Falls Prevention Awareness Month

September is Falls Prevention Month and the National Council on Aging's Falls Prevention Week is the first full week of - Fall – September 18th – 24th, 2022. Our Fall Prevention Event will be held on September 16, 2022. It is the 7th annual (but not consecutive due to the pandemic) event. The last time the event was held was in 2019. The event is a collaborative effort of many: LCOFA and Health Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension, UR Med/Noyes Health and the Wilmot Cancer Institute, Genesee Valley Health Partnership and Wegmans. The event will include vendors with fall prevention programs and resources, and 4 speakers (Paul Kreher, Physical Therapist, UR Med/Noyes Health, Kirsten Galliford, Wegman's Pharmacist, Lucille Tang, CCE Dietician, and Dr. Brooke Donaher, Ophthalmologist). Lunch is included and Car Fit appointments will be offered (a program that maximizes driver safety for older adults). There will also be a demonstration of Tai Chi, a fall prevention program. We continue to focus on fall prevention due to the negative impact of falls for the individual and for the community in terms of costs:

- More than one out of every four older adults falls each year;
- One out of every five falls causes an injury such as broken bones or head injuries;
- More than 95% of hip fractures are caused by falling.

Health Promotion/Activities: LCOFA is geared up for a very busy Fall with 5 Tai Chi for Fall Prevention classes, an Aging Mastery Class, and a yoga class. Four of the Tai Chi classes will be led by trained volunteers under the direction of our Health Promotion and Activities Coordinator who will lead the fifth class.

Congregate Meal Site Activities for September will include Medicare Open Enrollment Presentations and Music Groups.

Staffing: We will be hiring a new Site Manager for the Mt. Morris Congregate site following the resignation of the current Site Manager.

Our Case Manager is currently completing CAPS (Certified Aging in Place Specialist) training. This opportunity was made possible through funding from the New York State Office for the Aging.

Senior Nutrition Farmers' Market Program vouchers will continue to be distributed to eligible individuals until 9/30/2022.

LCOFA did receive two new vehicles through bid procurement process after several unsuccessful attempts. These are replacing vehicles that had to be taken off the road.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. **AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: FINGER LAKES THERAPY WORKS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY PLLC, DR. JENNIFER GRAHAM, ROOM TO BLOOM THERAPY SERVICES, LLC, KATHRYN SCHLEDORN, DEBORAH UVEINO & WARREN'S COMMERCIAL CLEANING, INC.**

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to

sign the following contracts for the Livingston County Department of Health, and any future amendments to said contracts, according to the terms designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

| <u>Contractor</u> | <u>Term</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---|----------------|---|
| Finger Lakes Therapy Works Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and Psychology PLLC 210 Clifton Springs Professional Park Clifton Springs, NY 14432 | 9/1/22-8/31/24 | \$60.00 per 30 minute individual session \$40.00 per 30 minute group session |

For: Provide Related Services and SEIT (Special Education Itinerant Teacher) for Pre-K Program.

| <i>Funding Source</i> | <i>Local Share</i> | <i>Budgeted?</i> |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Livingston County, NYS Department of Education, Medicaid | % varies | Yes X No |

Director's Comments: This contract provides for Related Services and SEIT for Livingston County Preschool Program.

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| Dr. Jennifer Graham Stony Brook Pediatrics 22 Red Jacket Street Dansville, NY 14437 | 10/1/22-9/30/24 | \$50.00 hour/\$200.00 month minimum |
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For: Family Planning Medical Director

| <i>Funding Source</i> | <i>Local Share</i> | <i>Budgeted?</i> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Family Planning Grant | 0 % | Yes X No |

Director's Comments: Dr. Jennifer Graham serves as Medical Director for Family Planning.

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|---|----------------|---|
| Room to Bloom Therapy Services, LLC 1850 Buffalo Road, Suite 200 Rochester, NY 14624 | 9/1/22-8/31/24 | \$57.50 per 30 minute individual session \$40.00 per 30 minute group session |
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For: Provide Related Services and SEIT for Pre-K Program

| <i>Funding Source</i> | <i>Local Share</i> | <i>Budgeted?</i> |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Livingston County, NYS Department of Education, Medicaid | % varies | Yes X No |

Director's Comments: This contract provides for Related Services and SEIT for Livingston County preschool program.

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|---|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Kathryn Schledorn 9264 Woodsville Road Dansville, NY 14437 | 7/1/22-6/30/24 | \$50.00 per 30 minute session |
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For: Provide OT Services for Preschool Program

| <i>Funding Source</i> | <i>Local Share</i> | <i>Budgeted?</i> |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Livingston County, NYS Department of Education, Medicaid | % varies | Yes X No |

Director's Comments: This contract provides for Occupational Therapy Services for Livingston County preschool program.

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| Deborah Uveino 7768 Butler Road Perry, NY 14530 | 9/1/22- 8/31/24 | 9/1/22-8/31/23 - \$55.00 per 30 minute session 9/1/23-8/31/24 - \$60.00 per 30 minute session |
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For: Provide Speech Therapy Services for Pre-K Program

| <i>Funding Source</i> | <i>Local Share</i> | <i>Budgeted?</i> |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Livingston County, NYS Department of Education, Medicaid | % varies | Yes X No |

Director's Comments: This contract provides for Speech Therapy Services for Livingston County preschool program.

454 North Main Street

Warsaw, NY 14569

For: Janitorial Services for Warsaw WIC Clinic

| <i>Funding Source</i> | <i>Local Share</i> | <i>Budgeted?</i> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| New York State WIC Grant | 0 % | Yes X No |

Director’s Comments: This contract will provide the funds for cleaning services for the Warsaw location WIC clinic.

Ms. Rodriguez reviewed the contracts for approval.

Motion: Mr. Pangrazio moved and Mr. Wester seconded to approve the foregoing resolution. Carried.

2. PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2022 AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of September 2022, is the National Preparedness Month and the theme is “Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love”; and

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month (NPM) is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, our nation continues to respond to unpredictable and unprecedented challenges, there is no better time to be involved this September; and

WHEREAS, this creates an important opportunity for residents and businesses of Livingston County to be prepared for any type of emergency where they live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County Office of Emergency Management, Livingston County Department of Health, Livingston County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and other Federal, state, local, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for emergencies and to encourage individuals to take action; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen in Livingston County and all citizens are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

WHEREAS, all citizens and businesses in Livingston County are encouraged to visit [ready.gov](https://www.livingstoncounty.us/readygov) for more information about preparedness; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to visit <https://www.livingstoncounty.us/902/17935/Emergency-Preparedness> for more information on how to become an MRC volunteer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the importance of emergency preparedness, and does hereby proclaim the month of September 2022, as National Emergency Preparedness Month in Livingston County.

Ms. Rodriguez explained that they have been working on press for this.

Motion: Mr. Wester moved and Mrs. Erdle seconded to approve the foregoing resolution..... Carried.

3. PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2022 IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of September 2022 is National Suicide Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, a time in which individuals, organizations and communities around the country join their voices to amplify the message that suicide can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, the past years have presented our communities with challenges and led to transitions that, expected or unexpected, welcomed or not, can be unsettling, disorienting, and stressful; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has changed our fabric of life, and major life changes are environmental risk factors for suicide; and

WHEREAS, knowing the signs of suicide, finding the words to communicate with someone they are concerned about, and reaching out to local resources; and

WHEREAS, we know that connecting, working with, and supporting one another can help prepare us for the future; and

WHEREAS, all Livingston County residents are urged to play a role in suicide prevention and promote mental health and wellness as we strive towards zero suicides; and

WHEREAS, September is recognized across the United States as Suicide Prevention Month which

provides the opportunity to educate our community about the warning signs for suicide and how to reach out and connect to those experiencing an emotional crisis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim September 2022 as National Suicide Prevention Month in Livingston County, New York.

The annual vigil is scheduled for Thursday evening. Our rates have dropped since five years, although we still see a high rate in adolescent males.

Motion: Mr. Wester moved and Mrs. Erdle seconded to approve the foregoing resolution..... Carried.

Ms. Rodriguez reported that there will be flu shots for the Board and Government Center employees on October 12 12:30pm-2:30pm. Ms. Rodriguez gave an update on booster vaccines and clinics.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

- Mental Health building renovations continue; the front covered walkway is almost complete.
- Tech upgrades including new laptops, monitors, telehealth eqpt, conference room upgrades, have been ordered – waiting for IT to set up new equipment.
- Number 988 has gone live; the local call center is ABVI Lifeline. Some “glitches” - 211 is still active.
- Lock-n-Talk Vigil planning beginning in September. Suicide prevention program in conjunction with gun safety.
- The Hospice Memorial event will be held on September 15; we will be doing three (3) years of acknowledgements. We will be showcasing our vets; they will receive an insignia of the American Flag.
- Monkeypox: Website updates, staff talking points and community partner updates.
- LCDOH Annual Report 2021 finalized and printed to be distributed to Board Members, community partners, and public libraries.
- Our SUNY clinics start up again on August 29. We are looking forward to seeing our students again and attending a few more outreach opportunities at the college, such as Weeks of Welcome where we can make more people aware of our services should they need us.
- Working with SUNY Geneseo Intern to develop enhanced media and outreach plan for Center for Sexual Health and Wellness.
- The Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program offers all WIC participants’, ages six (6) months and older, to receive five (5) \$5.00 checks that can be used to purchase locally grown fruits and vegetables at participating farmers markets in NYS.
- We held a successful World Breastfeeding Week event with the Livingston County PICHC program at the Geneseo Highland Park on August 6th. Over a dozen families attended this event.
- The Hemlock Fair was back in 2022 and received field visits for water, camping, food and ag fair code requirements. Early estimates are that the Fair was one of the largest attended in some time.
- The rabies program investigated 24 animal bite reports and had 10 animal specimens sent for rabies testing with one testing positive for the virus.
- 20 food service establishment site visits resulted in 19 non critical and 3 critical violations. 34 temporary food operations were inspected.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – TRACY MCCAUGHEY

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES: CHILDREN’S HOME OF THE WYOMING CONFERENCE

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contract for the Livingston County Department of Social Services, and any future amendments to said contract, according to the term designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

| <u>Contractor</u> | <u>Term</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| Children’s Home of the Wyoming Conference | 10/1/22-12/31/23 | Min. \$171,375.00 |

1182 Chenango Street
 Binghamton NY 13901
 For: Non-Secure Detention Bed

| <i>Funding Source</i> | <i>Local Share</i> | <i>Budgeted?</i> |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| Federal for IVE – State Foster Care Block Grant | 25-50% | Yes X No |

Director’s Comments: Guarantee for 1 bed @ \$375/day
 Ms. McCaughey reviewed the contract for approval.

Motion: Mr. Pangrazio moved and Mr. Wester seconded to approve the foregoing resolution. Carried.

2. AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE FOLLOWING: LIVINGSTON COUNTY INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY SERVICES & LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to sign the following contracts for the Livingston County Department of Social Services, and any future amendments to said contracts, according to the terms designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

| <u>Contractor</u> | <u>Term</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| Livingston County Information & Technology Services | 1/1/22-12/31/22 | Not to exceed \$254,000.00 |

6 Court Street, Room 307
 Geneseo, NY 14454

For: ITS Services-Internet & Software Licensure

| <i>Funding Source</i> | <i>Local Share</i> | <i>Budgeted?</i> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Admin | 15-43% | Yes X No |

Livingston County Sheriff’s Office 1/1/22-12/31/22 Not to exceed \$300,000.00
 4 Court Street
 Geneseo, NY 14454

For: Law Enforcement Services provided to the Department

| <i>Funding Source</i> | <i>Local Share</i> | <i>Budgeted?</i> |
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| Admin | 15-43% | Yes X No |

Ms. McCaughey reviewed the internal department contracts for approval.

Motion: Mr. Wester moved and Mrs. Erdle seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

1. Statistics (Monthly) (July)

| | <u>July</u> | <u>% Change from Jan 1</u> |
|---|-------------|----------------------------|
| Temporary Assistance Cases (TA): | | |
| Family Assistance | 122 | -8.27% |
| Safety Net | 167 | -8.74% |
| Total | 289 | -8.54% |

TA Applications Processed 119

Medicaid Cases (MA):

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|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Community | 2253 | 3.97% |
| Chronic Care | 234 | -0.43% |
| Foster Care | 121 | -12.95% |
| SSI | 1215 | -2.10% |
| Total | 3823 | 1.08% |

Livingston County Citizens receiving some form of Medicaid service:

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| Cases In Transit | 0 | |
| NYSOH | | |
| Livingston County DSS | 4872 | |
| Total | 4872 | |

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| Food Stamp Only Cases: | 2477 | 9.46% |
| SSI Food Stamp Cases: | 647 | -4.99% |
| Child Care Cases: | 96 | 60.00% |

Indigent Burials:

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|---|-----------|--|
| Approved | 4 | |
| Veterans (# included in the Approved #) | 0 | |
| Denied | 0 | |
| Withdrawn | 0 | |
| Approved Year to Date | 20 | |

Fraud:

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| Front End Detection (FEDS) - During Applicant Status | 0 | |
| Fraud Referrals Received - Anonymous/Other | 0 | |
| Fraud Referrals Received - Internal/DSS | 5 | |
| Referrals sent to Sheriff & DA | 0 | |
| Pending with DA/Awaiting Disposition | 10 | |

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| Clients thru the lobby (Unduplicated #): | 540 | |
| Total # of individuals served by reception staff: | 839 | |

Housing - Homeless Caseload:

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| Diversions | 6 | |
| Housed | 17 | |
| Total | 23 | |

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| Total Nights | 358 | |
| Singles | 320 | |
| 2 Adults | 6 | |
| Families | 32 | |

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| Total Clients in Temp. Housing at end of month | 13 | |
| Clients entering Temp. Housing & remaining in the month | 8 | |

Code Blue - Below 32 Degrees

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| Cases | 0 | |
| Nights | 0 | |

Section 8:

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| Vouchers Leased Up | 427 | |
| Voucher Holders seeking Apartments | 7 | |
| Active/Pending (Could return - Port Outs, NH, Rehab, moving, etc.) | 13 | |
| Active/Pending Will Not Return (Declined, Accepted o/Subsidy, Lease Violation, etc.) | 5 | |
| Call-ins Pending Eligibility/Voucher Issuance | 9 | |

Child Support:

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|----------------|-------|---------------|
| Caseload Count | 2,542 | -3.09% |
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| Dollars Collected | | \$660,733 | |
| Child Protective Services (CPS): Ongoing | | | |
| New Primary Investigation Assignments | | 46 | |
| Secondary Assignments from Other Counties | | 7 | |
| Petitions Filed | | 2 | |
| 1034 Court Ordered Investigations Completed (# included in Primary Inv.) | | 11 | |
| 422 Summaries to Court | | 2 | |
| CPS Ongoing Case Management/Preventive Services: | | | |
| Case Total | | 23 | |
| Article 10 Supervision Cases (Youth Remaining in Home) | | 21 | |
| *Distinct Children | | 48 | |
| Non-Court Ordered (Article 10)-CPS indicated & Open Mandated Preventive | | 2 | |
| *Distinct Children | | 4 | |
| Supervision Cases on Behalf of Another County-Secondary | | 0 | |
| *Distinct Children | | 0 | |
| School Based Consults: | | | |
| Livonia Central School | | 87 | |
| Article 10 Direct Custody Placement/Non-DSS Cases: | | | |
| Cases | | 6 | -53.85% |
| *Distinct Children | | 11 | -45.00% |
| Family Services/Permanency Unit: | | | |
| Foster Children - DSS Custody Distinct # of Children | | 22 | -24.14% |
| Distinct Youth Remaining in DSS Custody on Trial Discharge | | 1 | |
| Levels of Care for DSS Custody Cases: | | | |
| Foster Boarding Home | | 13 | |
| Approved Relative Foster Home | | 3 | |
| Institution | | 1 | |
| Group Home | | 0 | |
| Supervised Independent Living | | 2 | |
| Other | | 2 | |
| Foster Child Admissions - New | | 0 | |
| Types of Foster Child Discharges During the Month | | | |
| Children Trial Discharged to Parents or Other Resource (Remain in DSS Custody) | | 0 | |
| Children Discharged (Final) to Parent or Other Resource | | 0 | |
| Adoptions Finalized as Discharges | | 0 | |
| KinGap Discharges | | 0 | |
| Other Discharges (i.e. APLA-Another Planned Living Arrangement) | | 1 | |
| OCFS State Custody | | 2 | |
| Probation Based Diversionary Programming (Probation Based Referrals): | | | |
| Cases/Referrals New this Month | | 2 | |
| *Distinct Children | | 2 | |
| Referrals under assessment or referred and receiving diversion services i.e. skillbuilding: | | 9 | |

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| Case Referral Closed *Distinct Children | 0 | |
| Cases Open in Connections FSS-Mandated Preventive | 4 | |
| Non-Mandated Preventive Services: | | |
| Cases | 0 | |
| *Distinct Children | 0 | |
| Mandated Preventive - Community Based referrals that meet criteria | | |
| Cases | 1 | |
| *Distinct Children | 5 | |
| Other Case Processing - # of Distinct Children: | | |
| ICPC Requests | 0 | |
| Supervision - Post Discharged - Court Ordered | 2 | |
| Supervision on Behalf of Another County | 7 | |
| Aftercare Services | 2 | |
| TASA (Case Management for Pregnant/Parenting Teens): | | |
| Active Case | 0 | |
| New Referrals Received | 0 | |
| Cases Closed | 0 | |
| Protective Services for Adults (PSA): | | |
| Active Cases | 28 | -3.45% |
| PSA Referrals Received | 8 | |
| Active Financial Mgmt. Cases | 32 | |
| Active Home Mgmt. Cases | 31 | |
| Personal Care Aide Cases Total | 31 | |
| Level I | 2 | |
| Level II | 29 | |
| Level I pending | 0 | |
| Cases waiting for an assigned Aide | 1 | |
| Guardianship Cases | 3 | |
| Awaiting discharge | 6 | |
| Pending | 0 | |
| Assessment Contacts | 54 | |

2. Employees hired, resigned or retired in August:

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|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Allison McDaniel | Hired | Clerk/Typist | 8/1/22 | Geneseo |
| Bailey Fisher | Temp. Position Ended | Summer Campworker | 8/17/22 | Leicester |
| Sandra VanDuser | Resigned | Social Welfare Examiner | 8/22/22 | Avon |

3. The Planning Department will be asking to pass a resolution for Livingston County to enter into a month-to-month contract with Arc GLOW to continue to provide mobility management services until more grant funding can be acquired. It is anticipated that this program will be funded through NYSDOT grant funds in January. Livingston County will terminate this month-to-month contract with Arc GLOW when NYSDOT provides a decision on grant funding. DSS and OFA will provide the funds to pay for these services an 80/20 split respectively. The departments are utilizing existing budgeted funds. DSS is also exploring if reimbursements are possible using other state or federal money.

CENTER FOR NURSING & REHABILITATION – ERIC TOWNSEND

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. **AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN A LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT FOR FINANCIAL APPLICATION AND**

ADVOCACY SERVICES–BROWN WEINRAUB

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following Engagement Letter, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

| <u>Contractor</u> | <u>Term</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Brown Weinraub | Est. 4-6 mos. from | \$7,500.00/mos |
| The Kenmore Building | engagement start | +disbursements |
| 76 North Pearl Street, Suite 3 | | |
| Albany, NY 12207 | | |

For: Provide funding application support for CNR VAP funding request and legislative advocacy. Mr. Coyle reviewed the contract for approval. There is an expectation that distressed public facilities will become eligible and this contract will assist the County with their application. Mr. Coyle reviewed the application process and explained that this is a hyper competitive 4-6 month process. This is a high cost contract that could result in a very high dollar return for the facility. Mr. Coyle explained that Brown Weinraub comes highly recommended.

Motion: Mr. Pangrazio moved and Mr. Wester seconded to approve the foregoing resolution. Carried.

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

FINANCIAL/OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

- a) Report on Post Audit – Financial Meetings and Activities
- b) Occupancy – As of August 30, 2022 occupancy was 66% for the month, year to date 63.1%,
- c) Cash Flow - The CNR's Cash Flow Report as of August 30, 2022, \$2,670,549 in Reserves.
- d) Budget Variance – The June 2022 budget variance report will be distributed and discussed at the committee meeting.

Mr. Townsend gave a brief overview of the facility operations and financials to date. Mr. Coyle reviewed the state staffing requirements that guide our occupancy and the daily penalty risks if we are out of compliance. Notice has been received that Dialysis will be opening a Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday schedule in October. Mr. Townsend and Mr. Mann have been working on renegotiating the agency contracts and eliminating the crisis rates. New insurance contracts are being initiated in addition to renewing the current contracts. Mr. Mann explained that the staff survey on any interest in a 12/36 hour schedule is a mix of yes, no, don't care. A job fair is scheduled for October. Mr. Townsend explained that we are working on the application to become our own CNA training facility. BOCES has agreed to open back to back CNA training programs and Ryan Snyder is assisting in finding an instructor. Work is being done to increase wifi access at the facility. Department budget review is underway for the 2023 budget. Mr. Townsend reviewed the current case mix and how that process improves revenue for the facility. Mr. Townsend and Mr. Mann reviewed discussions on a potential assisted living program. Mr. Townsend thanked Mr. Mann for his assistance at the CNR and how he is giving the employees hope and showing the Board of Supervisors commitment to the future of the facility. Mr. Mann gave a brief update and there was discussion on an on-site day care facility.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

- 1) Reports - Absenteeism, Mandation, FMLA, Payroll Performance, Work Related Injuries, Report Card
- 2) Current FT Nursing Assistant vacancies as of 08/29/2022 are: Night Shift 17, Evening Shift 29, Day Shift 37
- 3) Nurse Recruitment – The CNR is actively recruiting qualified applicants.
 - a) There are currently 5 Full Time Day and 4 Part Time Day Shift LPN, 11 Full Time and 3 Part Time Evening shift LPN and 6 Full Time and 3 Part Time LPN Night Shift vacancies.
 - b) There are currently 6 Full Time Day shift RN, 2 Full Time and 1 Part Time Evening Shift RN, & 1 Full Time Night Shift RN vacancies.
 - c) There are currently 11 Part Time Day Shift, & 9 Part Time Evening Shift PCA vacancies.
 - d) There are currently 0 Part Time Day Shift and 0 Part Time Evening Shift Uncertified Nursing Assistant vacancies.
- 4) Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers (1135) For Various Provider-Types Ending 60 Days from Publication of this Memorandum: Ending June 6, 2022.

-Training and Certification of Nurse Aides for SNF/NFs - 42 CFR §483.35(d) (Modification and Conditional Termination). CMS waived the requirements which require that a SNF and NF may not employ anyone for longer than four months unless they met the training and certification requirements under §483.35(d). CMS previously provided information related to Page 5 of 6 nurse aides working under this blanket waiver in CMS memorandum QSO-21-17- NH. This memo provides additional information as well on the modification of this waiver below. We remind states that all nurse aides, including those hired under the above blanket waiver at 42 CFR §483.35(d), must complete a state approved Nurse Aide Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP) to become a certified nurse aide. State approved NATCEPs must have a curriculum that includes training in the areas defined at 42 CFR §483.152(b), such as respecting residents' rights, basic nursing skills, personal care skills, and caring of cognitively impaired residents. Additionally, the requirements at 42 CFR §483.154(b)(i) and (ii) requires these nurse aides pass a written or oral exam, and demonstrate skills learned. Lastly, we note that CMS did not waive the requirement that the individual employed as a nurse aide be competent to provide nursing and nursing related services at 42 CFR §483.35(d)(1)(i), and that requirement must continue to be met.

- 5) On May 17, 2022 the CNR was approved by the NYSDOH to implement a Temporary Nurse Aide (TNA) to CNA Training Program at our facility. The CNR currently has 9 individuals in the TNA program who are currently in process of CNA testing through NYS.
- 6) Staff Vaccination status per CMS- expects all providers' and suppliers' staff to have received the appropriate number of doses by the timeframes specified in the QSO-22-07 unless exempted as required by law, or delayed as recommended by CDC. Facility staff vaccination rates under 100% constitute noncompliance under the rule. Non-compliance does not necessarily lead to termination, and facilities will generally be given opportunities to return to compliance.
- 7) On August 28, 2022, Governor Hochul issued Executive order No. 4.12, continuing the "Declaring a Disaster Emergency in the State of New York" through September 27, 2022.
- 8) COVID-19 Vaccination Booster Clinic - The Center continues to facilitate weekly booster clinics, as needed, with the Center's contracted pharmacy for the eligible Residents / Patients and Employees. Vaccination boosters are offered and available to residents and staff on weekly basis. As of 08/29/22 *The resident vaccination acceptance rate is 97.7 The first booster rate is 92.5% and second booster rate is 72 %. The current staff number that are fully vaccinated is 99.4% and the booster rate is 64.1%.*
- 9) Garden of Life (G.O.L.) Adult Day Health Care Program – The program remains suspended at this time. Potential programs for the G.O.L. space are being assessed. They include reopening of G.O.L., or a potential child care service that could be beneficial in the recruitment of staff to the CNR. A needs-based survey has been completed and is currently being analyzed.
- 10) NYS-DOH reporting continues via the HERDS survey in the Health Commerce System. Reporting has been reduced to 5 days per week (M-F).
- 11) The CNR reports survey data to the CDC, via the National Healthcare Safety Network, twice per week.
- 12) The CNR initiated reporting weekly vaccination data to the CDC, via the National Healthcare Safety Network.
- 13) The Center continues to communicate with Residents / Families weekly via telephone calls, electronic communication(s) and letters. The focus of this communication has surrounded positive COVID reporting as well as visitation policy.
- 14) Dialysis Extension Clinic (D.E.C.): The Dialysis Extension Clinic is currently open Mon-Wed-Fri, on Day and Evening shifts. WCCHS is currently recruiting for additional staff in order to increase volume and open the clinic Tue-Thur-Sat in late October, early November.
- 15) The LCCNR primary generator repair has been completed.
- 16) The LCCNR lost back up emergency power to the fire pump due to transfer switch controller malfunction on August 3. LCCNR staff were on fire watch from August 3rd through August 26th, 2022. Fire Watch will be reinstated if facility goes on generator power. NYSDOH Principal Sanitarian notified. Parts for repair are on backorder for 12 weeks.
- 17) Agency nursing contracts being renegotiated at this time.
- 18) Insurance Contracts are being initiated (Independent Health, Wellcare, Aetna, Elderplan) and existing contract rates are being renegotiated at this time.

- 19) Flexible scheduling is being investigated and survey is being completed with LCCNR staff.
 - 20) Job Fair at the LCCNR is being coordinated with the assistance of HR Dept and ITS Dept for September 20th.
 - 21) HR Dept, ITS Dept, and LCCNR have met to review and address solutions for payroll issues.
 - 22) LCCNR is in process of completing necessary paperwork to submit to the NYSDOH for a CNA training program on site.
 - 23) LCCNR/Central Services/ITS met to discuss access points for Wi-Fi and connectivity to support LCCNR needs. Access points ordered. Computer upgrades in process.
 - 24) Budget review initiated with LCCNR Dept heads to determine cost savings through the end of the year and to initiate budget process for 2023.
- Case mix index has improved from .88 on June 3rd, 2022 to .92 on August 26th, 2022. This will determine the Medicaid rate for Jan. 1st - June 30th 2023. We have until Sept 30th, 2022 to impact this and we anticipate this improving.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – SHANNON HILLIER

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

1. Weighted Vote Update – The Clerk of the Board reported that meetings have been held with CGR on the new weighted vote numbers from the 2020 Census. Supervisors are urged to attend the CGR presentation at the September 26 Ways and Means Committee meeting.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – IAN COYLE

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. **APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY: DAVID TERRY AND REFER THIS MATTER TO THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Coyle is requesting a recommendation for a resolution moving David Terry from Interim to full Director for Veteran Services. Mr. Coyle reported that he has spoken with Mr. Terry and he has been the number two for many years and is a very committed employee to the County.

Motion: Mr. LeFeber moved and Mr. Wester seconded to approve the foregoing resolution.... Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pangrazio moved and Mr. Wester seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

VETERAN’S SERVICES AGENCY – DAVID TERRY

Informational items only

Veteran One-Stop Center of Western New York (VOCWNY) has hired Livonia resident, Robert Wolter Jr., as the Livingston County VOCWNY Peer Support Specialist effective immediately. Bob will be working mainly out of the Livingston County Veteran Services Agency office to run and direct peer to peer programs and events. We are starting immediately with two events. We plan to do a Veteran Meet & Greet at Al Lorenz Park on September 14, 2022 from 5-7 pm and the first official event is a Veteran Raft Fishing Trip at Letchworth State Park on September 24, 2022; more to follow in October.

On August 10, 2022 President Biden signed in the bipartisan Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring or Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act. In more than 30 years the PACT Act is the most significant expansion of benefits and services for toxic exposed veterans. This historic legislation is named in honor of a decorated combat medic who died from a rare form of lung cancer and delivers more timely benefits and services to more than 5 million veterans across all generations who may have been impacted by toxic exposures while serving our country.

As perhaps the largest healthcare and benefit expansion in VA history the PACT Act brings the following:

1. Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras

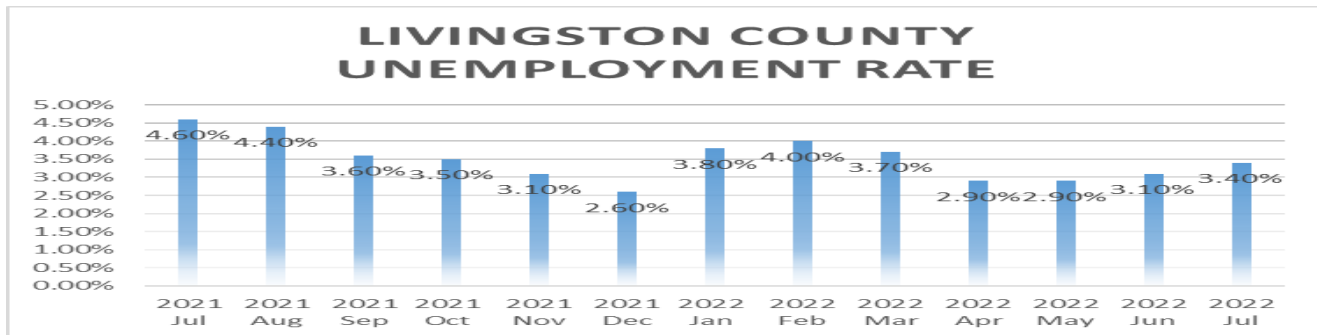
2. Adds more than 20 new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures
3. Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation
4. Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care
5. Helps us improve research, staff education, and treatment related to toxic exposures
6. Impacts Vietnam Era veterans that served in Thailand and the Johnston Atoll specifically between April 1972 and September 1977.

A Veteran or survivor can file claims now to apply for PACT Act-related benefits. More information can be found at <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/> or call the Veteran Services Agency at (585) 243-7960.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – RYAN SNYDER

Informational Item(s) Written Only

1. Livingston County Unemployment Rate.



Livingston County’s Unemployment Rate for July 2022 was 3.4%, down from 4.6% during the same period in the prior year. The rate continues to remain far below the statewide average of 4.8%.

Department Activity Report

| Activity | July 2022 |
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| Job Openings Posted with NYSDOL | 367 |
| Unique Office Visits | 65 |
| Individual Appointments | 32 |
| Workshop Attendees | 4 |
| Adults/Youth in Training | 20 |
| Employer Pre-Hire Assessments | 29 |
| WIOA Youth Enrolled in Services (34 by 6/30/23) | 5 |
| WIOA Adults Trained (35 by 6/30/23) | 17 |

Program Report

- Summer Employment – 28 low-income youth completed 6 weeks of paid work experience and were provided with extensions to remain working.
- TNA/CNA Training – 9 TNA’s completed six weeks of training through BOCES to become CNA’s.
- Job Fair – A record 66 jobseekers attended the job fair August 16th at the Government Center.
- Civil Service Recruitment – NYS and Workforce Development will be collaborating on a recruitment event to be held in the Government Center on 9/29 for the purposes of filling public sector openings.
- Youth Sports Funding – An RFP was issued 8/17 for \$7,500 in funding for youth sports.
- ARPA – Each of the GLOW Counties has committed to \$100K for additional job training funds in GLOW.

Respectfully submitted,
 Michele R. Rees, IIMC-CMC
 Clerk of the Board