

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015
1:30 P.M.

PRESENT: P. Yendell, L. Semmel, B. Donohue, E. Gott, D. LeFeber, I. Coyle, J. Williams-Genesee Sun
ABSENT: D. Babbitt Henry
PRESENT AFTER MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: I. Davis

Mr. Yendell introduced Heather Grant to the committee.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – DIANE DEANE

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, each November, during the annual observance of Adoption Awareness Month, Livingston County recognizes that our citizens have a compassionate tradition for opening their hearts to children in need of a permanent home; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County recognizes that the children of this county are our most precious resource and that providing them with a nurturing and stable home provides a strong foundation for a healthy and productive life; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County recognizes it is important that we focus on the children who are in foster care waiting to be adopted by a forever family and find permanent homes for these children throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County recognizes the importance and contributions of all parents who have made the decision to open their hearts and homes to a child in need, especially those who have adopted adolescents, siblings and children with special needs, and continually strive to improve the quality of life for the children they bring into their lives; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County recognizes the role that foster parents play in providing nurturing and stable homes for children in transition; and

WHEREAS, this special observance reminds us that we can offer the hope of a better tomorrow to many children through adoption, and as families and communities across our County, State and Nation gather to celebrate and give thanks for our many blessings, it is the goal of all of us that every child awaiting adoption find a permanent and loving family; Now, Therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Livingston, do hereby recognize November 2015 as ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH in Livingston County.

Mrs. Deane explained that this is an annual request. There have been 7 adoptions finalized this year and there are 5 in process that we hope to have finished before the end of the year. Two cases have been long term foster care cases. There have been some queries on other people who might help with adoptions. Some counties might end up with lots of foster kids that are not adoptable. Livingston County has never had that problem. We have to photo list a child for the first time in years. On November 25 there is an event for foster and adoptive family event at the community center in Dansville. She will send invitation to the Board members.

Motion: Mrs. Donohue moved and Mrs. Semmel seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

2. AMENDING THE 2015 HOURLY EMPLOYEE SALARY SCHEDULE: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLVED, that the 2015 Hourly Employee Salary Schedule is amended as follows:

Department of Social Services

Convert the part time caseworker position to full time effective immediately.

REFER THIS MATTER TO THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

This position has been vacant for a long period of time and she would like to make the position full time. It was used as the preventive case worker at Caledonia. She reviewed the various employee absences and those on or going on FMLA.

Motion: Mrs. Semmel moved and Mr. Gott seconded to approve the foregoing resolution..... Carried.

They are down about 100 cases on the caseload report.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

1. Status Reports

- a. Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures & Balances (Monthly) (September)
- b. Statistics (Monthly) (September)

Temporary Assistance Cases	Sept	<u>% Change from Jan</u>
(TA):		<u>1</u>
Family Assistance	318	-15.20%
Safety Net	357	-9.62%
Total	675	-12.34%

Medicaid Cases (MA):		
Community	3184	-13.34%
Chronic Care	230	-3.77%
Foster Care	144	0.00%
SSI	1278	3.06%
Total	4836	-8.70%

Livingston County Citizens receiving some form of Medicaid service:	
NYSOH	3336
Livingston County DSS	8672
Total	12008

Medicaid Managed Care Individuals (Monthly Premium):

These Individuals are included in above TAMA.

Managed Care	5807	-6.97%
Managed Long Term Care	41	36.67%
Total	5848	-6.76%

Food Stamp Cases:	3363	-2.58%
Child Care Cases:	185	-7.96%

Protective Services for Adults (PSA):

66	
<u>Financial Mgmt</u>	57
<u>Home Mgmt</u>	52
<u>Personal Care</u>	20
Level I	10
Level II	7
Level I pending	3
<u>Guardianship Cases</u>	6
Awaiting discharge	1
Pending	0

Assessment assists 63

Preventive Services: 59 -3.28%
Probation caseload 26 23.81%
School based consults 188
School based active 3

Child Protective Services (CPS):
 New Assignments 54
 Foster Care 76
 Foster Children - DSS Custody 51 27.50%

2. Employees hired, resigned or retired in October:
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| Joanna Pummell | Hired | Caseworker Trainee | Dansville | 10/19/15 |
| Christine Strobel | Retired | Senior Typist | Mt. Morris | 10/20/15 |
| Christine had 30 yrs. of service to the County & DSS | | | | |
| Kathleen Rehberg | Resigned | Clerk/Typist | Geneseo | 10/27/15 |

3. HEAP – Home Energy Assistance Program for 2015-2016 will open for Regular Benefits on November 16, 2015.

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: NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, PROCAIR, 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 Livingston County Department of Health, according to the terms designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	1/1/16-12/31/16	\$347,622.00
DFH Bureau of Administration		
ESP Corning Tower - Room 859		
Albany, NY 12237		
For: Title X Grant		

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted ?</i>
NYS 100% Grant	0%	Yes X No

Director's Comments: This federal grant allows for family planning and preventative health services for under and uninsured patients in the county in order to improve health outcomes.

PROCAIR, INC. 9/1/15-8/31/17 Per Fee Schedule
 2407 North Main Street
 Warsaw, NY 14569
 For: Durable Medical Equipment, Oxygen, and Medical Equipment

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted ?</i>
Various 3 rd Party Payers	Varies	Yes X No

Director's Comments: This contract provides for Durable Medical Equipment, Oxygen, and Medical Equipment to meet the needs of Hospice patients.

Ms. Rodriguez reviewed the contracts for approval. She reviewed the family planning clinic services offered. The College has partnered with the department for the last 13 years.

Motion: Mrs. Semmel moved and Mrs. Donohue seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

Ms. Rodriguez reported that as a result of their quality assurance program that she spoke to last month, the hospice census visits of stay are up 8% for census and 20% for days of stay. That was what they were really hoping for.

2. PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care empower people facing a serious or life-limiting illness to live as fully as possible, surrounded and supported by family and loved ones;

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care professionals are dedicated to helping diverse communities access quality end-of-life care and are committed to removing barriers to accessing care;

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care bring patients and family caregivers the highest quality care delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professionals that includes physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, spiritual care providers and others who make the wishes of each patient and family a priority;

WHEREAS, through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, allowing patients to live fully and make more meaningful moments until the end, surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers;

WHEREAS, Each year, hospice saves Medicare more than \$2 billion by providing solutions for physicians, care to patients and comfort to families anywhere, at any time.

WHEREAS, every year more than 1.5 to 1.6 million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, more than 355,000 trained volunteers contribute 16 million hours of service to hospice programs annually in the U.S.;

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care providers encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim November 2015 as National Hospice Palliative Care Month and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

Motion: Mr. Gott moved and Mr. Davis seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

- Collaborating Village of Geneseo regarding walking trail and exercise stations at Highland Park.
- Liz Green, Violence Prevention Coordinator, applied and received United Way funding to support violence prevention efforts in Livingston County Schools to include Second Step curricula and printing of the anti bullying community toolkit, presented Dignity For All Students (DASA) information for York School staff, and conducted parent training regarding Second Step to parents at Avon School
- Outreach and media efforts were implemented for Breast Cancer Awareness, Lead Poisoning Prevention and Flu Preventions/ Public Clinics
- SHAPE- 50 attended Livingston County Wellness Fair, 12 vendors, educational materials and local resources were available; drawings for gift baskets were a success
- Provided public health/ CHIP related articles for the Livingston County News Health and Wellness Guide
- Revised guideline for Healthy Dining initiatives, contacting restaurants regarding participation and developing media and outreach
- Revised Reproductive Health Center health education policies and developed community education, media and outreach work plan
- Chlamydia Quality Improvement initiative - distributing poster regarding prevention and screening throughout the county
- Social media ads placed for Reproductive Health Center, monitoring new client numbers

OFFICE FOR THE AGING – SUE DAVIN

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

RESOLUTION TO CLAIM FUNDS UNDER THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING 2015-2016 DIRECT CARE WORKER PROGRAM FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF SALARY (UP TO 2%) AND BENEFIT INCREASES FOR LIVINGSTON COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING DIRECT CARE STAFF AND ATTESTING THAT THE FUNDS WERE USED SOLELY FOR THIS PURPOSE

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Office for the Aging is hereby authorized to voucher the New York State Office for the Aging for 2015-2016 Direct Care Worker funds for reimbursement of qualified salary (up to 2% per year) and benefit increases for qualified Direct Care Staff that went into effect on or after 1/1/2014 and were paid from 4/1/2015 – 3/31/2016.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
New York State Office for the Aging Building 2, 5 th floor, Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223	4/1/15 – 3/31/16	Up to \$30,825.00

For: To reimburse Livingston County for salary (up to 2% per year) and benefit increases for qualified Direct Care Staff that went into effect on or after 1/1/2014 and were paid from 4/1/2015 – 3/31/2016.

This is similar to the resolution done in July covering January through March 2015.

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

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

Feasibility Study for Office of Community Living in New York State – Last month Ms. Davin reported that NYSOFA is having a public hearing around the study to create an Office Of Community Living For NYS. This was done on the federal level when they created the Administration For Community Living and the administration on aging is one of the entities that is under that. This has been very successful in some states. Pennsylvania started it and then stopped. Office for the Aging has been designated lead agency to conduct this study and provide recommendations to the Governor in December. There have been 8 public forums conducted across the state. The session she attended had ~50 attendees. A member of the Young at Heart group out of Geneseo attended and asked them some really good questions. They don't want the older adult services be negatively impacted.

She has had some negative comments at the congregate sites on the transportation system. She believes these issues are a consequence from the state centralizing the Medicaid transportation. There are some glitches. Recently, people who don't qualify for Medicaid have been signing up for the shuttle at a charge of \$6.50 one way and then if there are no Medicaid people taking the shuttle that day, the trip can get canceled and the non Medicaid clients no longer has transportation to their appointment. She has spoken with Planning Director Angela Ellis, who told her that Senator Young's office is looking into the impact of the centralized Medicaid transportation.

Chill Meal Update – They are almost 1 month into the new process and overall everything is good. They did loan some microwaves for people that did not have one and three microwaves have been donated since. They are been a few minor things, i.e. the menu said one item and they received something else. The food is very good. Any change is difficult some times. They have not received a flood of calls. The 2 hour route issue has been solved and they no longer have a concern about the food safety.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

Program Summary Report for January to September 2015:

Total number of Individuals Served: 1,753 (compared to 1,630 same period 2014)

Congregate meals total: 18,545 (compared to 16,629 same period 2014)

Home Delivered Meals: 42,528 Meals (compared to 42,508 same period 2014)

Nutrition Education: 405 Unduplicated Individuals/3,042 units (compared to 2701 units same period 2014)

Legal: 220 units (compared to 116 units for same period 2014)

Caregiver Services: 469 units (compared to 479 units for same period 2014)

Agency/Program Updates

- Transition to Chilled Meals: October 13, 2015
- Medicare Open Enrollment: October 15 – December 7, 2015
- Received notice that we have been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Greater Rochester Health Foundation for expanded programming at congregate site
- Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) due December 4, 2015 to New York State
 Combined with 2016-2020 4 year plan
- Plan will include:
- Continued effective delivery of current programs and services directly and through key partnerships
- Strategic Initiatives/Directions for 2016
- Implement Expanded/Enhanced NY Connects –
 - NWD Implementation Team
 - No Wrong Door Screen
 - On-line Resource Directory Maintenance
- Transition to new Peer Place database
- Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP) – Pilot Consumer Directed
- Senior Nutrition Program SNP - Evaluate Chilled Meals
 - Enhance Congregate Sites/Focal Points
- Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance (HIICAP) - Additional Medicare 101
- Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) - Volunteer Recruitment
- VISTA Project - Volunteer Respite pilot in partnership with SUNY Geneseo
- Transportation – Meet with Catholic Charities to discuss Lifespan model
 Review Assisted Transportation
- Legal – Per NYSOFA direction, work to increase resources
- Customer Satisfaction – Implement Expanded Systems
- Evidence Based Health Promotion (EBP) – Take advantage of grant to implement Steppin On, Tai Chi
- Collaborate with Lifespan, others to offer increased educational sessions in areas such as identity theft, fraud/scam prevention and others
- Projecting 2 – 3% increase in total served
- Projections based on current existing levels of numbers served/units for programs/services
- 8 – 10% increase for congregate meals
- Information and assistance adjusted to reflect new definition of unit (hour versus contact)
- Annual Caregiver Event – November 7, 2015 at Celebrate Family Church

SAVE THE DATE: SENIORAMA 2016 – MAY 7, 2016

CENTER FOR NURSING & REHABILITATION – FRANK BASSETT

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR RESIDENT COSMETOLOGY SERVICES FOR THE CENTER FOR NURSING AND REHABILITATION- LORETTA’S BEAUTY SHOP

WHEREAS, the County of Livingston solicited a Request for Proposal for Resident Cosmetology Services for the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, and one (1) proposal was received, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contract, which is determined to be the most qualified to provide said services subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Loretta’s Beauty Shop	12/1/15-11/30/18	No Cost
19 Spring Street	w/Two 1 year renewals ending 11/30/20	
Mt. Morris, NY 14510		

For: Resident Cosmetology Services.

Mr. Bassett explained that this contractor has been providing these services for several years now. The RFP was advertised on the County website and each of the shoppers and only one proposal was submitted. They have not changed their fees in about 6 years.

Motion: Mr. Davis moved and Mrs. Donohue seconded to approve the foregoing resolution..... Carried.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY CENTER FOR NURSING AND REHABILITATION: RELIABLE HEALTH SYSTEMS

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contract for the Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, according to the term designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Reliable Health Systems	Two years from commencement	Per Fee Schedule
2610 Nostrand Avenue	w/three 1-year renewals.	
Brooklyn, New York 11210		

For: Software lease, setup and training.

Mr. Bassett explained that we entered into a contract in 2010 for health record software. That contract was preceded by Res. No. 2009-051 standardizing the software used to a sole source with Reliable Health Systems. We then entered into a contract for that software by Res. No. 2009-388. In meeting with the IT Director it was determined that by hosting the software on our site, we are not always operating on the most current version of the software. Instead of purchasing the software, we will be transfer all of our data off of our server and go to a hosted option. There is a cost to migrate all of our data from our server to their server and leasing that software. There is a fee schedule and maintenance costs. There was discussion on past problems with the updates and HIPPA compliance.

Motion: Mrs. Semmel moved and Mrs. Donohue seconded to approve the foregoing resolution..... Carried.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICES VACANCY UPDATE AND REFERRING THE MATTER TO THE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Mr. Bassett has received a letter of resignation from the Assistant Director of Nursing. She did a good job in the position. The time demands of the position were higher than anticipated.

Director’s Comments:

Laura Rudney, ADON submitted her resignation on November 2, 2015 effective January 6, 2016.

Motion: Mr. Gott moved and Mrs. Semmel seconded to approve the foregoing resolution..... Carried.

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

1. FINANCIAL/OPERATIONAL UPDATES:
 - a.) Occupancy- As of October 27, occupancy was 98.8% for the month, YTD 98.37%. There is only one last resident left in the transitional unit 2 and almost fully converted to run 38 rehab beds. There were 29 Medicare yesterday morning and 34 last Thursday. Medicare is where we have the ability to influence our financial performance. Mr. Bassett reviewed the average Medicare rates.
 - b.) Cash Flow – The CNR’s Cash Flow Report as of October 26 reflects \$14,445,332 in reserves.
 - c.) Budget Variance – The August 2015 budget variance reports are attached and will be discussed at the committee meeting.
 - d.) OMIG NAMI Audit – The LTC Payment Integrity Review conducted by the Office of Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) for the period 9/1/12 to 8/31/14 has identified overpayment of approximately \$2,050.00 involving 3 residents over the two-year period. The original draft report sought recovery of \$5,624.21. Barbara Keefe, Director of Fiscal Services successfully disputed much of what was originally presented.
 - e.) Mr. Bassett reported on the advanced training initiative and the \$46MM available for eligible providers having an employee turnover rate among those titles better than the medium average. There are 615 nursing homes in the state of New York with only 226 eligible to receive that funding.

Of those 226, only 66 were non 1199 unionized nursing homes. The County will be receiving \$305,000 by year end. Those monies will be given to the facility through a retro-active grade adjustment. This funding is subject to the cash receipts assessment and the state will be pulling back \$27,000-\$28,000.

- f.) Mr. Bassett continues to have conversations with the Bureau of Architectural and Engineering Review for that structural code deficiency that was sited. He had developed a permanent waiver application while in conversation with Rochester office, however, Albany is not inclined to approve the permanent waiver. He has been verbally informed that they will not be approving the waiver and to make those repairs necessary. He explained to them that he felt that the County Administrator and the Board Chair deserved the courtesy of a written response. They agreed to discuss reviewing their process. Yesterday, the Department of Health informed him that he will be notified on Wednesday on whether the waiver has been approved.
- g.) December 3, 2015 marks the 10 Year Anniversary of the facility and an Open House will be held on December 5, 2015.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

1. Reports - Absenteeism & Mandation, FMLA, Payroll Performance, Report Card
2. Courtyards Project –Valley View started installation of the courtyard surface on September 29 and concluded work on October 10. Punch list activities have not yet been concluded. There are several issues that have been reviewed between Clark Patterson Lee (CPL) and the Contractor requiring correction. The County Attorney has been engaged by CPL to assist in resolving the issues.
3. Flooring Project- ProCarpet has adhered to the Family Unit flooring installation schedule since resuming the project on September 14. Resident inconvenience has been well managed by staff and family engagement. The last Family Unit, outside of the TCU, will be completed on November 9. The last phase of the project involves TCU, ground floor corridors, etc. CPL has performed punch list activities on work completed through October 9. The sheet vinyl flooring replacement in 12 remaining bathrooms will be scheduled after TCU carpet installation.
4. NYS Department of Health Advanced Training Initiative – The 2015-16 Executive Budget appropriated \$46 million to implement a new advanced training program aimed at teaching direct care staff to identify changes in a resident’s physical, mental, or functional status that could lead to hospitalization. Only Skilled Nursing Facilities with direct-care staff retention above the state median are eligible to apply for funding. The CNR has received notice of funding eligibility. The program rewards nursing home providers who have shown an ability to retain quality direct care staff and willingness to make a commitment to provide direct care staff the tools to help lower resident hospitalization rates. The training grant the CNR would receive is approximately \$305,576.00 as an add-on to its fee-for-service Medicaid rate. An approved training program must be submitted to the NYS Department of Health to receive the funding.
5. NYS Department of Health Annual Certification Survey – On October 21 Director Bassett received a letter from the NYS DOH stating that the facility has been determined to be in substantial compliance with Federal and State requirements effective October 16 for the DOH Survey concluded August 20, 2015. A Time Limited Waiver for correction of a NYS Construction Code deficiency has not yet been finalized with the Bureau of Architectural and Engineering Review.
6. Nurse Aide Training Program – A graduation ceremony will be held the week of November 9 for the 14 participants. The Workforce Development Office, CNR, and FLCC will meet shortly after the current training concludes to debrief on the method of selection and processing of participants.
7. Anniversary – The CNR will conclude ten years of operation on Thursday, December 3, 2015. To celebrate the 10th anniversary the CNR will have a celebratory program on Saturday December 5. At 10:00 AM, Historian Amie Alden will present a retrospective of the County Alms House and Poor Farm and the evolution of County nursing home care to present day. A community open house for tours will be offered from 1–4:00 PM, refreshments will be served. Staff of all shifts will receive a complimentary meal and a 10th anniversary t-shirt. Board members are encouraged to attend the open house.

Leader-in-Residence – Director Bassett has been selected to serve as one of five nursing home leaders to meet with LeadingAge IGNITE Leadership Academy participants on December 1. This is Mr. Bassett’s 3rd year as a Leader-in-Residence. Deputy Director Stephen Woodruff is a Leadership Academy participant.

VETERAN’S SERVICES AGENCY – JASON SKINNER

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

1. INTRODUCTION & DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Skinner introduced himself to the Committee. He has made a lot of progress so far. The VA has a brand new 40 foot bus out of the Vet Center in Rochester. The bus is set up with two private offices, satellite link, computer networking. They are basically offices for mental health and benefits remote counseling. He has an agreement with the driver for two events in Livingston County. There are two outreaches planned.

- 11/17/15 Veterans Expo at GCC in Dansville 4:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
- 12/9/15 at the Legion in Livonia

He has begun attending meetings for the county level American Legion

He has presented awards to two veterans with the Foster Grandparent Program

He had an event with Congressman Chris Collins last Saturday to award a veterans’ family, his medals

Future Goals

Office automation

Customer service - The majority of requests he has seen so far are aid and attendance and house bound benefits applications, death certificates and grave markers.

Securing documents - every claim is based on social security #s and he does not want to lose the public's trust.

Improve knowledge of travel benefits.

Improve presence in the community

Advertise and create synergy among all of the veteran organizations and other agencies that provide these services.

Improve relations with OFA and DSS - There are certain caveats that people don’t know about benefits. The veteran’s health care benefit does qualify as a ACA qualification. A veteran with more than 6 months of active service on Medicaid, automatically qualifies for health care benefits and travel. They can be moved off the Medicaid bill and onto the VA bill. The VA cannot charge Medicaid.

Training - He will be attending accreditation training in Washington, DC in February. He is currently attending an online veteran’s legal program course that is recognized by a couple of other organizations. He can be affiliated and accredited by many organizations. He is looking at the DAV because of their transportation piece. As he used to work in Canandaigua in the transportation department, he has reached out to some of his connections there in talking about ways to better serve Livingston County. We belong to both, Canandaigua and Rochester under one hat.

The County Administrator questioned whether there was a central location listing upcoming events for veterans. Mr. Skinner will forward information to him with all of the events scheduled to date.

Chairman Gott commented on all of the reports today on cooperation between the County – meetings between Veterans and staff in Planning, Aging and Social Services and Social Services working with Planning. The Board has encouraged this type of interaction throughout the years and we are seeing it more and more each day utilizing each others’ resources to benefit the people of the County. That’s awesome!

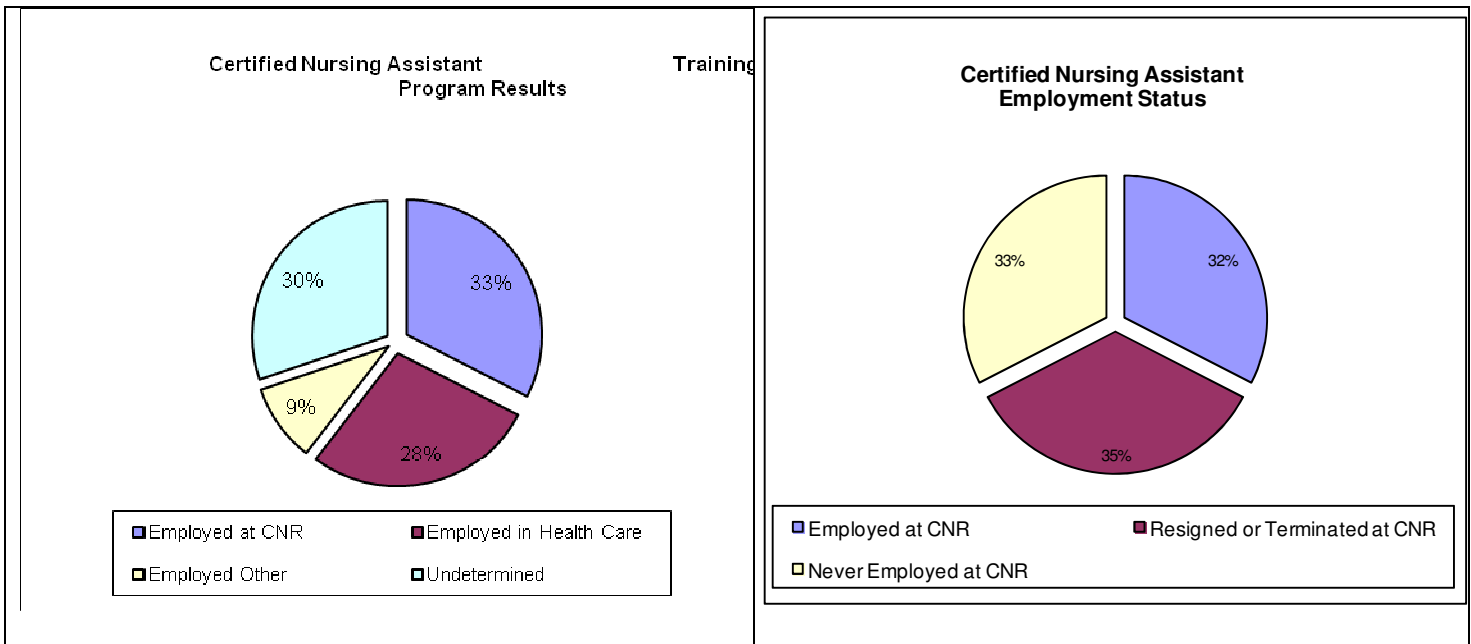
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LeFeber moved Mr. Gott seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – RYAN SNYDER

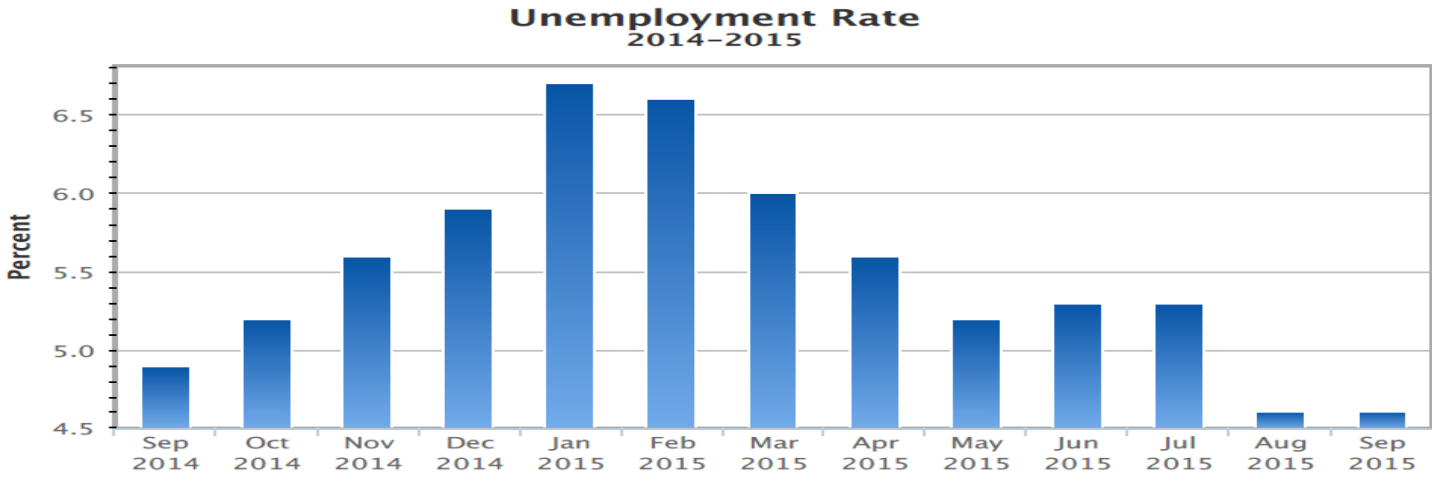
Informational Item(s) Written Only

I. CNA Training Program Results



Since October of 2012, the Community Service Block Grant Program has trained 43 Certified Nursing Assistants in coordination with the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation and Finger Lakes Community College. During that time 67% of the graduates began employment at the CNR, with 33% retaining that employment. Overall, at least 70% of the graduates are currently employed. The status of the remaining 30% includes individuals that are pursuing further training, physically unable to work or unreachable.

2.



The Unemployment Rate remained at 4.6% for the 2nd consecutive month. This is the lowest rate for September since 2007.

3. Office of Workforce Development Activity Report

3. Activity	4. September 2015
5. Counselor Assisted Appointments	6. 64
7. Adults/Youth in Training	8. 5
9. Credentials Earned	10. 0
11. Employer Recruitment Events	12. 30
13. Workshop Attendees	14. 131
15. Entries to Employment – WIA Only	16. 131
17. Entries to Employment – PA Only	18. 8
19. PA Clients Employed	20. 70
21. PA Clients in Work Experience	22. 29
23. PA Clients in Education/Training	24. 18

4. Updates

Workforce Development Board - Campus Auxiliary Services will be honored as the Employer of the Year at the annual breakfast meeting being held on December 11th in Batavia.

CNA Training - Seven of the fifteen Livingston County residents selected for the Nursing Assistant program were youth under the age of twenty-four.

Public Assistance Program - Certain Food Stamp recipients will be required to participate in employment activities in 2016. OWD is planning new services for the 300+ new clients.

StandUp Leadership - A free Leadership Conference for sophomores and juniors from Livingston County is being held December 4, 2015.

BEA - The Business Education Alliance has relocated into Workforce Development to more closely align services.

Youth Bureau - The 2016 Teen Recognition dinner has been scheduled for Wednesday April 27th. Nominations will be made available between November 13th and December 23rd, which is early than past years.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Rees
Clerk of the Board

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. and seconded by Mr. that the Committee adjourn and reconvene and All Supervisors, County Administrator Ian M. Coyle, Clerk of the Board remain present. Carried.

Mr. moved and Mr. seconded that the Committee reconvened in regular session. The following report was presented.

The Human Services Committee having met in Executive Session, hereby reports as follows:
No action taken.