

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016  
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: P. Yendell, B. Donohue, I. Davis, M. Walker, E. Gott, D. LeFeber, I. Coyle, C. Baker-Genesee Sun

ABSENT: D. Babbitt Henry

OFFICE FOR THE AGING – SUE DAVIN

**Action Item(s) To Be Reported**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT(S) FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING: LIVINGSTON HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS, INC., RTS LIVINGSTON, ARC OF LIVINGSTON-WYOMING COUNTIES**

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contract(s) for the Livingston County Department of Livingston County Office for the Aging, according to the term(s) designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>		<u>Term</u>
<b>Livingston Health Services</b>	4/1/16-3/31/17	\$60,650.00

111 Clara Barton Street  
Dansville, NY 14437  
For EARS Lifeline

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted ?</i>
EISEP	\$0	Yes X

Director's Comments:

Funds Personal Emergency Response units; local share is provided by Noyes In-Kind

<b>RTS Livingston</b>	4/1/16-3/31/17	\$8,500.00
4390 Gypsy Lane	with 2 one year renewal options	

Mt. Morris, NY 14510  
For: Transportation

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted ?</i>
CSE	\$2125	Yes X

Director's Comments:

Funds transportation to senior nutrition sites.

<b>Arc of Livingston-Wyoming Counties</b>	4/1/16-3/31/17	\$23,238.00
18 Main Street		

Mt. Morris, NY 14510

For: Transportation including Assisted Transportation

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted ?</i>
State Transportation CSE	\$0	Yes X No
	\$4410	

Director's Comments:

Funds assisted transportation and other transportation including respite.

Ms. Davin reviewed each of the contracts for approval.

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

Ms. Davin explained that she has had a request from the Corporation for National and Community Service Program for our county for support for the mayor and county recognition day for national service which is April 5, 2016. It's to highlight the impact of national service and helping to tackle local problems and thank national service members for their commitment. We have three senior corps programs that operate in the county. This initiative is being led by the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties and the Corporation for National Community Service. She is requesting that the Committee participate and distributed packets which allow OFA to respond for them.

Ms. Davin reviewed the information items below. Mr. Yendell thanked Ms. Davin for attending the Golden Ages meeting in Lima last month.

### **Informational Item(s) Written Only**

#### **PROGRAM SUMMARY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2016:**

Congregate meals total: 2,172 meals (compared to 1,641 same period 2015)

Home Delivered Meals: 4314 meals (compared to 4282 same period 2015)

Case Management: 127 units (compared to 85 units same period 2015)

Nutrition Education: 391 units (compared to 385 units same period 2015)

Legal: reported quarterly

Transportation: 436 units (compared to 381 units same period 2015)

#### **AGENCY/PROGRAM UPDATES**

##### **Corporation for National and Community Service – Mayor and County Recognition Day 4/5 2016 –**

Please consider registering on-line in support of Senior Corps and VISTA programs in Livingston County

##### **MLK Day of Service – 1/18/2016**

Intergenerational Partnership between SUNY Geneseo and LCOFA Workshops, Speaker, Lunch, Service Projects

Projects Include: Backpack Lunches (500 assembled), Blankets for Veterans, Personal Care Items, Cards for Veterans, Soup Kits and Rice Project

**VISTA respite project is underway** – first day was 2/18/2016. Trained SUNY Geneseo students are providing respite for caregivers two days per week at the Interfaith Center on Franklin Street in Geneseo. Three care receivers are participating in the pilot.

**Senior Day Recognition** (State Office for the Aging): Individual is nominated by OFA annually. Working with Kaaren Smith to recognize individual that was to be recognized last year but was not, due to the transition; she will put process in place for next year with Subcommittee of the Advisory Council

**Computer upgrades** completed in timely fashion to meet minimum requirements for new statewide client data system coming for all OFAs in May 2016.

**Seniorama** Packets went out the week of 1/25/2016; nominations due by 3/28.

**Advance Directives/MOLST presentation** – 2/23 at the Highway Department

**Citizen Preparedness Training** to be offered at congregate sites (2/24 Avon; 3/29 Dansville; 4/21 Mt. Morris); all presentations at 11 AM

**Consumer Law** presentations by Law- NY at each site as well (3/2 Avon, 3/21 Dansville, 4/7 Mt. Morris); all presentation at 11 AM

**Medicaid Managed Long Term Care Plans**- We have received referrals for meals from all three of the MLTCs operating in Livingston County (Fidelis, iCircle, and VNA Options). We are working out administrative and service details for working with MLTCs and awaiting Program Issuance from the New York State Office for the Aging for further guidance.

**No Wrong Door Implementation** Team has started to meet as required by NY Connects. We are fortunate to have representation from OPWDD Region 1, AIM Independent Living Center, Livingston County DSS (D. Deane, J. Bourgoine) and Livingston County Department of Health/Mental Health (M. Anuszkiewicz).

#### **MONTHLY AGENDA/REPORT FORM**

January 2016 Customer Satisfaction Results Programs Surveyed: HIICAP, NY Connects Surveys Mailed: 18 Responses Received: 8 (45%)

How did you hear about us: Don't remember, Friends and Family, Cooperative Extension, Mt. Morris Shopper, Nunda Government Center, Medicaid Worker, Neighbor, Used OFA in Allegheny County

Possible Responses: Strongly Agree, Agree, Not Sure, Disagree, Strongly Disagree Results:  
Livingston County Office for the Aging staff person was courteous Strongly Agree 8/8 100%

Overall the information/service I received was helpful/met my needs Strongly Agree 7/8 Not answered 1/8

I would contact Livingston County Office for the Aging Strongly Agree 8/8

I would recommend the Office for the Aging to others Strongly Agree 8/8

Comments:

Helps at the end of the year when we have to make decisions about the next year – relieves the stress. Thanks for being helpful.

Thank you for helping us with the EPIC program.

I am so glad that there is someone as we age that we can call when we don't know the answer ourselves. Thank you for the help.

If I hadn't gone to the office I would never have been able to get my Medicare plan straightened out. Need "Green Thumb" services that comes to house and does labor for free.

I would have felt better if she/he suggested the best plan for us. Most helpful and courteous.

We are now in our 80s and have always worked so retirement is wonderful but so is help with our home and health. Thank you for being there for us.

**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 CONTRACT(S) FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: S2AY NETWORK (2)**

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contract(s) for the Livingston County Department of Health, according to the term(s) designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>S2AY Network</b> P.O. Box 97 Corning, NY 14830 For: Emergency Planning Services	7/1/15-6/30/16	\$2,000.00

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

Director's Comments: This contract represents a partnership with the counties of Seneca, Schuyler, Steuben, Yates, Ontario, Wayne, Chemung and Livingston to maintain communication and coordination of activities related to Emergency Public Health Planning and present consistent information to the public.

<b>S2AY Network</b> P.O. Box 97 Corning, NY 14830 For: S2AY Services	1/1/16-12/31/16	\$17,000.00
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<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted ?</i>
Article 6/County	0-64%	Yes X No

Director's Comments: This contract will provide Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement services to carry out the Workplan of the Network, which is a partnership of Seneca, Schuyler, Steuben, Yates, Ontario, Wayne, Chemung and Livingston Counties.

Ms. Rodriguez explained that both contracts are with the S2ay Network.

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

**2. APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY SUBCOMMITTEE: JOSEPH GALANTE, CHARLES KEENAN, TRACY MCCAUGHEY, ALAN DIDAS**

RESOLVED, that the following members are hereby appointed to the Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee and the Chemical Dependency Subcommittee for the terms designated:

**Developmental Disabilities Committee**

Name	Address	Rep./Title	Term
Joseph Galante	6012 Rowland Rd., Conesus, NY 14435	Member	3/1/16-2/28/18
Charles Keenan	7387 Groveland Station Rd., Groveland, NY 14462	Member	3/1/16-2/28/18

**Chemical Dependency Subcommittee**

Name	Address	Rep./Title	Term
Tracy McCaughey	50 Westview Crescent, Geneseo, NY 14454	Member	3/1/16-2/28/18
Alan Didas	3 Clinton St., Dansville, NY 14437	Member	3/1/16-2/28/18

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

**Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported**

1. DOG CONTROL – enhanced services with current municipal funding structure. Ms. Rodriguez distributed a fact sheet on dog control information for discussion. The hours for the part time position were reduced recently. There was discussion on donations for the facility. West Sparta will not be doing the enhanced services contract this year. They are working on finding a formula that will meet the needs of the towns and villages better. Mr. Coyle talked about the issues brought forward a couple of years ago. Ms. Rodriguez explained that these issues have been addressed. There was discussion on the contributions from towns. The cost for enhanced services is \$4,350.
2. The next food safety class will be given in May.
3. There was discussion regarding the S2ay board vacancy and Chairman Gott asked if any board members were interested. This is a quarterly meeting in Yates County. Mrs. Donohue is interested.

**Informational Item(s) Written Only**

- Coordination of Department of Health Commissioner’s orders regarding the Zika Virus.
- June Webster, a full time Public Health Educator, is acclimating to Emergency Preparedness, Medical Reserve Corp and Chronic Disease initiatives of the CHIP (Healthy Retail, Healthy Dining, School Wellness).
- Community Health Improvement Plan - Geneseo School completed the School Health Index, purchasing Birthday Bash Boxes to increase physical activity among elementary students in the classroom; media and outreach to be continues regarding Health Dining initiative.
- SHAPE - Highway Department will pilot the installation of two healthy vending machines and may sign a healthy vending policy; Livingston County employees participated in Wear Red for Heart Health.
- Radon media and outreach campaign continues.
- Received further guidance regarding reaccreditation.
- Two Environmental Health staff have been hired.
- We continue to coordinate “Main Streets Go Blue” for March.
- We have two part-time Therapist vacancies.

**WOMEN, INFANT AND CHILDREN**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015*</u>
Average monthly enrollment	1575	1525
Average monthly participation	1308	1291
No Show	17%	15%

\*December 2015 values were preliminary

**Reproductive Health Center**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Clients	1,264	1,480
Visits	2,285	2,012

Number of visits decreased due to new pap requirements.  
Clients with LARC due not need to return for Depo or Pill Checks.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – DIANE DEANE**

**Action Item(s) To Be Reported**

**1. PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, all throughout the year, the Livingston County Department of Social Services Child Protective Services Unit protects children by investigating all allegations of child abuse and maltreatment, and;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Child Protective Services Act of 1973 is to encourage more complete reporting of suspected child abuse and maltreatment and established the requirement that each county investigate all reports in order to protect children from further abuse and maltreatment, and;

WHEREAS, Child Abuse and Maltreatment research shows that preventing child abuse often happens at a community level, a strong supportive community that values parenting and families makes a safe and healthy environment for kids. Parents who know they have support and access to resources are better parents, thereby reducing the risk for neglect and abuse, and;

WHEREAS, Livingston County believes that focusing on ways to build a strong community and promote protective factors, including:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge and parenting and child development
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete support for parents

and offering such opportunities in every interaction with children and families, is the best thing our community can do to prevent child maltreatment and promote optimal child development and therefore encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Livingston County a better place for children and families, and;

WHEREAS, April is the month to bring awareness to the role that Communities play in protecting children; by working together as a community, we all can play a part in promoting children's emotional well-being and strengthening families.

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and during this month and throughout the year, Livingston County is dedicated to supporting families and reducing the risk of child abuse and neglect.

Mrs. Deane explained that this is an annual resolution. She will be sending a letter to each town to set up little pinwheel gardens in their communities in support.

Mrs. Deane explained the protocol for a hotline call and the development of a safety plan. It is important to get data out to the public on the different kinds of abuse.

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

**Informational Item(s) Written Only**

1. Status Reports
  - a. Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures & Balances (Monthly) (January)
  - b. Statistics (Monthly) (January)

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>% Change from Jan</u>
Temporary Assistance Cases (TA):		
Family Assistance	317	-2.46%
Safety Net	357	1.13%
Total	674	-0.59%

Medicaid Cases (MA):		
Community	3054	-2.55%
Chronic Care	250	-1.19%
Foster Care	148	2.78%
SSI	1274	-0.16%
Total	4726	-1.69%

Livingston County Citizens receiving some form of Medicaid service:		
NYSOH	3395	
Livingston County DSS	8400	
Total	11795	

Medicaid Managed Care Individuals (Monthly Premium):  
These Individuals are included in  
above TA/MA.

Managed Care	5692	0.00%
Managed Long Term Care- Community	43	-6.52%
Managed Long Term Care-Nursing Home	14	27.27%
Total	5749	0.00%

Food Stamp Cases:	3372	0.39%
Child Care Cases:	185	0.00%

Protective Services for Adults (PSA): 59

<u>Financial Mgmt</u>	57
<u>Home Mgmt</u>	51
<u>Personal Care</u>	18
Level I	7
Level II	10
Level I pending	1
<u>Guardianship Cases</u>	5
Awaiting discharge	2
Pending	0
Assessment assists	83

Preventive Services:	55	0.00%
<u>Probation caseload</u>	31	29.17%
<u>School based consults</u>	234	
<u>School based active</u>	3	

Child Protective Services (CPS):		
New Assignments	59	
Foster Care	79	
Foster Children - DSS Custody	52	-3.70%

2. Employees hired, resigned or retired in February:

Donna Erwin	Hired	Temp. PT Social Welfare Examiner	Dansville	2/2/16
Erica Montemarano	Hired	Caseworker Trainee	Leicester	2/16/16
Joshua Wren	Hired	Caseworker Trainee	Leicester	2/16/16
Nickie LoVerde	Promoted	Case Management Aide	Geneseo	2/28/16
Ashley Clark	Promoted	Case Management Aide	Piffard	2/28/16

3. April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. I will be providing all town supervisors with a banner and some pinwheels and requesting they “plant” them in a conspicuous place at their town halls or another visible spot. There will also be some advertising, as well as partnering with the Safe Communities committee of GVHP.

4. Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) who receive SNAP benefits are now required to meet work requirements. ABAWD clients must participate in certain qualifying employment and training activities that average 80 hours each month. They must participate monthly to continue to receive uninterrupted SNAP benefits. If they do not participate at this level, they are only eligible to receive SNAP benefits for three months out of each 36 month period. Qualifying activities can be employment, educational or training programs, work experience or some other similar activities. Clients were notified in December 2015 in a letter from the State, and in January and February via letters from our Department which included information and resources on how to comply. Clients who do not comply will begin seeing their SNAP benefits discontinued in May of 2016. New York State had qualified for a statewide waiver to these requirements, but beginning in 2016 no longer qualifies.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – RYAN SNYDER**

**Action Item(s) To Be Reported**

**1. AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING RESOURCE ALLOCATION PACKAGE (RAP) FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU: NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following Resource Allocation Package (RAP) for the Livingston County Youth Bureau, according to the term(s) designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NYS Office of Children and Family Services Capital Views Office Park 52 Washington St. Rensselaer, NY 12144	1/1/16-12/31/16	Up to \$65,000

For: The Resource Allocation Package (RAP) authorizes the drawdown of State Youth Development funds.

This is an annual resolution that allows them to draw down funds from the state.

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

Funding Source	Local Share	Budgeted?
NYS Office of Children and Family Services	\$0	Yes

**2. AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: GENESEE VALLEY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP**

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 Workforce Development, according to the term designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Genesee Valley Education Partnership</b>	7/1/16 – 8/30/16	Up to \$10,000
80 Munson Street Le Roy, NY 14482		

For: Career Exploration Program for the Summer Youth Employment Program

This is the second year for this program. The state gave them some guidance this year on how they want to see more people in direct placement so that only 20% of the program can be in this experience. BEA will be the coordinating entity again this year.

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

Mr. Snyder explained that the needs assessment survey results fell within the range. There was a much broader survey this year.

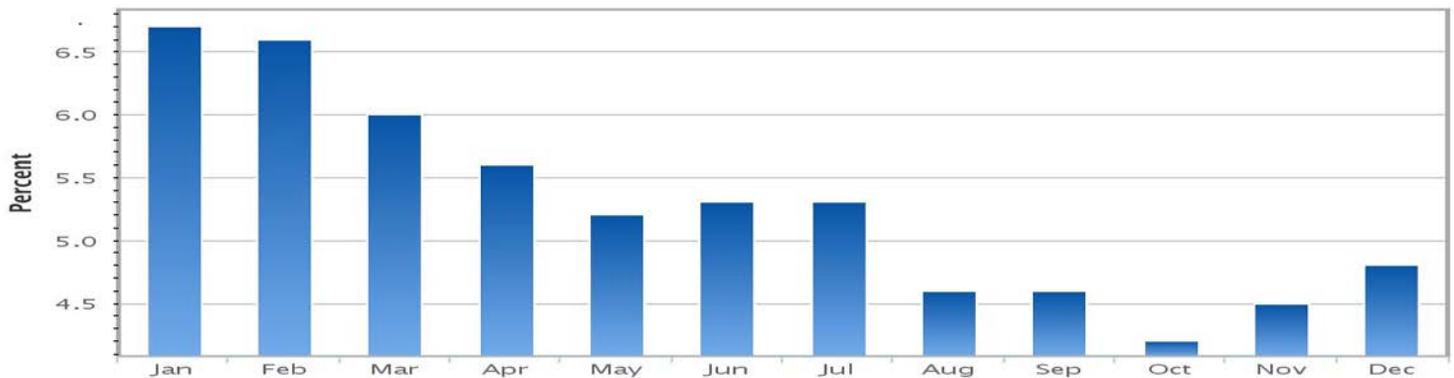
Chairman Gott thanked Ryan for stepping up to assist with the Economic Development during the director search.

Teen Recognition will be April 27.

Funding Source	Local Share	Budgeted?
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	0%	Yes

**3. Informational Item(s) Written Only**

**Unemployment Rate  
2015**



**2. Office of Workforce Development Activity Report**

Activity	January 2015
Counselor Assisted Appointments	46
Adults/Youth in Training	4
Credentials Earned	2
Employer Recruitment Events	8
Workshop Attendees	29
Entries to Employment – WIOA Only	222
PA Clients Employed	65
PA Clients in Work Experience	41
PA Clients in Education/Training	34

**3. Workforce**

Spring Youth Employment Program - 9 youth disconnected from education and the workforce will begin paid

work experience at worksites throughout the County. All participants completed job readiness and work ethic training.

Health Care Forum - more than 40 job seekers participated in a forum about career options in the HC field.

Job Fair - The Livingston County Job Fair has been scheduled for Tuesday April 26th at GCC Dansville. The event time has been changed to occur from 2:00pm to 5:00pm to enable more students and underemployed workers an opportunity to attend.

Employer Recruitments - The NYS Department of Corrections and the US Census Bureau are hosting recruitments events in Geneseo during March.

Summer Employment - New York State is requiring the use of a new summer employment application that has yet to be released. Applications will be distributed to referral sources as soon as we receive it.

### **Community Service Block Grant**

CNA Recruitment - Applications for the spring CNA training will be collected until the 3/11 deadline.

Needs Assessment - Nearly 400 residents completed surveys identifying the greatest needs of the community. This data will be incorporated into the report being developed by the Planning Department.

### **Youth Bureau**

Teen Recognition - The annual Teen Recognition dinner will be held Wednesday April 27th, where nominees from each Town will be recognized for their achievements.

## **CENTER FOR NURSING & REHABILITATION – STEPHEN WOODRUFF & BARB KEEFE**

### **Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported**

#### **1. FINANCIAL/OPERATIONAL UPDATES:**

- a.) Occupancy- As of February 22, CNR occupancy was 95.9% for the month, YTD 95.6%. As of 2/23 the Center has one empty bed. In February, the National Investment Center for Seniors Housing & Care released a report of 2015 occupancy levels for the 44 nursing homes comprising the Rochester region. The report reflects CNR occupancy for 2015 as 97.7% and the Rochester region at 94%. In the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2015 CNR averaged 95.9% while the rest of the region averaged 93.3%. Occupancy will remain a primary focus for 2016 administrative activities. Mr. Woodruff reviewed the census comparison among their peers.
- b.) Cash Flow – The CNR’s Cash Flow Report as of February 19 reflects \$11,691,076.00 in reserves. Ms. Keefe reported that we have over \$12M in the bank even though the occupancy dipped slightly at the end of 2015. She reviewed the preliminary financial report. Medicare was up and spending was down. Ms. Keefe reviewed the new reporting on operating revenue and expense variance between 2014 & 2015.
- c.) Budget Variance – The Preliminary December 2015 budget variance reports are attached and will be discussed at the committee meeting.
- d.) Universal Settlement Agreement (USA) – The NYSDOH had determined that “universality” has been achieved and the settlement of eligible appeals will proceed. The CNR has not received a final distribution schedule for the \$1.68 million it will receive. They are anticipating two payments, maybe in March. Ms. Keefe explained that they have been notified that the Universal Settlement will impact the upper payment limit which will in turn impact the IGT amount. There are no restrictions linked with the Universal Settlement, it is a direct payment regarding all of the appeals submitted by the facility in the past.

Advanced Training Initiatives – Mr. Woodruff explained that this is a program that we qualify for an advanced training initiative educating staff to help prevent hospital stays. Ms. Keefe explained how the participation amount was determined and that it will be \$3.88 per day, which will total \$308,558. Training programs have been identified to be provided to our staff.

Mr. Woodruff reported that the Financial Supervisor has resigned as of March 10, 2016 stating personal reasons. They have begun the advertising process.

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**Informational Item(s) Written Only**

1. Reports - Absenteeism & Mandation, FMLA, Payroll Performance, Report Card
2. Garden of Life ADHC Program - The NYS DOH had two survey team members at the CNR on 2/18 to inspect the GOL Adult Day Health Care Program. I am pleased to report that at the exit conference I was informed the Program is deficiency free for its third consecutive inspection. Lisa Preston, Program Coordinator and her staff have done an excellent job of maintaining and exceeding the regulatory standards. The program is inspected every three years.
3. Flooring Project- ProCarpet has completed carpet installation in the TCU and all Neighborhoods. Installation of replacement VCT with selected materials in transitions from resident rooms to carpet has started. Punch list correction of Family Unit installations is partially complete. The project is anticipated to be closed out by the end of March.
4. InterGovernmental Transfer (IGT) and Advanced Training Initiative (ATI) monies – The NYS DOH has released no information regarding when funding under either of these programs will be distributed. The ATI grant monies are in excess of \$400,000. The IGT is being delayed, in part, because Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has required the State to demonstrate that the Universal Settlement Agreement (USA) will not exceed the Medicare Upper Payment Limit (UPL) calculation for each applicable year. I anticipate that the County nursing homes will receive the full USA payment and will subsequently receive reduced future IGT payments. The good news is that no County match is required for the Settlement monies and the reduced IGT will mean a reduced local match.
5. Medicare Rates – The average facility Medicare rehabilitation rate was \$470.31/day in January. In contrast, the average facility Medicaid rate is \$213.14/day. The CNR will continue to evaluate program and service opportunities to increase Medicare days and strengthen facility revenues.
6. E-Prescribing Waiver – Director Bassett applied to the NYS DOH for a 12-month waiver expiring 3/26/17 for the implementation of computerized physician orders. The waiver request was approved on 2/18. The Center is working with the software vendor, pharmacy vendor and IT department to bring the system on-line in the next six months. The original regulatory mandate required an operable system by March 27, 2016.
7. Bathing Suites Time Limited Waiver Request – On February 5 the NYS DOH approved a Time Limited Waiver expiring December 30, 2015 for installation of new doors and hardware at each of six bathing suite locations to permit access from the outside in any emergency. Clark Patterson lee has generated a materials list and is assisting the center with solicitation of quotes for materials. The Central Services department will provide labor.
8. United Health Care – Director Bassett has initiated negotiations with the insurer to establish a contract and in-network rate for services to UHC beneficiaries. Of 18 admission referrals received in 2015 only one chose to come to the CNR due to the out of network co-pay of \$250/day.
9. Influenza – The CNR has experienced zero laboratory confirmed cases of Influenza A or B this season. The staff flu vaccination rate is approximately 98%. Staff absences related to respiratory symptoms rose significantly in February.
10. Director Vacation – Director Bassett will be out of office March 1-7, returning on 3/8. Deputy Director Woodruff will be responsible for operations in this period.

**VETERAN SERVICES AGENCY – JASON SKINNER**

**Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported**

Mr. Skinner reviewed the following items for the Committee.

Having returned from training in Albany provided by the American Legion I have learned that Veterans Benefits Administration may be adding a presumptive illness for Vietnam Veterans in March. The Governor's representative also explained the new mobile app that Veterans will have to connect them with resources. The Governor Also is looking to visit Veteran service offices that partner with other agencies to help deliver services. They wish to meet 11 locations by November 11. "11-11-11"

I am on the VTF task force that is part of the URI grant comity. The region has received their award letter for \$150,000.00 for software that connects agencies that serve veterans.

Congress has a bill in front of them S. 2473 to address the back log of appeals.

“Express Appeals Act of 2016” is meant to address the following statistics.

Currently there are:

**400,000** Veterans with appeals pending

**80,000** Veterans have appeals older than 5 years

**5,000** Veterans have appeals older than 10 years

**5 years** will be spent resolving a typical appeal

Our county had one appeal that was just decided this month after 11 years.

We have been servicing the needs of veterans and reorganizing our files to reflect the influx of appeals and new compensation claims. We are creating a notice for our consumers of our records retention policy. We will be providing all people with a copy. This will include to how long a document is stored and who can access/request those documents. There was discussion on this problem and what they plan to do to fix/assist in expediting the process.

We have attended a number of meetings to address the need to increase our counties capacity of door to door transportation with the Office for the Aging. It is our intent to help enhance the non for profits currently assisting with that need.

I have arranged an in-service for the OFA for March 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be three VA employees to discuss eligibility for becoming inpatient at a VA hospital, how to get home based primary care, home oxygen delivery and care giver support. They also mentioned starting a new program for aging Veterans here in Livingston County. There are stipends, mileage and respite care available for caregivers.

Ours goals in the future is to ease the burden on the patients and family by getting more home based services in our area. In the past when we have helped families file for Aid and Attendance a monetary benefit from VA benefits administration. We have not asked the Veterans Health Administration to provide actual Aid that is available in the home.

We are looking forward to the end of February as tax exemption applications will subside for now.

Mr. Skinner reported on a complaint regarding the Veterans Crisis Hotline. These calls were from two years ago. It is a very difficult job. They have lost their own employees to suicide. They continue to try and improve this program.

There was discussion on the Zion House program in Avon.

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### **Informational Item(s) Written Only**

Please except my apologies for missing the February’s meeting.

Our county is not exempt from the national statistics. 22 Veteran’s commit suicide each day, we had one failed attempt. We helped her apply for a grant to stay in her apartment.

### **OTHER**

#### **Action Item(s) To Be Reported**

#### **1. PROCLAIMING MARCH 2016 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities affect more than 7 million Americans and their families; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education can enhance a community’s understanding of the issues

affecting people with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities can be vital and vibrant members of our communities, improving the quality of life for all of us; and

WHEREAS, the month of March has been designated Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, with 100,000 members and 900 Chapters of The Arc undertaking public awareness, educational, and fundraising initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The Arc of the United States is the nation’s leading volunteer-based organization advocating for and with people with developmental disabilities and their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Livingston County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim March 2016 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Livingston County, NY, and urges the citizens of Livingston County to give full support to efforts towards enabling people with developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

The resolution is read on the Floor at the Arc and any board members wishing to participate are welcome.

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

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT FOR LIVINGSTON COUNTY: CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ASSOCIATION OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

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

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Livingston County</b>	1/1/16 - 12/31/16	\$452,762.00
3 Murray Hill Mt. Morris, NY 14510		

For: Support & Maintenance to conduct extended educational programs

Mr. Coyle explained that this amount is up 2% this year.

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

There was discussion on the Fish and Wildlife Protection Board. Mr. Davis may have a person willing to complete the landowner vacancy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Gott moved and Mrs. Donohue seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. ....Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Rees  
Clerk of the Board