

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: P. Yendell, B. Donohue, M. Walker, E. Gott, D. LeFeber, I. Coyle, H. Grant, C. Baker-Genesee Sun
 ABSENT: D. Babbitt Henry
 PRESENT AFTER MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: I. Davis

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – DIANE DEANE

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 SOCIAL SERVICES: GENESEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE & TELETASK, INC.

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 Social Services, 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>
Genesee Community College 1 College Road Batavia NY 14020 For: Student Interns	1/1/16-12/31/18	N/A

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted ?</i>
N/A	0%	Yes X No

Teletask, Inc. 5/1/17-4/30/18 \$5.00/1,000 points
 5150 Sunrise Blvd., Suite F-4
 Fair Oaks CA 95628
 For: Web-based messaging services for appointment reminders

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted ?</i>
Various	Various	Yes X No

Director's Comments:

Teletask will allow county staff to continue to use the Health Messenger, a web-based service that provides the means to remind/recall/alert patients and clients about a wide range of services such as due dates and appointments. The mode of delivery of these messages is text, voicemail, email, each having a different point value. The pricing structure allows the County to buy points thereby allowing flexibility in the manner in which these messages are sent.

Mrs. Deane reviewed the contracts for approval. The Teletask contract is also used by other departments that use the auto call service.

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

Mr. Davis entered.

Lima and Nunda pinwheel gardens are up. Taste of Livingston is tonight and she has tickets.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

1. Status Reports

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

Temporary Assistance Cases (TA):	Feb	<u>% Change</u>
Family Assistance	318	<u>from Jan 1</u>
		-2.15%

Safety Net	362	2.55%
Total	680	0.29%

Medicaid Cases (MA):

Community	2985	-4.75%
Chronic Care	243	-3.95%
Foster Care	147	2.08%
SSI	1275	-0.08%
Total	4650	-3.27%

Livingston County Citizens receiving some form of Medicaid service:

NYSOH	3452
Livingston County DSS	8342
Total	11794

Medicaid Managed Care Individuals (Monthly Premium):

These Individuals are included in above TA\MA.

Managed Care	5645	-0.83%
Managed Long Term Care-Community	45	-2.17%
Managed Long Term Care-Nursing Home	21	90.91%
Total	5711	-0.66%

Food Stamp Cases:	3369	0.30%
Child Care Cases:	190	2.70%

Protective Services for Adults (PSA):	62
<u>Financial Mgmt</u>	55
<u>Home Mgmt</u>	53
<u>Personal Care</u>	19
Level I	7
Level II	10
Level I pending	2
<u>Guardianship Cases</u>	5
Awaiting discharge	2
Pending	0
Assessment assists	99

Preventive Services:	61	10.91%
<u>Probation caseload</u>	32	33.33%
<u>School based consults</u>	196	
<u>School based active</u>	3	
<u>TASA (Case Management for Pregnant/Parenting Teens) Active</u>	3	

Child Protective Services (CPS):

New Assignments	45
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Foster Care	76	
Foster Children - DSS Custody	53	-1.85%

2. Employees hired, resigned or retired in March:

Gayla Morris	Temp. Position Ended	Senior Caseworker	Hunt	3/11/16
Laurie Eck*	Hired	Senior Typist	Lima	3/13/16
	*(Previous PT worker at Mental Health)			
Lisa Battle*	Hired	Clerk/Typist	Nunda	3/14/16
	*(Previous Seasonal HEAP Examiner)			
Joy Wells	Released	Case Management Aide	Conesus	3/14/16
Sandy Cole	Released	Caseworker Trainee	Dansville	3/18/16
3. Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) update. Livingston County has approximately 360 ABAWD individuals. These SNAP recipients are required (as of January 1, 2016) to engage in 80 hours of qualifying activities. SNAP recipients may only receive benefits for 3 months out of every 36 months without complying with this requirement.. Recipients have been notified monthly since December of this requirement. To date, no recipients have documented their activities with the Department. SNAP benefits will be affected beginning in May for recipients that do nothing. It is thought that once the recipient arrives at a grocery store and has a \$0 balance, they will call DSS. We may be able to issue the benefits on the individuals that have met requirements. Please keep in mind that these are people with no children to support and no documented reason that they cannot work. It is the responsibility of the ABAWD individual to contact DSS if they need assistance to engage in a qualifying activity in order to maintain benefits.
4. Both regular and emergency HEAP will be closing on April 8, 2016.
5. All DSS staff and collocated contract staff will receive their mandatory Annual Training during April. This training includes information on Workplace Violence, Compliance, Confidentiality, HIPAA, Chemical Hazard Communication, Servicing clients with disabilities and Safety and Security.
6. April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Pinwheel gardens will pop up around the county this month to bring awareness to this important topic. The goal is to engage the community to do their part to support children and families.

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: PAS OUTREACH TECHNICAL LABORATORY, LLC. D/B/A CLEARPATH DIAGNOSTICS & NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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>
PAS Outreach Technical Laboratory, LLC	4/1/16-3/31/18	Per Rate Schedule
d/b/a ClearPath Diagnostics		
600 Genesee Street, Suite 305		
Syracuse, NY 13202		

For: Laboratory Services for Reproductive Health Center Cancer Services

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

Director’s Comments: This Agreement provides for laboratory services for patients of the Reproductive Health Center and the Livingston County Cancer Prevention Partnership.

And be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following grant award contract for the Livingston County Department of Health, and any future amendments to said contract for the 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>
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Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza

Albany, NY 12237

For: Lead Grant

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted ?</i>
New York State Department of Health	0%	Yes X No

Director’s Comments: This contract is a renewal of our Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

This is the contract renewal for the lead prevention program. There was discussion on the testing done in the County. Ms. Rodriguez explained how the contract works.

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

3. AMENDING THE 2016 HOURLY SALARY SCHEDULE: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

RESOLVED, that the 2016 Hourly Salary Schedule is amended as follows:

Create two (2) full-time Mental Health Licensed Therapist positions.

AND REFER MATTER TO THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

Ms. Rodriguez explained that this would be moving the CASA contract positions to employees. The CASA contract could be maintained for any per diem services needed. She does have two potential contract staff members that she would like to move to employees. Both are very good employees. There may be an increased cost if they take health insurance. There was discussion on our relationship with CASA over the past six-twelve months and their lack of communication and disregard for meeting attendance.

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

Mr. Davis discussed a problem with the response time with environmental health staff.

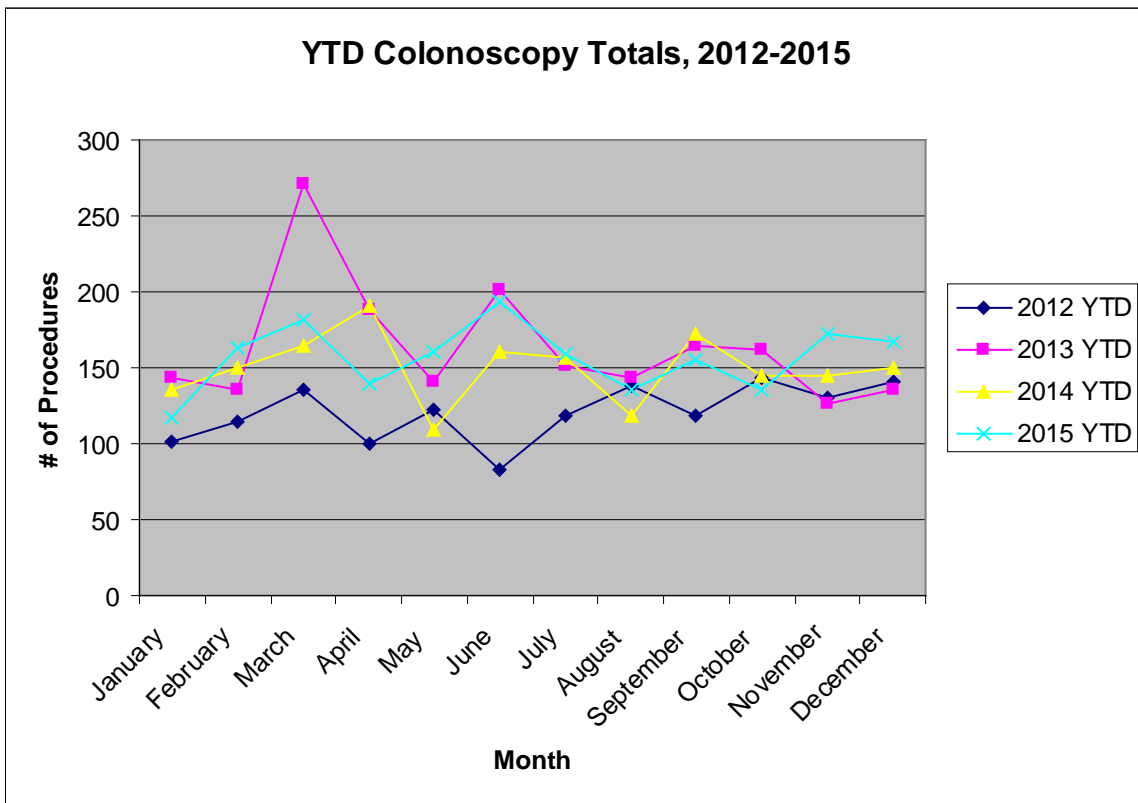
Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

1. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY HEALTH IN THE FINGER LAKES REGION

Ms. Rodriguez distributed information on the community health assessment for review and discussion. The new review is due in December. Our priorities from the last assessment in 2013 were preventing chronic disease-primarily obesity and diabetes and promoting mental health. We are currently 33% for adult obesity and the national goal is 24%. Child obesity is also above average. We are slightly above average for hypertension at 34%. ED visits related to mental health or substance abuse will be a primary focus. Our suicide rates are higher than any county of our size in New York State. The medical examiner will only issue a suicide instead of self-inflicted gunshot wound if there is a note left behind. There was discussion on what indicators to look for and how to begin conversations about suicide. Intake is being reviewed to shorten wait times for appointments. A grant application has been submitted. There was discussion on early intervention and how to start difficult conversations. They now have an intake site at DSS and in all of the schools.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

- Outreach, education and social media ads were implemented for Main Streets Go Blue (Colon Cancer Awareness), continue to monitor colonoscopy data at Noyes Health.
- SHAPE - Livingston County employees participated in Wear Blue for Colon Cancer Awareness.
- CHIP - Worksite wellness initiative Livingston County Workforce Development completed the CHANGE assessment, adopted healthy vending and meeting policies and now have two sit-stand workstations to increase staff’s physical activity levels; sponsored a girl at each school for Girls on the Run, Stroke media and outreach campaign, foot clinic for those who are diagnosed with diabetes; assisting with the planning of Taste of Livingston County.
- Liz Green, Violence Prevention Coordinator, is conducting communication presentations with LCDOH staff
- June Webster has completed Incident Command System 100, 200 and 300 training and continues to orient to her new position.



	2012 YTD	2013 YTD	2014 YTD	2015 YTD
January	101	143	136	117
February	114	135	150	163
March	135	271	165	182
April	100	188	191	139
May	122	141	109	160
June	83	201	161	193
July	118	151	156	159
August	138	144	119	136
September	119	165	172	155
October	144	162	145	135
November	130	126	145	172
December	141	136	150	167

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 CONTRACT FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT: ARC OF LIVINGSTON WYOMING

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>
Arc of Livingston Wyoming	7/1/16 – 8/30/16	Up to \$15,000.00

18 Main Street
Mt. Morris, NY 14510

For: Supported summer employment for youth with disabilities.

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

Mr. Snyder explained that this is a new contract for the youth employment for those youth with severe disabilities.

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

Chairman Gott asked about the United Way Campaign and Mr. Snyder explained that there are a lot more departments doing special fund raisers.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

Office of Workforce Development Activity Report

Activity	February 2015
Counselor Assisted Appointments	67
Adults/Youth in Training	14
Credentials Earned	4
Employer Recruitment Events	9
Workshop Attendees	119
Entries to Employment – WIOA Only	149
PA Clients Employed	60
PA Clients in Work Experience	43
PA Clients in Education/Training	20

Youth Bureau Program Report

Livingston County Youth Bureau							
Program Quarterly Report							
Agency: Hillside Children's Center Community Services							
Total Youth Served:	Annual Goal	Qtr I	Qtr II	Qtr III	Qtr IV	TOTAL	% of Goal
Total number of youth carried from last quarter.		11	11	16	19	57	
Total new youth served by the program this quarter.		20	11	18	8	57	
Total number of youths this quarter. (A+B)	110	31	22	34	27	114	104%
Agency: Hillside Children's Center Youth Court							
Total Youth Served:	Annual Goal	Qtr I	Qtr II	Qtr III	Qtr IV	TOTAL	% of Goal
Total number of youth carried from last quarter.		4	4	7	8	23	
Total new youth served by the program this quarter.		8	4	9	1	22	
Total number of youths this quarter. (A+B)	35	12	8	16	9	45	129%
Agency: Legal Aid Society of Rochester Youth Advocacy							
Total Youth Served:	Annual Goal	Qtr I	Qtr II	Qtr III	Qtr IV	TOTAL	% of Goal
Total number of youth carried from last quarter.		19	17	18	21	75	
Total new youth served by the program this quarter.		14	13	8	16	51	
Total number of youths this quarter. (A+B)	115	33	30	26	37	126	110%
Agency: Catholic Charities of Livingston County COC							
Total Youth Served:	Annual Goal	Qtr I	Qtr II	Qtr III	Qtr IV	TOTAL	% of Goal

	Goal	I	II	III	IV	L	Goal
Total number of parents and youth carried from last quarter.	0	37	39	86	162		
Total new parents and youth served by the program this quarter.	83	43	97	23	246		
Total number of parents and youths this quarter. (A+B)	55	83	80	136	109	408	742%

CIC Delegate Agency Programs Report - 1st Quarter

Program Quarterly Report	10/1/15 - 12/31/16	Annual Expected
Persons in need receiving health care services – Parish Outreach	22	120
DV Victims receiving shelter services – Chances and Changes	12	23
Homeless receiving shelter services – Chances and Changes	5	32
Emergency utility assistance – Catholic Charities	18	105
Elderly subscribers receiving subsidy for Lifeline – Noyes	85	90
Certified Nursing Assistants trained - Workforce Development	5	16

Workforce

High School Equivalency (HSE) - Eight of the ten students receiving tutoring services earned their HSE diploma.

Job Fair - Eighteen employers have already confirmed participation in the April 26th event at GCC Dansville.

Summer Employment - Applications are now available and will be collected through at least April 15th.

Nursing Assistant Training - The April class has been increased to 20 students based on the high quality of the applicant pool. Three different grant funds will be utilized to provide full scholarships for all participants.

WIOA Youth Funding - Workforce Development will be submitting a competitive proposal for WIOA Youth funding through the Workforce Development Board. This funding was historically an entitlement to the County prior to the implementation of WIOA this past July.

Community Service Block Grant

Needs Assessment - Preliminary data from the Needs Assessment indicates that finding and retaining a job is still the top priority of both low income residents and the community as a whole.

Youth Bureau

Teen Recognition - The Teen Recognition dinner is April 27th. Invitations have been sent out to all nominees, board members and guest.

United Way

The current county worker campaign pledge total is \$24,500 which is 65% of the \$38,000 goal.

CENTER FOR NURSING & REHABILITATION – FRANK BASSETT

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 CENTER FOR NURSING AND REHABILITATION: UNITED HEALTH CARE OF NEW YORK, INC.**

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(s) designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
United Health Care of New York, Inc.	3 Years	Rate Schedule

1 Penn Plaza-8th Floor
New York, New York 10119

For: Establishing Reimbursement Rates for Covered Services to Beneficiaries

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Local Share</u>	<u>Budgeted ?</u>	
N/A		Yes	No

Director's Comments:

A Provider Participation Agreement has been negotiated with United establishing reimbursement rates for provision of covered services to beneficiaries. In 2015 there were 20 referrals received under this health plan. Mr. Bassett reviewed the contract with United over the years and he has finally reached agreement for a tiered plan. There are still talks to be had on future contracts; United would like a forever contract.

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

2. PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 8-12, 2016 AS NURSING HOME WEEK IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY IN CELEBRATION OF OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH

WHEREAS, we as Americans experience aging as the natural order of life, live longer than at any time in the past, and seek to maintain our highest level of physical function in periods of infirmity; and

WHEREAS, nursing homes at the local, state and national level provide skilled nursing and rehabilitative care for injured, disabled, or sick persons who require chronic or restorative nursing care; and

WHEREAS, the nursing homes in Livingston County provide a high quality of care and services to meet the needs of Livingston County residents and the greater community, and

WHEREAS, nursing homes are a vital component of the local economy providing employment and economic activity beneficial to the community, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors proclaims May 8-12, 2016 as Nursing Home Week in Livingston County in honor of the valuable contributions Livingston County's nursing homes and their staffs make to the quality of life of our county.

Mr. Bassett reviewed the commitment and dedication of the staff that we have at the Livingston County nursing homes. They have special events schedule every day that week.

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

3 APPOINTING FINANCE SUPERVISOR FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY CENTER FOR NURSING AND REHABILITATION AND REFERRING MATTER TO THE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Director's Comments:

The incumbent resigned the position effective March 10. The vacancy was posted and advertised in the Penny Saver. Seven applications were received, no internal candidates. The recommended candidate's name will be presented to the Human Services Committee on 4/5. Three interviews were conducted on 3/29 and 3/31.

Mr. Bassett asked that the committee agree to refer to Ways and Means next week even though he is still in discussions with the preferred candidate.

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

Mr. Bassett distributed his meeting packets for discussion.

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

1. FINANCIAL/OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

- a.) Occupancy- March occupancy as of 3/28 was 96.2%. Year to Date occupancy is 96%. A marketing campaign to advance the CNR's rehabilitation services has been initiated with the Livingston County News and the Pennysaver. There will be testimonials from former patients. A patient has a choice where they receive rehab services. Mr. Bassett discussed the importance of the nursing home becoming a mini hospital with the services provided. 2,182 days were budgeted Medicare days and

the actual days were 2,351 through the first three months. Mr. Bassett reviewed the new managed care column for discussion.

- b.) Cash Flow – The CNR’s Cash Flow Report as of March 28 reflects \$12,596,138.
- c.) Universal Settlement – On March 25 the CNR received the first of five (5) payments to be made under the settlement agreement reached with the NYSDOH. The payment of \$336,389.00 is subject to the 6.8% Cash Receipts Assessment. A second payment of a like amount will be received by July 1, 2016; the remaining three installments are payable on or before March 31, 2018; March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2020. From a budget perspective, it is nice to have this cushion. We have not received word on the IGT for this year.
- d.) 2015 Financial Audit – Bonadio & Co. is on-site conducting audit activities with a goal of having preliminary audited 2015 financial statements by the end of May. This is the second year of Bonadio performing the audit and preparatory activities in advance of the audit have created some efficiencies.
- e.) Budgeted Variance Reports – The Reports for January and February performance will be distributed at the May Committee meeting due to the financial audit being conducted.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

- 1. Reports - Absenteeism, Mandation, FMLA, Payroll Performance, Work Related Injuries, Quality Measures, Report Card
- 2. Nurse Aide Training – Twenty participants have been selected to enter the Finger Lakes Community College training program to be conducted at the CNR starting April 11. The Workforce Development Office has made it possible to host this largest class ever by making grant funding available. Tuition is \$2,000/participant. The CNR anticipates incurring 25% of the cost of four participants.
- 3. NYS Medical Marijuana Program – Under New York’s new medical marijuana law, a patient certified by a healthcare provider to use medical marijuana can register with the New York State Department of Health and receive marijuana for such diseases as Parkinson’s, Epilepsy, MS and AIDS. However, medical marijuana is categorized as a Schedule 1 narcotic – just like LSD, heroin and cocaine. Our nursing center is only licensed for Schedule 2, 3, 4, and 5 narcotics. This means that while New York State permits individuals with select diagnoses to receive medical marijuana there is no Federal authority for our nursing home to provide it. Were we to proceed with medical marijuana administration we would do so in violation of Federal law and risk forfeiture of Medicare reimbursement if the Federal government subsequently elects to enforce the law. We cannot knowingly violate the federal law; therefore, until medical marijuana is re-classified to a Schedule 2 or lower narcotic the CNR will not be participating in the medical marijuana program.
- 4. Greater Rochester Mutual Aid Plan – Stephen Woodruff, Deputy Director of LTC’s term as co-chair of the Mutual Aid Plan has been extended for one-year to 2017. The Mutual Aid Plan provides a unified emergency response to disasters within the Rochester region for nursing home, adult home and assisted living operators.
- 5. Payroll Based Journals – The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has announced that they will require all nursing facilities to electronically submit payroll-based staffing data starting on July 1, 2016. This requirement is intended to ensure the accuracy of the Staffing Rating (staff hours per resident day) component of the Nursing Home Compare Five Star Rating System.
- 6. There will be a surplus equipment resolution at the Way and Means Committee meeting on April 11.

OTHER – CHAIRMAN GOTT

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE S²AY COMMITTEE BOARD – BRENDA DONOHUE

RESOLVED, that the following member is hereby appointed to the S²AY Committee Board for the term designated:

S²AY Committee Board

Name	Address	Rep./Title	Term Expires
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Brenda Donohue	P.O. Box 188, Conesus, NY 14435	Town of Conesus Supervisor- Completing L. Semmel Term	6/3/16
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This appointment fills the vacancy left by Lisa Semmel and we will need to reappoint again in June. Lisa did a great job. The board meets quarterly in Yates County. Chairman Gott thanked Mrs. Donohue. She always steps up and has a level of dedication that is unmatched with all of the extras she has been asked to take on and represent.

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

OFFICE FOR THE AGING – IAN COYLE

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy first designated May as "Senior Citizens Month" in 1963; and
 WHEREAS, Older Americans Month acknowledges the past and present contributions of older Americans by recognizing the achievements of seniors and encouraging participation in community activities; and

WHEREAS, older adults play an important role in Livingston County by contributing experience, knowledge, and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, older adults are active, productive community members involved in volunteering, mentorship, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, older adults continue to make valuable contributions to Livingston County, ensuring a better life for future generations;

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim May 2016 as Older Americans Month and honors the valuable contributions that Older Americans make to Livingston County; and encourages people to recognize the important role of Older Americans by providing opportunities for older people to share their wisdom, experience, and skills.

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

2. PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 16TH – MAY 20TH, SENIOR CORPS WEEK

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation’s counties are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet county needs; and

WHEREAS, participants in Senior Corps help to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system; protect our environment, provide independent living services, and contribute to our public safety, and;

WHEREAS older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers, and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities; and

WHEREAS for more than four decades Senior Corps, and its three programs – RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents – have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans ages 55 and over in meeting national and community needs; and

WHEREAS service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy, and engaged; helps our communities by solving local problems, and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy; and

WHEREAS Senior Corps participants serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country, including *more than 40 service locations in Livingston County*, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our county’s economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, more than *90 Senior Corps volunteers* of all backgrounds *serve in Livingston County*, providing vital support to county residents and improving the quality of life in our county; and

WHEREAS, Senior Corps volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with city and county

officials nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS the seventh annual Senior Corps Week, taking place May 16-20, 2016, is an opportunity to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities and nation;

RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors, does hereby designate May 16-20, 2016 as Senior Corps Week and urge citizens to recognize Senior Corps volunteers and programs for their valuable impact on our communities.

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

Mr. Coyle reminded everyone that Seniorama items are needed if they have not yet been submitted. He did hear that Springwater is having problems getting a name so we are looking for a name to nominate from the County. It is important to have a representative from each town.

Informational Item(s) Written Only:

1. Program Summary Report for January-February 2016:

Congregate Meals: 4,337 meals (compared to 3,296 same period 2015)

Home Delivered Meals: 8,493 meals (compared to 7706 meals same period 2015)

Case Management: 280 units (compared to 214 units same period 2015)

Nutrition Education: 790 units (compared to 676 units same period 2015)

Transportation: 838 units (compared to 711 units same period 2015)

Caregiver Services: 71 units (compared to 71 units same period 2015)

2. Agency/Program Updates:

All Case Management staff enrolled in and started the Boston University Case Management Training.

VISTA respite project continues two days per week. 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.

Partnership with National Guardsmen to provide Emergency Preparedness Training at the nutrition sites working well – training was provided at Dansville site in March.

First Consumer Law clinics offered at Avon 3/2 and Dansville 3/21 sites – well attended and productive, according to Site Managers and Law-NY presenter.

Cancer survivorship project through University of Rochester/Strong Memorial Hospital to visit Nutrition sites to gather input for project.

Adult Services to conduct educational sessions at Nutrition sites in June in conjunction with World Elder Abuse Awareness Day;

Veteran’s Services conducted in-service training for OFA staff 3/30;

Grants/Information Officer for the County to highlight LCOFA through social media for month of May, Older Americans Month

Fall Prevention Event scheduled for 9/16

Continue to recruit volunteers from meal sites for Matter of Balance coaches

Tax assistance partnership with SUNY Geneseo winding down – going to top 200 returns

Business Associate Agreement with New York State Office for the Aging for new Statewide Database will be forthcoming to be reviewed by County Attorney prior to signature. Required to access the new statewide client data system. In turn, LCOFA will need BAA with subcontractors that enter data into the database (Noyes, Cornell).

We need your Seniorama nominations if you haven't already submitted them! There was discussion on a nomination for Springwater that will be recommended by the Board of Supervisors.

Offered Financial Literacy workshops in cooperation with Consumer Credit Counseling
2016 Advisory Council Members:

Livingston County Office for the Aging –Foster Grandparent Program Advisory Council

A key to the effective management of the agency is the important information and assistance we receive from the members of our advisory council. Mandated by the Federal Older Americans Act, the Advisory Council is an essential component of our organization with planning and coordinating responsibilities. At least 50% of the membership must be 60 or over.

Members:

Bobbie and Bernie Doran (Avon)
Mary Lou Rookey (Caledonia)
Dianne Acomb (Dansville)
Christina Klosner/Joyce Wechsler (Geneseo)
Ron Niedermaier (Groveland)
Doris Marsh (Nunda)
Toni Pendergast (Leicester)
Marilyn Stuart (Lima)
Jean Dembosky (Livonia)
David Parish (TRIAD)
Sharon Trainham (Mt. Morris)
Wendy Fambro (Community Place/Senior Companion)
Vacant – to be filled (Lifespan/RSVP)
Alyssa Penn (AmeriCorps VISTA)
Rene Dietz (Adult Services)
Tara Coffey (EARS/LIFELINE - Noyes)
Ruth Swift (DSS- Housing)
Jim Ward (Senior Companion)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gott moved and Mr. Davis seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

VETERAN'S SERVICES AGENCY – JASON SKINNER

Informational Item(s) Written Only

The Department of Veterans affairs have created an 1800 number to field calls for Veterans that have been billed inappropriately.

Veterans can now work directly with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to resolve debt collection issues resulting from inappropriate or delayed Choice Program billing. In step with MyVA's efforts to modernize VA's customer-focused, Veteran-centered services capabilities, a Community Care Call Center has been set up for Veterans experiencing adverse credit reporting or debt collection resulting from inappropriately billed Choice Program claims. Veterans experiencing these problems can call 1-877-881-7618 for assistance.

The state assembly has voted on a bill it has passed the house twice now. It has not passed the Senate yet.

BILL NUMBER: A763B

SPONSOR: Miller (MS)

TITLE OF BILL: An act to amend the tax law and the state finance law,

In relation to gifts for the support of congressional chartered veterans service organizations

PURPOSE:

Provides a tax line to assist the state run veterans' homes.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section one and two establish new sections of the state tax law to allow New York State income tax filers to contribute to the veterans' home assistance fund. Such contribution shall be in any whole dollar amount and shall not reduce the amount of state tax owed by such individual. The commissioner of taxation and finance shall include space on the personal income tax return to enable a taxpayer to elect to make such contribution. Section three creates a new section 81 of the state finance law to create the veterans' home assistance fund, which shall consist of all revenues received by the department of taxation and finance pursuant to sections 2094 and '627-c of the tax law, which are created by sections one and two of this bill. Further, money of the fund shall be expended only for the care and maintenance of the five veterans' homes operated by agencies of the state, and shall be distributed equally among the five homes.

I conducted an in-service for DSS about Veterans benefits last month. I spoke for one hour and presented a power point presentation. There were about 30 employees in attendance.

I will be conducting an in-service with VA employees on the 30th of March for the Office for the Aging. We will have three VA specialists in Caregiver benefits, Home Based Primary Care, and inpatient eligibility presenting to our partners.

I have attended multiple Veteran organizations meetings this month as we are planning a fund raiser.

The American Legion VFW of Geneseo and many others are partnering to raise awareness and funds to help with mobility in the county for the ageing rural population. The donations received will be to help create synergy, increase capacity, recruit and retain volunteers, among the multiple nonprofit organizations that provide door to door transportation.

This event will be held in conjunction with the Geneseo Air Show starting at 6:30 pm on Saturday the 9th of July. July 8th will be media day at the air field and we have many VA departments coming to do out-reach at the airshow. Every year the air show allows the VA to bring busloads of Veterans that are inpatient to the show for free. They provide shelter under a large tent and refreshments right on the flight line for these Veterans. Partnering with all of these organizations that help our Veterans is a natural fit that we are actively playing a bigger role in. I hope to develop this relationship and raise awareness for our aging veterans. For updates and information go to www.veteransvictorydance.com once the site is up and running many people can share the link and join the fun.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Rees

Clerk of the Board