

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017  
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: P. Yendell, B. Donohue, M. Walker, E. Gott, D. LeFeber, I. Coyle, H. Grant, S. Hillier, R. Stathem-NYAPRS  
PRESENT AFTER MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: I. Davis  
ABSENT: D. Babbitt Henry

**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(S) FOR LIVINGSTON COUNTY ON BEHALF OF GLOW WDB: WYOMING COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.**

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contract for Livingston County on behalf of the GLOW WDB, 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>Wyoming County Community Action, Inc.</b> 6470 Route 20A Perry, New York 14530	8/1/17-6/30/18	up to \$230,000.00

For: WIOA Adult and Dislocated Services in Wyoming County

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)	0%	Yes X No

Mr. Snyder explained that the state is requiring that Wyoming County competitively bid now because they outsource the service and they were the only bidder.

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

There was discussion on the summer youth program. There were more kids than ever this year. There was also discussion on how they are now trying to affiliate the program with MCC. Mr. Snyder plans to come back in October to discuss customer service.

**Informational Item(s) Written Only**

**Unemployment Report**

*New York State has not updated Unemployment rates since they were reported last month. The last reported Unemployment Rate was 4.5% in May.*

**Department Activity Report**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>June 2017</b>
Counselor Assisted Appointments	63
Adults/Youth in Training	14
Employer Recruitment Events	5
Workshop Attendees	291
Entries to Employment - Public Assistance	10
Clients Underemployed - Public Assistance	61
Clients in High School Equivalency Education	7
Clients in ESOL Education - Public Assistance	16

*\*Underemployed - not earning enough to close the case.*

**Program Report**

Summer Youth Employment - 54 low-income youth are participating in paid work experience at sites throughout the County. 8 younger youth completed construction of a trail and observation platform in Letchworth State Park as part of the Hands on Careers Program.

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training - The next free CNA training program is scheduled for August 28th at the CNR. Applications are being collected through July 28th.

Pro-Mech - Pro-Mech Learning Systems recently opened in Avon and is providing diesel technician training through a full-time, five week program. Each student in the first session was placed in employment at the completion of the program, with an average starting wage above \$15.

Happy or Not Kiosk - 93% of visitors to Workforce Development reported a positive experience at reception in June.

Federal Funding - The House Labor-Health and Humans Services-Education Appropriation Bill recently released provided a much more positive outlook for funding in 2018. Cuts were below 10% in Labor, which is substantially lower than the 40% proposed by the President.

**OFFICE FOR THE AGING – SUE CARLOCK**

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

**1. AMENDING A PORTION OF RESOLUTION 2017-79**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2017-79 authorized the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign various contracts for the Livingston County Office for the Aging, and

WHEREAS, the contract with AIM Independent Living Center for Consumer Directed Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly in an amount of \$5,000 was authorized, and

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging needs to increase the amount to \$30,000.00 due to an unanticipated demand for such services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a contract amendment for the Livingston County Office for the Aging, 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>AIM Independent Living Center, Inc.</b> 271 East First Street Corning, NY 14830	4/1/17-3/31/18	\$30,000.00
For: Consumer Directed Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly		

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Local Share</u>	<u>Budgeted?</u>
NYS EISEP Funding	25%	Yes X No

Director's Comments: Total amount for subcontracted services remains the same; we are underspent as relates to budget for home health agencies due to lack of aides; Consumer Directed Care is an alternative to home health agencies

Mrs. Carlock explained how this program works. This was a new contract and she originally set it up for \$5,000, but she needs to increase the contract amount to \$30,000, which is budgeted. More people want to participate than anticipated.

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

Mrs. Carlock reported that the Vista Away from Home program will be continuing on from the PILOT for three more years and increasing from three to seven clients. They are in the process of distributing farmers' market vouchers again this year. There are a lot of activities planned for this fall.

**Informational Item(s) Written Only**

Served Client Summary:

Livingston 1/1/2017 – 6/30/2017

Report Run Date: 07/18/2017

**Service Type Summary**

<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>Total Unduplicated Clients</b>
Caregiver Services	230	63
Case Management	850	293
Congregate Meals	13,143	215
Health Promotion Services	420	44
Home Delivered Meals	24,640	293
Information & Assistance	1,019	228
Legal Services	107.50	50
Nutrition Counseling	30	30
Nutrition Education	2,541	350
Other Services IIIIE Respite	123	5
Personal Care	1740.5	35
PERS	3,160	412
Transportation	3,005	51

**Results from most recent customer satisfaction surveys:****Program: HIICAP (Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program)**

16 surveys mailed; 9 returned (56% return rate)

How did you hear about us: friend (2), Shopper, Medicare seminar, my son, Penny Saver

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure/Not Applicable	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The Livingston County Office for the Aging staff person was courteous	8 (89%)	1 (11%)			
Overall, the information I received was helpful/met my needs	6 (66%)	3 (33%)			
I would contact the Office again	7 (78%)	2 (22%)			
I would recommend the Office to others	7 (78%)	2 (22%)			

**Comments:**

I cannot think of one complaint. I am satisfied with: the Meals on Wheels, the people who helped me get HEAP and Food Stamps.

People are very nice and polite but hard to get in touch with them or have them call you back right away.

I am so glad that I used this service – thank you.

We always get friendly advice.

Staff was great and when I couldn't print from my computer, sent me copies. Very courteous, professional. Most of all, helpful during this very stressful ordeal of Medicare choices.

Wish more aides were available to meet demands.

Staff was extremely helpful getting me educated on Medicare options. The chart simplified the choices for a supplemental insurance.

**Program: Legal Services**

12 surveys mailed, 7 returned (58% return rate)

How did you hear about us: Senior Companion, previous help, Social Services, Senior Nutrition, Legal Aid

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure/Not Applicable	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The Livingston County Office for the Aging staff person was courteous	6 (86%)	1 (14%)			
Overall, the information I received was helpful/met my needs	7 (100%)	0			
I would contact the Office again	6 (86%)	0	1 (14%)		
I would recommend the Office to others	6 (86%)	1 (14%)			

**Comments:** The lawyer handled my request promptly requiring no further appointments.

It took a long time to get an appointment.

The staff was very helpful and answered all questions I had.

**Program: NY Connects**

30 surveys mailed; 15 completed responses (50%);

	Strongly	Agree	Not Sure/Not	Disagree	Strongly
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	Agree		Applicable		Disagree
The Livingston County Office for the Aging staff person was courteous	9 (60%)	5 (33%)		1 (7%)	
Overall, the information I received was helpful/met my needs	10 (66%)	5 (33%)			
I would contact the Office again	11 (73%)	4 (27%)			
I would recommend the Office to others	11 (73%)	4 (27%)			

Comments:

I spoke with staff several times. She was so helpful and a kind, understanding person. She even contacted the nursing home with information for my brother. You are fortunate to have this individual working for you.

My contact was very good. She kept in contact as long as I needed her.

All contacts were concerned, listened to our issues and gave direction/referral to programs which helped us. Very professional and courteous.

I am very pleased with my final business with the lawyer. Also, thanks to the office staff in Mt. Morris. You are good to us in the County.

I have no complaints at all. Everyone was helpful, nice and pleasant.

Staff person did a fantastic job showing me different programs that could be beneficial to my father and I would recommend anytime to anyone that needed assistance.

Program Updates:

Planning is underway for this year's Public Hearing (October 4th), Medicare Open Enrollment and Fall/Winter Health Promotion.

Upcoming Outreach Events: West Sparta Old Fashioned Days (7/29), RPCN Health and Wellness Event (8/11) Avon Corn Festival (8/12), Fall Prevention Event (9/15), Caregiver Event (11/4)

New York State Office for the Aging annual site visit/evaluation scheduled for 9/13 – 9/14/2017. The NYSOFA representative also visits Ontario County; the exact times she will be in Livingston are undetermined at this time.

**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: RICHARD MARTIN, METRIX MARKETING & CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contracts for the Livingston County Department of Health, 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>Richard Martin</b> 14 Five Lot Lane, Suite Avon, NY 14414	9/1/17- 12/31/18	2017- \$1000.00/month 2018 - \$800.00/month

For: Lease for Reproductive Health's Family Planning clinic's Avon location.

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
Title X	0%	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Director's Comments: This agreement provides the clinic space for Reproductive Health's Family Planning Services.

**Metrix Marketing**  
 40 Wildbriar Road  
 Rochester, NY 14623  
 For: WIC Media Campaign

8/21/17- 9/30/17

\$14,500.00

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

Director's Comments: This contract will provide for WIC Media Campaign.

And be it further,

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

<b>Catholic Charities of Livingston County</b>	1/1/17- 12/31/17	\$51,888.00 – SPOA/In-Home Training
34 East State Street		\$34,546.00 – HOPE
Mt. Morris, NY 14510		\$30,000.00 - Transition Planning

For: SPOA In-Home Therapy, HOPE Mentoring and Transition Planning

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
SPOA - in Home Therapy – OMH State Aid and DSS Hope Mentoring – OMH state Aid Transition Planning – Reinvestment OMH State Aid	0% - 38%	<b>Yes X</b> No

Director's Comments: This contract provides funds to service the community with Mental Health needs.

Ms. Rodriguez reviewed the contracts for approval. There was discussion on the WIC Outreach.

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

**2. AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING GRANT/AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>New York State Department of Health</b>	10/1/17 – 9/30/20	\$20,114.00 per year
Corning Tower		
Empire State Plaza		
Albany, NY 12237		

For: Children with Special Health Care needs

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
NYS Department of Health	0%	<b>Yes X</b> No

Director's Comments: This is a multi-year agreement to serve uninsured/underinsured children who require specialized health care.

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

Mrs. Rodriguez distributed the Hospice final report for 2016 and briefly reviewed some highlights. Any questions can be emailed to Ms. Rodriguez directly. There was discussion on the social worker requirements for hospice.

**Informational Item(s) Written Only**

- Continue to coordinate LCDOH Strategic Plan - Staff SWOT completed, vision, mission and value statements received Board approval, priorities identified; currently developing strategic plan for 2018-2020.

- Violence Prevention Coordinator contacting all school district regarding curricula and training needs, Trauma Informed Care (Adverse Childhood Experiences) training at Avon School.
  - Coordinating Medical Reserve Corps Capacity Grant - build MRC volunteer capacity regarding emergency preparedness.
  - Implemented marketing and outreach campaign regarding bat rabies, west nile virus, and physical activity including local resources/opportunities.
  - MICHC and RHC social media ads.
  - Completed on 4th quarter deliverables for PHEP BP5 (Emergency Preparedness).
  - Completed the After Action Report for OUREx (Emergency Preparedness).
  - Updating information for patients and community regarding birth control options.
  - Interviewed candidates for Cancer Services Program Educator and Outreach Worker.
  - In June 2016, total Hospice days for the year were 2610; in June 2017, total Hospice days for the year are 3577.
  - Environmental Health is amidst a campaign to better educate the public on tick borne diseases. It is estimated that these occurrences are on the rise and include Lyme disease and the ore rare, and potentially deadly, Powassan virus along with others. Environmental Health presented to the Board of Health on this matter and has recently used other media methods to help educate the public.
- Completed the Annual Services Plan for Mental Health.

**CENTER FOR NURSING & REHABILITATION – FRANK BASSETT**

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

**1. AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF LONG-TERM CARE TO SUBMIT LIMITED REVIEW CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Health regulations require the submission of a Limited Review Certificate of Need application for all minor construction projects of up to \$6,000,000, and

WHEREAS, the Total Project Costs associated with this Limited Review Certificate of Need application are \$967,550.00 for renovations necessary to create a leased space to operate as a Dialysis Extension Clinic, and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Board of Supervisors, with New York State Department of Health approval of this project, supports renovating and reconfiguring use of space within the Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation’s 5,600 SF Therapy Gym to free approximately 2,005 SF for the construction of a space to be leased and operated by UR/Noyes Health as a Dialysis Extension Clinic offering six (6) dialyzing stations, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Long-Term Care be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to submit a Limited Review Certificate of Need application to the New York State Department of Health forthwith.

Mr. Bassett explained that this is the result of a conference call with Noyes and NYSDOH on the CON requirements. Everything is prepared with the exception of the architect certification. A similar resolution was adopted during the construction of the CNR. The Certificate of Need was passed around for the committee members. They are looking to file both CONs by August 11, 2017. Approval of both is contingent upon the other. Mr. Bassett reviewed a potential timeframe moving forward through bidding, construction and completion to the first patients receiving services in November or December 2018. There are currently 8 dialysis patients at CNR.

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

Mr. Bassett thanked the Committee for their continuing support of this project.

**2. INCREASING THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY CENTER FOR NURSING AND REHABILITATION PRIVATE PAY DAILY ROOM AND BOARD RATE TO \$375.00 PER DAY (EXCLUDING THE NYS CASH RECEIPTS ASSESSMENT) EFFECTIVE 1/01/18**

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors, under a single price system for all beds in the Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, irrespective of room occupancy, hereby establishes a daily room rate of \$375.00 to be charged to private paying residents effective January 1, 2018, excluding a cash receipts assessment imposed by New York State, collection of Cash Receipts Assessment Tax

to remain in effect until such time as it is modified or repealed by the State of New York.

In the course of budget preparation, Mr. Bassett is requesting an increase in the daily room rate. Avon and Conesus are both \$394 per day. Looking at the audited financial statements and the average per day expenses he is recommending a \$10 increase to \$375/day. The State of New York compensates significantly less than cost.

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

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

1. FINANCIAL/OPERATIONAL UPDATES:
  - a.) Occupancy- As of July 25, occupancy was 98.1%. Year to date occupancy is 96.76%.
  - b.) Cash Flow – The CNR’s Cash Flow Report as of July 24 reflects \$23,268,715. in reserves.
  - c.) Budget Variance – The May 2017 budget variance reports will be distributed and discussed at the committee meeting. One challenge they are having is in the area of workforce and the flexibility today’s workforce is seeking. FMLA is very detrimental to maintaining mandatory staffing.
  - d.) Dialysis Extension Clinic – Director Bassett facilitated a three-way conference call between the NYS DOH Bureau of Project Management, Noyes Health and the CNR to clarify Certificate of Need (CON) filing requirements. The hospital will file an Administrative Review CON and the County will file a Limited Review CON. Approval of each CON is contingent on approval of both. Director Bassett has reached out to Labella Associates for assistance with CON schedules. CON applications are expected for both Noyes Health and the County in August.
  - e.) Mr. Bassett reported on the negotiations with Aetna and how Aetna withdrew. He will revisit this matter again.
  - f.) Mr. Bassett is pleased that a resident/patient handbook has finally been completed and is now being printed for the residents and their representatives. It will be distributed at family counsel.
  - g.) Kiosk – One Question – Is our facility meeting your expectations? 83% -satisfied 17%-unhappy.

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

1. Reports - Absenteeism, Mandation, FMLA, Payroll Performance, Work Related Injuries, Report Card
2. EHR – The CNR’s software vendor, Reliable Health Systems, has provided a library of forms for departmental customization as the CNR moves forward with its efforts to reduce the paper elements of its medical record. Some of the new forms will be implemented starting in August.
3. CMS Requirements of Participation (RoP) – The CNR is actively reviewing compliance with new regulatory requirements that are being implanted in three phases. The second phase implementation date is November 28. The regulatory changes being implemented are the most significant since 1989. CNR departments are reviewing and revising policies, facilitating additional staff training and developing approaches for staff competency evaluations. Additionally, emergency preparedness requirements are expanding.
4. RN/LPN Recruitment – The CNR has successfully recruited one additional per diem Charge Nurse. RN needs are resolving but some relief coverage for weekend shifts remains a need. There are several full-time LPN vacancies on the evening and night shift. Recruitment is ongoing.
5. Nursing Assistant Training Program – The next Nursing Assistant training program is scheduled to start August 28. As of July 25 there have been 27 applications requested and 14 returned.
6. Carnival – The CNR will hold its annual carnival and car show on Wednesday, August 23 from 10 AM to 3:30 PM. Sheriff Dougherty will exhibit the armored vehicle/MRAP in the car show. Board members are encouraged to visit the carnival and experience the special day facilitated by staff and volunteers.
7. NYS DOH Electronic Death Registration System – The NYS DOH is implementing an electronic death certificate submission process. Implementation is expected in August for Livingston County. The CNR medical staff and nursing supervisors will be trained in the submission process to be in compliance.
8. The American Red Cross is holding a Blood Drive at the CNR in the Atrium on Thursday, August 3 from 12- 5pm.



9. Carnival is Wednesday, August 23 10-3:30.

**OTHER – IAN COYLE**

Shared Services – Today is the date for submission. Mr. Coyle reviewed the many examples of shared services that we are currently doing.

Chairman Gott explained that the 9/13/17 Board meeting falls on the first day of the NYSAC Fall Conference and he is interested in canceling that Board meeting. The Human Services Committee agreed to cancel the meeting.

Rob Stathem explained that he was here today to introduced himself and let the County know of all the free trainings and support offered by New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – DIANE DEANE (1 Attachment)**  
**Informational Item(s) Written Only**

1. Statement of Appropriations (Monthly) (June) – Attached
2. Statistics (Monthly) (June)

	<u>June</u>	<u>% Change from Jan</u>
<b>Temporary Assistance Cases (TA):</b>		
Family Assistance	308	-0.96%
Safety Net	345	-1.99%
<b>Total</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>-1.51%</b>
<b>Medicaid Cases (MA):</b>		
Community	1664	-26.31%
Chronic Care	239	-0.42%
Foster Care	160	6.67%
SSI	1271	-0.24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3334</b>	<b>-14.99%</b>
<b>Livingston County Citizens receiving some form of Medicaid service:</b>		
<b>Cases In Transit</b>	105	
<b>NYSOH</b>	5636	
<b>Livingston County DSS</b>	5194	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10935</b>	
<b>Medicaid Managed Care Individuals (Monthly Premium):</b>		
These Individuals are included in above TA\MA.		
Mainstream Managed Care	3089	
HARP	270	
Managed Long Term Care-Community	65	
Managed Long Term Care-Nursing Home	60	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3484</b>	<b>-26.37%</b>
<b>Food Stamp Cases:</b>	2446	<b>-24.88%</b>

<b>SSI Food Stamp Cases:</b>	804	
<b>Child Care Cases:</b>	155	<b>-21.32%</b>
<b>Protective Services for Adults (PSA):</b>	57	<b>-6.56%</b>
<u>Financial Mgmt</u>	49	
<u>Home Mgmt</u>	47	
<u>Personal Care</u>	27	
Level I	7	
Level II	19	
Level I pending	1	
<u>Guardianship Cases</u>	5	
Awaiting discharge	4	
Pending	3	
Assessment assists	96	
<b>Preventive Services:</b>	57	<b>1.79%</b>
<u>Probation caseload</u>	38	<b>15.15%</b>
<u>School based consults</u>	214	
<u>School based active</u>	0	
<u>TASA (Case Management for Pregnant/Parenting Teens) Active</u>	1	
<b>Child Protective Services (CPS):</b>		
<b>New Assignments</b>	46	
<b>Foster Care</b>	<b>85</b>	
<b>Foster Children - DSS Custody</b>	48	<b>-5.88%</b>

3. The Department's first project utilizing the Lean improvement process was launched in July. Two staff were trained at the Governor's Empire Boot Camp in December and led a group that developed initiatives to improve the case file management process.
4. The summer camp program was the beneficiary of two donations this year, the Children's Protection Association donated \$2,000 and the DSS Employee Committee donated \$400.

## **VETERAN'S SERVICES AGENCY – JASON SKINNER**

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

#### **Office statistics for May and June:**

In May we had 29 walk-ins and 17 appointments. In June 32 walk-ins and 19 appointments

In the months of June and July we have seen an uptick in home visits and homeless veterans.

We have had four home visits for veterans that are unable to make it to our office. We have had four homeless veterans reach out to our office. Our homeless veterans have come from Avon, Leicester, Conesus, and Mount Morris.

Our office has seen 19 walk-ins and 23 appointments as of July 24, 2017. Our current wait is 2 to 3 weeks for an appointment. We currently have over 150 pending actions for cases and claims. We were unable to accommodate walk-ins due to 3 home visits and one homeless veteran. It is difficult when we need to be in Rochester advocating for a HUD VASH voucher for a veteran to be readily available for random walk-ins. The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program combines Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VA provides these services for participating Veterans at VA medical centers (VAMCs) and community-based outreach clinics. HUD vouchers are usually designated by County. A VASH voucher is regional and will not count against our counties limited HUD vouchers. This VA program has been available to us since 2008.

News and legislation effecting local veterans:

The American Legion through its legislative agenda is supporting a new bill that will extend the G.I. Bill education benefit for the lifetime of the veteran. The current G.I. Bill expires within 10 or 15 years depending on the version a veteran is qualified for.

The Canandaigua VA has been allocated \$141 million in federal funding for a construction project at the Medical Center. The highlight is an 84,000 square foot outpatient clinic, with other building upgrades and renovation on tap as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Rees, IIMC-CMC  
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.