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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Location: Yates County Legislative Chambers

Date: January 5, 2026 at 1:15 p.m.

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2025 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Edward Bronson, Terry Button, Leigh MacKerchar, Jesse Jayne, George Lawson

- Ed & Leigh will do the audit this month
- Zoom Attendees/Attendance
- Approve minutes from the December 1st meeting
- Public Comment

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Matthew Tantillo

- Grant Status Report
- Statistic Report

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Marianne Rosica-Brand

- Action items
- Program Updates
- Other

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

Resolution(s):

- Authorize Contract with Child and Family Resources
- HEAP
- Homeless
- Childcare

- NYS Unemployment
- Unemployment Rates
- 2025 Q4 Goal Status
- 2026 Goals

PUBLIC HEALTH: Alyssa Broome-Quissimisse

- 2025 Q4 Goal Status
- 2026 Goals
- Staffing & Workforce Development
- Public Health Program Updates

VETERANS: Douglas Gibbs

- Veterans' Service Projects
- Personnel, Training & Conference Updates
- Veteran Services Update
- Statistics (Attached)
- Upcoming Veteran-Related Training, Meetings and Community Events
- Payments
- 2025 Q4 Goal Status
- 2026 Goals

COMMUNITY SERVICES: Lisa Principio

Resolution(s):

- Amend Resolution No. 443-25 (Mark Reynolds, PHD)
 - Authorize Chair to Sign Contract with Finger Lakes Addictions Counseling and Referral Agency (FLACRA) (Drop-In)
 - Authorize Chair of the Legislature to Sign Contract with the Finger Lakes Addiction Counseling and Referral Agency (Opioid Settlement-Housing Services)
 - Authorize Legislature Chair to Sign Contract with Our Town Rocks (Opioid Settlement-Harm Reduction, Educational Materials, and Linkage)
 - Authorize Legislature Chair to Sign Contract with the Yates County Public Health Department (Opioid Settlement-Credible Mind Website)
 - Authorize Chair to Sign Contract with Catholic Charities Steuben/Livingston (Mentoring)
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- Program Updates
 - 2025 Q4 Goal Status
 - 2026 Goals

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Jessica Mullins

- Nothing to report

Executive Session – if needed

YATES COUNTY					
Non-Competitive Grants					
Grant	Grant Term	Amount	Claimed	Balance Remaining	Comments
Dist. #1	June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2012	\$7,134.00	\$1,155.19	\$5,978.81	Grant Expired.
Dist. #2	June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2015	\$48,684.00	\$19,994.63	\$28,689.37	Grant Expired.
Dist. #3	June 1, 2013 - May 31, 2016	\$48,684.00	\$0.00	\$48,684.00	Grant Expired.
Dist. #4	January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2016	\$48,684.00	\$0.00	\$48,684.00	Grant Expired.
Dist. #5	January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2017	\$97,368.00	\$0.00	\$97,368.00	Grant Expired.
Dist. #6	January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2018	\$48,684.00	\$0.00	\$48,684.00	Grant Expired.
Dist. #7	January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2020	\$48,684.00	\$22,875.00	\$25,809.00	Grant Expired.
Dist. #8	January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020	\$64,912.00	\$64,912.00	\$0.00	Grant Expired.
Dist. #9 (James)	January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2022	\$48,684.00	\$38,968.88	\$9,715.12	Grant Expired.
Dist. #10 (CAFA)	January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2023	\$48,684.00	\$44,627.00	\$4,057.00	Grant Expired.
Dist. #11 (Steve)	January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2023	\$97,368.00	\$97,368.00	\$0.00	Grant Expired.
Dist. #12 (James)	January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2024	\$48,684.00	\$32,456.00	\$16,228.00	Grant Expired.
Dist. #13 (CAFA)	January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025	\$48,684.00	\$48,684.00	\$0.00	Grant Expired.
Dist. #14 (Steve)	January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026	\$97,368.00	\$8,114.00	\$89,254.00	Grant Expired.
Dist. #14 (CAFA & F/Ct Services)	January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026	\$146,052.00	\$32,430.18	\$113,621.82	Claim for \$21,199.74 received on 11/19/2025. Claim for \$11,230.44 received on 8/4/2025. Final Contract received 5/30/2025. Resolution No. 187-25
Statewide (H-H) 1st	April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2024	\$1,388,935.20	\$670,185.25	\$718,749.95	Grant Expired.
Statewide (Hurrell-Harring) 2nd	April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027	\$2,414,432.07	\$328,279.55	\$2,086,152.52	Claim for \$72,520.03 received on 10/30/2025. Claim for \$64,035.75 received on 8/4/25. Claim for \$55,146.69 received on 4/30/2025. Second Budget Modification Amended Contract signed by comptroller 6/2/2025. Claim for \$70,948.36 received on 1/30/2025. Resolution No. 60-25 & 226-25
Competitive Grants					
Grant	Grant Term	Amount	Claimed	Balance Remaining	Comments
Counsel at First Appearance (CAFA)	6/01/13 to 5/31/16 (Extended to 7/31/2019)	\$156,200.00	\$132,178.40	\$24,021.60	Grant Expired.
Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction (Upstate QI)	1/01/14 to 12/31/16 (Extended to 12/31/18)	\$122,111.00	\$91,003.00	\$31,108.00	Grant Expired.
Second Upstate Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction (2 nd Upstate QI)	7/01/17 to 6/30/22	\$298,500.00	\$139,385.27	\$159,114.73	Grant Expired.
Third Upstate Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction (3rd Upstate QI) (3rd Assistant Public Defender)	7/01/2020 to 6/30/2024	\$298,500.00	\$250,439.17	\$48,060.84	Grant Expired.
Fourth Family Defense Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction Grant (Family Court)	1/01/2025 to 12/31/2027	\$750,000.00	\$95,674.85	\$654,325.15	Claim for \$33,537.74 received on 10/31/2025. Claim for \$38,801.77 received on 8/4/2025. Claim for \$23,335.34 received on 6/20/2025. Final Contract Received 5/20/2025. Resolution No. 186-25
Fourth Upstate Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction Grant (3rd Assistant Public Defender)	7/01/2023 to 6/30/2026	\$298,500.00	\$132,449.18	\$166,050.82	Claim for \$25,706.86 received on 10/30/2025. Claim for \$31,803.33 received on 8/4/2025. Claim for \$21,901.61 received on 4/30/2025. Resolution No. 56-24

Year to Date Summary					
Grant	Date Submitted	Amount	Date Received	Amount	Grant Amount Remaining
Dist. #9			1/20/2022	\$4,057.00	\$25,943.12
Dist. #10			1/20/2022	\$4,057.00	\$32,456.00
Dist. #11			1/20/2022	\$8,114.00	\$64,912.00
2nd Upstate QI			3/11/2022	\$2,380.00	Grant Expired
Dist. #9			4/19/2022	\$4,057.00	\$21,886.12
Dist. #10			5/16/2022	\$4,057.00	\$28,399.00
Dist. #11			4/26/2022	\$8,114.00	\$56,798.00
3rd Upstate QI			6/30/2022	\$22,896.25	\$275,603.75
Dist. #9			7/27/2022	\$4,057.00	\$17,829.12
Dist. #10			8/2/2022	\$4,057.00	\$24,342.00
Dist. #11			8/1/2022	\$8,114.00	\$48,684.00
3rd Upstate QI			9/2/2022	\$20,593.07	\$255,010.68
Dist. #9			11/16/2022	\$4,057.00	\$13,772.12
Dist. #11			11/16/2022	\$8,114.00	\$40,570.00
3rd Upstate QI			11/16/2022	\$25,199.42	\$229,811.26
Dist. #10			11/16/2022	\$3,883.53	\$20,458.47
Dist. #9			2/8/2023	\$4,057.00	Grant Expired
Dist. #10			2/8/2023	\$4,230.47	\$16,228.00
Dist. #11			2/8/2023	\$8,114.00	\$32,456.00
3rd Upstate QI			2/8/2023	\$25,199.42	\$204,611.84
Dist. #12			6/5/2023	\$4,057.00	\$44,627.00
Dist. #11			6/5/2023	\$8,114.00	\$24,342.00
H-H Year 3			6/22/2023	\$195,564.68	\$4,057.00
Dist. #10			6/2/2023	\$4,057.00	\$12,171.00
3rd Upstate QI			6/2/2023	\$22,984.30	\$181,627.55
Dist. #10			8/22/2023	\$4,057.00	\$8,114.00
Dist. #11			8/8/2023	\$8,114.00	\$16,198.00
Dist. #12			8/8/2023	\$4,057.00	\$40,570.00
3rd Upstate QI			8/8/2023	\$28,288.04	\$153,339.51
Dist. #10			11/2/2023	\$4,057.00	Grant Expired
Dist. #11			11/1/2023	\$8,114.00	\$8,114.00
Dist. #12			11/2/2023	\$4,057.00	\$36,513.00
3rd Upstate QI			1/16/2024	\$23,270.72	\$130,068.79
Dist. #12			2/6/2024	\$4,057.00	\$32,456.00
Dist. #13			2/6/2024	\$4,057.00	\$44,627.00
Dist. #11			4/5/2024	\$8,114.00	\$0.00
3rd Upstate QI			2/6/2024	\$28,288.02	\$101,780.77
H-H Year 4			3/20/2024	\$238,100.15	\$725,477.38
3rd Upstate QI			5/3/2024	\$25,289.94	\$76,490.83
Dist. #12			5/3/2024	\$4,057.00	\$28,399.00
Dist. #13			5/3/2024	\$4,057.00	\$40,570.00
Dist. #14			5/3/2024	\$8,114.00	\$89,254.00
Dist. #12			8/22/2024	\$4,057.00	\$24,342.00
Dist. #13			8/22/2024	\$4,057.00	\$36,513.00
Dist. #14			8/22/2024	\$8,114.00	\$81,140.00
3rd Upstate QI			9/9/2024	\$28,429.99	Grant Expired
Dist. #12			10/28/2024	\$4,057.00	\$20,285.00
Dist. #13			10/28/2024	\$4,057.00	\$32,456.00
Dist. #14			10/28/2024	\$8,114.00	\$8,114.00
4th Upstate QI			10/28/2024	\$23,701.54	\$274,798.46
H-H1 Final			11/6/2024	\$6,727.43	Grant Expired
H-H2 Claim 1			1/3/2025	\$30,647.00	
H-H2 Claim 2			1/3/2025	\$34,981.72	\$2,348,803.35
H-H2 Claim 3			1/30/2025	\$70,948.36	\$2,277,854.99
4th Upstate QI			1/30/2025	\$29,335.84	\$227,127.22
Dist. #12			1/30/2025	\$4,057.00	\$16,228.00
Dist. #13			1/30/2025	\$4,057.00	\$28,399.00
4th Upstate QI			4/30/2025	\$21,901.61	\$223,561.01
Dist. #13			5/5/2025	\$17,055.48	\$11,343.52
H-H2 Claim 4			4/30/2025	\$55,146.69	\$2,222,708.30
4th Family Defense			6/20/2025	\$23,335.34	\$726,664.66
Dist. #13			8/4/2025	\$11,343.52	\$0.00
Dist. #14			8/4/2025	\$11,230.44	\$134,821.56
4th Upstate QI			8/4/2025	\$31,803.33	\$191,757.68
4th Family Defense			8/4/2025	\$38,801.77	\$687,862.89
H-H2 Claim			8/4/2025	\$64,035.75	\$2,158,672.55
Dist. #14			9/30/2025	\$21,199.74	\$113,621.82
4th Upstate QI			10/30/2025	\$25,706.86	\$166,050.82
4th Family Defense			9/30/2025	\$33,537.74	\$654,325.15
H-H2 Claim			10/30/2025	\$72,520.03	\$2,086,152.52
Total	Submitted	\$0.00	Received Since 2022	\$1,513,294.19	

Public Defender
Report for Month of December 2025

Court	Type			January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year to Date		
Criminal	Trial Level	Felony	Violent	1	0	2	8	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	3			
			Non-Violent	4	6	4	4	4	5	6	6	10	7	7	3			
		Misdemeanor/Violation			30	25	32	18	25	35	29	25	42	15	24	21		
	Appeal	Felony	Violent	Verdicts														
				Guilty Pleas														
				Other														
			Non-Violent	Verdicts														
				Guilty Pleas														
				Other														
	Misdemeanor	Verdicts																
		Guilty Pleas																
		Other																
	Other	Violation of Probation			2	1	2	3	1	0	2	2	2	1	3	1		
		Parole Hearings (and SORA)			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1		
		Conflict Cases (Note 1)			4	4	5	9	4	3	5	8	12	4	4	7		
		Drug Court (Note 1)			3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1		
		Other																
Monthly Totals				37	32	41	33	31	40	39	34	56	25	36	29			
Cases Closed/Vouchered				27	19	36	32	30	46	33	35	49	21	28	24			
Family	Trial Level			6	10	9	15	7	11	9	19	13	9	8	9			
	Appeal																	
	Conflict Cases (Note1)			8	2	7	5	4	6	4	6	15	2	8	6			
	Monthly Totals			6	10	9	15	7	11	9	19	13	9	8	9			
	Cases Closed/Vouchered			4	8	5	5	7	26	7	13	19	8	5	4			
Ongoing	Total Active Cases: Family Court						53	55	41	42	48	42	43	46	52			
Ongoing	Total Active Cases: Criminal Courts			175	190	197	202	156	142	148	143	146	151	156	156			

Notes: 1. Not included in totals.

**Yates County Human Services Committee Meeting
Pro Action Yates Report
December 2025**

Action Items:

Program Updates:

1. Legal Assistance:
0 individuals were referral for services in November. 10 people served for 15.8 hours in November.
2. Information and Assistance:
818 people served via I&A with 577 units in November.
3. NY Connects
6 units for 5 individuals in November.

4. HIICAP (Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program):
139 units for 135 individuals in November. for 1:1 counseling. 104 Reference Guide packets distributed in November. 4 Medicare Open Enrollment presentations held in November.

5. Transportation:
74 medical trips were provided to 12 individuals in November. 0 trips included a transportation companion riding along.

26 non-medical trips were provided to 7 individuals in November.

One Substitute Driver out until start of January. Capacity for trips is limited.

Job posting for a 2nd full-time driver done on 6/12/25. No applications received yet.

Job posting for Substitute Driver done on 8/7/25.

We have utilized the Uber driver with GoGo for one rider. This driver is limited to area of Middlesex, Canandaigua, and Rochester. There has not been a replacement taxi vendor found after the loss of Plan B Transit taxi vendor. GoGo will let us know when they find another taxi vendor. Meeting with GoGo on 12/4/25 for overview of the program.

6. Health Promotion:
Yates Wellness Program is running well and is offering Bone Builders, Tai Chi for Arthritis, Walk with Ease, and Bingocize. Bone Builders is the only class that is offered

in person and on Teams. The other classes are all in-person. New class series started 10/2/25 and ends 12/18/25, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-11:00 am. We had 40 people enrolled in Bone Builders with 142 units of service in November.

Beginner Tai Chi for Arthritis: This class meets for 16 weeks. New class series started 10/22/25 and ended 2/4/26, held on Wednesdays from 11:00am-12:00 pm. We had 14 people enrolled with 45 units of service in November.

Bingocize is 10-week series for 45-60 minutes each session twice a week. Current class series started 9/8/25 and ends 11/14/25, held on Mondays and Fridays from 12:00-1:00 pm. We had 7 people enrolled with 39 units of service in November.

7. Personal Emergency Response System:

We have 93 units in homes, with 6 second pendants in place, and additional 9 panic buttons units in October. 21 of these homes have the cellular PERS units. 3 new installs for November. There were 3 Project Lifesaver customers in November.

8. Senior Nutrition:

In October we served 48 HDM daily. We have 7 bulk, once a week deliveries.

Each HDM customer has 4 shelf-stable emergency meals on hand.

Part-Time Driver has started and does HDM deliveries in Yates County.

St. Mark's Terrace Penn Yan has 32 dine-ins and 11 grab-n-go customers daily.

New RD started in mid-November, currently getting caught up with Nutrition Counseling and Nutrition Education needs while working with Prevention Services Coordinator. Will work closely with Steuben County RD for menus and kitchen inspections.

9. Special Event Dinners

December Holidays Special Event Dinner scheduled for 12/17/25.

10. EISEP Case Management:

Traditional aide service: PCI Housekeeping= 25, PCII Personal Care= 1 in November.

Consumer Directed Care: PCI Housekeeping= 3, PCII Personal Care= 0 in November.

National Family Caregiver Services Program (NFCSP) Respite: = 1 in November

There are 0 individuals on the wait list for PCI services, 0 for PCII, 0 for Consumer Directed Care, and 0 individual for NFCSP Respite in November.

New Full-Time Housekeeping Aide position started on 11/17/25 so we have 3 full-time aides.

11. Pop Up Pantry:

We served 220 Households containing 197 seniors, 248 adults, and 299 children, 744 total participants in November. We have increased the maximum registration number to 275.

12. The Hope Center

297 Families were served containing 246 children, 426 adults and 186 seniors. 858 individuals served. 4 Emergency application processed in November.

Other:

**Human Services Report
Department of Social Services
January 2026**

Resolutions

Enter into a contract with Child and Family Resources for childcare registration

HEAP

As of December 22, the department has received 349 HEAP applications. Of these, 240 have been approved, 38 applications have been denied, and 71 applications are pending. We have distributed \$186,911 in benefits to providers. At the end of December in 2024, we had approved 394 applications and distributed \$277,743 in benefits.

The Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement (HERR) program was also reinstated for people who are 60 or over. This moves the financial responsibility for emergencies for those 60 and under to the Temporary Assistance Program.

Homeless

During December, we housed 18 people through the regular Temporary Assistance Caseload (2 families with children). We housed 10 through Code Blue. People are housed at Keuka Housing, America's Best, Fingerlakes Inn and Suites, the Super 8 in Bath, and the Super 8 in Canandaigua. Last year, for the same month, we housed 27 through Temporary Assistance and 10 through Code Blue.

Childcare

As mentioned in previous reports, statewide allocations for childcare assistance have gone down considerably after several years of increases. Funding for childcare assistance is beneficial for our community, as it enables families to work and provides support to childcare centers and in-home providers.

2025-\$1,078,056	156 Children Served (88 families)
2024-\$688,830	134 Children Served (89 families)
2023-\$477,700	116 Children Served (69 Families)
2022-\$224,860	63 Children Served (44 families)

Our most recent allocation (October 2025-September 2026) is \$137,796. As you can imagine, some families will become ineligible during the recertification process. The department is required to serve all families who meet the federal priorities, and with the drop in funding, those may be the only families we can serve.

The Federal Childcare Priorities are homelessness, income at or below 300% of the State Income Standard, and children with special needs.

Family Size	New York State Income Standard (SIS)	300% SIS
1	\$15,650	\$46,950
2	\$21,150	\$63,450
3	\$26,650	\$79,950
4	\$32,150	\$96,450
5	\$37,650	\$112,950
6	\$43,150	\$129,450
7	\$48,650	\$145,950

NYS Unemployment

There are currently 187 people in Yates County receiving unemployment; 183 of those people are subject to work search.

Unemployment Rates

	October 2025	October 2024	October 2023
Ontario	3.4	2.7	3.1
Seneca	3.6	3.1	3.1
Wayne	3.5	3.0	3.0
Yates	3.3	2.5	2.9
Monroe	4.1	3.4	3.7

2025 Goals

1. Our percentage of on-time CPS case determinations will be at least 95%, measured by monthly reports from OCFS.
January 100%, February 100%, March 100%, April 100%, May 100%, June 97%, July 100%, August 94%, September 89%, October 85%. *We do not have numbers for November and December yet, but I assume they will be similar to October due to staffing issues.*
2. Our percentage of on-time SNAP determinations will be at least 90%, measured by monthly reports from OTDA.
January 87%, February 92%, March 95%, April 93%, May 88%, June 100%, July 100%, August 85 %, September 98%, October 100%, November 100%.
3. Certify seven new foster homes.
Seven new foster homes have been certified.

2026 Goals

1. Our percentage of on-time CPS 7-day safety assessments will be at least 90%, measured by monthly reports from OCFS.
2. Our percentage of on-time Temporary Assistance Determinations will be at least 90% as measured by reports from OTDA.
3. Develop and implement a new hire extended onboarding process.

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH CHILD AND FAMILY RESOURCES

BE IT RESOLVED, that after review by the County Attorney, the Commissioner of Social Services, and the Chair of the Legislature be authorized to sign contracts with the following agency for approved funding for the time frame 1/1/2026-12/31/2026:

<u>Agency/Organization</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Child and Family Resources –	Childcare Registration	\$37,741

And, be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be provided the Commissioner of Social Services, Yates County Treasurer, and Director of Finance.

YATES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
Human Services Committee Report- January 2026
Submitted by Alyssa Broome-Quissimisse

Department Goals:

2025 Goal Updates

1. Achieve reaccreditation with the Public Health Accreditation Board.
 - a. Status: In progress: Deadline for reaccreditation was extended until June 2026.
2. In concert with the Pivotal Public Health Partnership, complete and publish the Community Health Assessment and associated Community Health Improvement Plan.
 - a. Status: In progress: The Community Health Assessment was submitted in December 2025. The state extended the deadline for the Community Health Improvement Plan until June 2026.
3. Assist reorganization of the Yates Prevention Coalition, including the Suicide Prevention Program and Substance Use Prevention Program.
 - a. Status: In progress. The coalition is currently being housed under the Community Services Department and working to become a self-sufficient community coalition in 2026.

2026 Goals

1. Recruit and onboard one vacant Full-time Public Health Nurse by July 31, 2025.
2. By December 31, 2026, reorganize the department to align with a population-based public health model and ensure 100% of the public health programming staff have received training to integrate public health program management, development, and evaluation into their programs.
3. Launch a multi-year youth vaping prevention program utilizing the JUUL Settlement funds in partnership with the Yates Prevention Coalition.

Staffing & Workforce Development:

Public Health welcomed Peyton Comfort (MPH) to our team as the new communicable disease and rabies public health specialist on December 15, 2025. Peyton graduated from Boston University with a Master of Public Health in Environmental Sciences in May 2025. The department is excited for the skills in epidemiology and program development that she will bring to the team.

The department is still recruiting one public health nurse for our immunization, tuberculosis, and maternal & child health programming which has been vacant since January 2023. In 2025, there were 2 public health nurse application received, both which withdrew, and the position was temporarily filled by a registered nurse who left within four months of hiring for a higher paying job.

Public Health Program Updates:

Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan

Public Health recently submitted the regional Community Health Assessment and Yates County Community chapter to New York State, including our selected priorities of Housing Stability and Affordability, Preventive Services for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control and Anxiety & Stress that were chosen by Choose Health Yates Partners and community members. The next steps are the development of the Community Health Improvement Plan that is due June 2026. The next Choose Health Yates Committee will work to select objectives and evidence-based interventions in each priority area chosen.

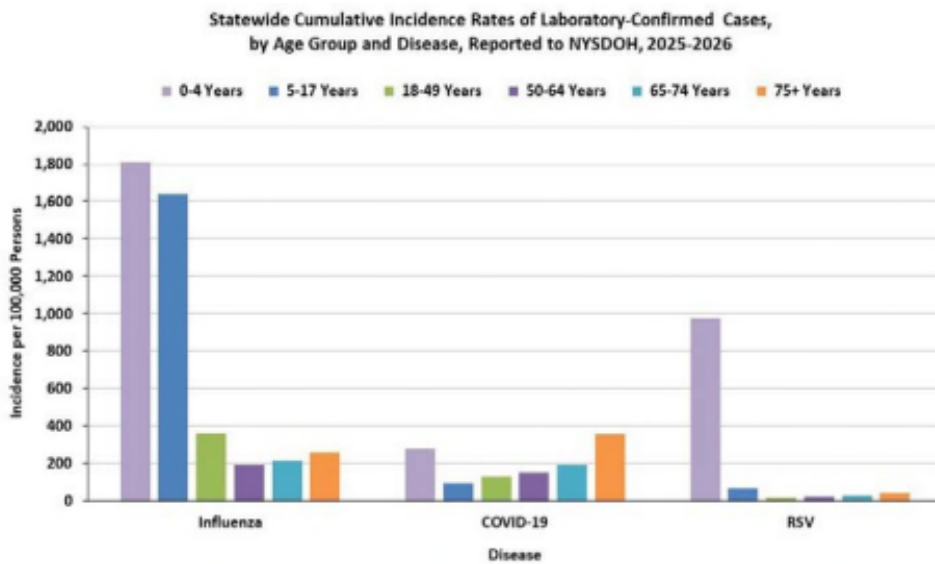
Infectious Disease

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is reporting widespread geographic activity for both **COVID-19** and **Influenza**, while **RSV** continues to show local geographic activity. Influenza A remains the dominant strain in New York; among subtyped samples, 94% are influenza A(H3) and 6% are influenza A(H1N1).

On December 2, 2025, the State Health Commissioner officially declared influenza prevalent in New York. For the week ending December 13, laboratory-confirmed influenza cases rose by 83% over the previous week, totaling 47,522 confirmed cases. During this same period, the incidence of COVID-19 and RSV also increased by 6% and 23%, respectively.

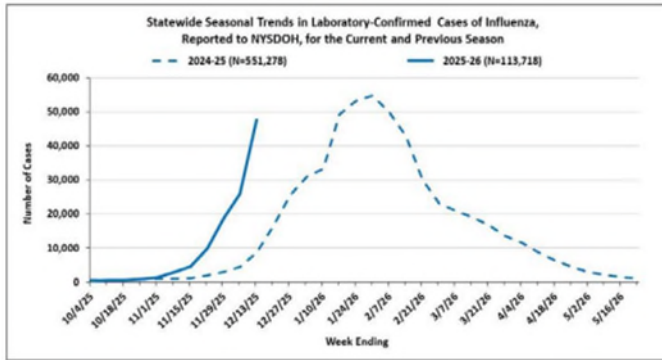
Yates County has had 46 Influenza A cases, 2 Influenza B, 4 RSV cases and 77 COVID-19 laboratory-confirmed cases from October 1 to December 22, 2025.

Below is a graphic of incidence rates of laboratory-confirmed cases by age group for New York State.

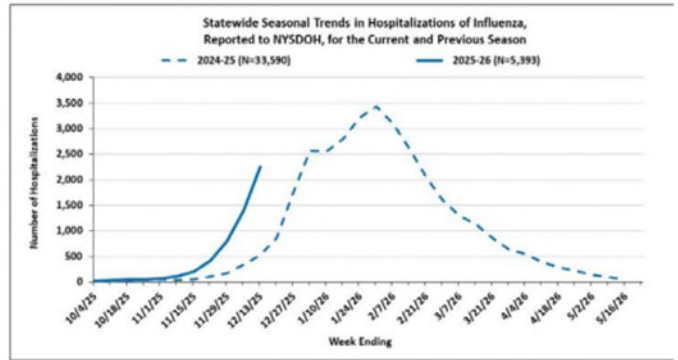


Below illustrates weekly trends of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases in New York, indexed against the 2024–2025 season. Data indicates a higher incidence of cases in early December compared to the previous year.

Cases



Hospitalizations



New York State is seeing increase cases of gastrointestinal illnesses related to *Noroviruses*. Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, stomach cramps, diarrhea, and potentially a low-grade fever and is spread by person-to-person contact or consumption of contaminated food or water.

New York State Agriculture and Markets detected *Salmonella* in *raw milk* on December 8, 2025 from Burkholder's Farm in Branchport, NY and is urging any consumer who purchased this milk to discard of it. The *Salmonella* was detected during routine quarterly testing that is required from farmers to sell raw milk directly to consumers. Yates County has not had any reports of Salmonella due to the consumption of the milk from the farm.

Prior to this, the departments health educator has been working with our regional partners to examine and contribute to improving existing public health policies and laws surrounding raw milk. The team is working to apply a Health Impact Assessment to help understand the potential health effects of raw milk consumption within certain vulnerable populations, leading to policy recommendations and mitigations. The department will engage with the general public along with dairy farmers to understand why people drink or avoid raw milk, and what dairy farmers think about the current rules for selling raw milk in New York State.

Immunizations

Yates County continues to have some of the worst immunizations rates in New York State making our county susceptible and categorized as high risk for disease outbreaks. As of December 16, 2025, the CDC is reporting 1,958 cases of confirmed *measles* in the United States this year. New York State has reported 21 cases since October 1, 2025 in Rockland County. All cases in New York State were confirmed to be unvaccinated with a majority being under 5.

As of January 1, 2025, Yates County's MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccination rate is the worst in the state with only 55.8% of residence receiving 1 MMR dose by 2 years of age, compared to the state average of 81.2% and below the 95% threshold to achieve herd immunity. The recommended childhood vaccination schedule indicates that the first dose of the MMR vaccine be administered between 12 and 15 months and their second dosage between 4 to 6 years, prior to starting Kindergarten.

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory illness that causes high fevers, rash, cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes. Measles can cause severe complications including pneumonia, brain swelling, and brain infection. Children under five are at greater risk of severe complications.

Human Services Committee Meeting
January 5th, 2025
Veterans' Services Agency (VSA)

I. Resolutions:

- None

II. Veterans' Service Projects:

- **PFC Dwyer Veteran Suicide Prevention Program.**
 - Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program, held five events during the month of December with 57 attendees, a Veteran Coffee n' Cards event in Penn Yan on December 6th, a Veteran Corn Hole Tournament event on December 6th, a Veteran Coffee Hour Event on December 9th, a Veteran Bowling Night Event on December 11th, and a Veteran Haircut Social on December 17th.
 - Increasing coordination of events with Army Reserve Unit.
- **VSA**
 - Tina Roberts started as Clerk/Typist on 17 December
 - 4th quarter 2025 Goals update
 - 2026 Goals

III. Personnel, Training & Conference Updates:

- None

IV. Veteran Services Update:

- **Contact Report:** Our Monthly Services Report for December shows 125 services were provided.
- **Transportation:** VSA Director and VSO made arrangements for 46 Veteran transports during the month of December There were 5 cancellations and 0 no driver cancellations. VSA volunteers, using county vehicles, provided 21 Veteran transports to medical appointments. Transportation was also provided for 6 additional Veterans where a volunteer used their own vehicle. Transportation was also provided for 14 additional Veterans where a volunteer used the DAV van. Transportation was also provided for 0 additional Veteran by OFA. Total mileage for the trips using county vehicles was 1382 and a total of 71 hours. Total number of Veterans transported 12.

V. **Summary of Statistical Data:** (see attached spreadsheet).

VI. **Upcoming Veteran-Related Training, Meetings, and Community Events:**

- **Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – Coffee n Cards**
Date: Saturday – January 3rd, 1:00 p.m.
Location: Keuka Candy Emporium – 131 Main Street, Penn Yan
- **FLVAC meeting**
Date: Wednesday-January 7th, 10:30 a.m.
- **Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – Corn Hole Tournament**
Date: Monday – January 10th, 3:00 p.m.
Location: Johnson-Costello Post #355, Penn Yan
- **Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – St. Mark’s Veterans Coffee Hour**
Date: Monday – January 13th, 9:30 a.m.
Location: 110 Chapel Street, Penn Yan
- **New York State Division of Veterans’ Services (NYS DVS) VSO training**
Date: Thursday – January 8th, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Location: via Webex virtual platform
- **Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – Veteran Haircut Social**
Date: Wednesday – January 14th, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Elm Street Barbershop – 104 Elm Street, Penn Yan
- **Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program - Veteran Bowling**
Date: Thursday January 15th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location: Brock’s Bowling, 201 Brown Street, Penn Yan

2025 Regular Payments

360 Payments/month

\$752,046.30/month

\$9,024,555.72 total for 2025

2025 Retroactive Payments by month

January - \$16,312.76

February - \$27,038.85

March - \$4,151.33

April - \$12,552.75

May - \$30,215.15

June - \$11,195.28

July - \$22,732.02

August - \$1,613.47

September - \$52,699.40

October - \$42,076.20

November - \$23,277.65

December - \$69,121.83

VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY - SERVICES PROVIDED TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES - May 2025

	Type of Service	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	DEC 2024	JAN 2025	Feb 2025
F E D E R A L	Disability Compensation	15	22	12	9	21	13	11	12	10	9	12	10	9
	Pension	1	3	3	1	1	3	4	1	2	5	5	2	4
	Healthcare	3	14	1	3	1	3	5	5	9	3	4	1	2
	Education	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Home Loan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Burial	2	5	7	4	5	3	3	2	3	3	4	5	2
	Medals	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Military Records	5	11	4	1	3	4	5	7	3	3	7	2	2
	Other	0	0	2	0	29	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
S T A T E	Gold Star Parents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Blind Annuity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supp Burial	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Home Loan	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Parks Passes	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hunting & Fishing Passes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
	Employment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Veterans Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Medals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
L O C A L	Transportation Coord. ⁴	44	59	46	56	49	42	58	64	43	46	51	26	50
	Property Tax	3	2	3	3	3	4	5	3	4	4	3	6	8
	Other ²	41	80	0	44	41	47	84	33	31	52	12	22	2
	Totals: ³	115	197	79	122	184	123	176	130	105	125	100	75	82
	Actual Transports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Initial Veteran/Family Contacts ¹	3	8	1	44	5	23	2	2	1	2	0	38	7

2025 Goals:

1. Increase Outreach

Yates County has a Veteran population of 1,440. We are currently in contact with 571 Veterans in Yates County. Our goal is to connect with every Veteran in Yates County by reaching the 869 Yates County Veterans we currently do not have contact with. We will accomplish this by reducing that number by 25% (217) a year over the next 4 years.

VSA will utilize all channels to increase our outreach to all Veterans in Yates County. Two of the channels we will focus on are increasing our interaction with Towns and Villages in Yates County beginning at the leadership level, and increasing our interaction/involvement with Community Agencies and Civic Groups on issues affecting Veterans.

Q1 Update: Added 62 new Veterans in 1st quarter. Slightly ahead of schedule. Have begun attending Town and Village board meetings to talk about VSA (attended Jerusalem Town Board meeting on March 19th). I am in close contact with Penn Yan and Dundee American Legions and VFW's, Guyanoga DAR Chapter, Middlesex Heritage Group, Penn Yan and Watkins Lions Clubs, Penn Yan and Dundee Rotary Clubs, Penn Yan Elks Lodge, Penn Yan Moose Lodge and Keuka College and many Yates county businesses and individuals.

Q2 Update: Added 40 new Veterans in 2nd quarter. Continuing with methods from Q1 update. Also, did presentation to Town Hall meeting and issued press release to WFLR, Finger Lakes Times, Chronicle Express and Dundee Observer. Seeing increased phone calls and office visits from these initiatives. Lastly crosschecking Veterans tax exemption list from Real Property with our database of Veterans. June - 31 new adds. May – 1 new add. April – 8 new adds.

Q3 Update: Added 37 new Veterans in 3rd quarter. Continuing to talk about this everywhere I go. Stressing the importance of knowing about all Veterans in the county. If we are not aware of them, they are missing out on benefits they deserve. Have completed cross checking Veterans tax exemption lists for Italy, Potter and Benton. Still working on Barrington, Starkey, Jerusalem, Middlesex and Milo.

Q4 Update: Added 4 new Veterans in 4th quarter. Tax Exemption lists : Town Of Barrington – 20 who are not in VSA database, Town of Italy – 13 who are not in VSA database, Town of Middlesex – 16 who are not in VSA database, Town of Torrey – 9 who are not in VSA database, Town of Potter – 9 who are not in VSA database, Town of Benton – 11 who are not in VSA database, Town of Milo – 31 who are not in VSA database, Town of Jerusalem – 8 who are not in VSA database and Town of Starkey 28 who are not in VSA database. Total of 146 individuals receiving Veteran Tax Exemptions VSA does not know about.

2. Continue to Celebrate Veterans Through Different Forms of Outreach Within the Community

Celebrate milestone's for Veterans within the county. March 29th, 2025 is Vietnam War Veterans Day and the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. VSA plans to host a

Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony (as we do every year) that will include a pinning ceremony. The goal is to contact all 357 Vietnam War Veterans in Yates County and personally invite them to attend the ceremony.

Q1 Update: Invited 230 Yates County residents who are Vietnam War Veterans. Received 50 RSVP's. Held pinning ceremony Saturday March 29th in the Penn Yan Academy auditorium followed by a reception at the Penn Yan American Legion.

Q2 Update: Working with Senator O'Mara's office to hold mass pinning ceremony for Vietnam Era Veterans the week of August 18th – 22nd. We have 815 Vietnam Era Veterans in our database. We will cross reference event sign ups with our database, and add anyone we do not have listed (Tied to item 1 and item 3). The bill naming section of Route 14 in honor of Sgt. James Scott Hayes by NY State has passed both houses and has been sent to Governor for signature. (Tied to item 3).

Q3 Update: Held pinning ceremony for Vietnam Era Veterans on August 21st for 60 Veterans. Ceremony for unveiling of signs naming of section of Route 14 in honor of Sgt. James Scott Hayes was held on Friday October 10th.

Q4 Update: See Q4 update for Goal #3 below.

3. Make the VSA a 'One Stop Shop' for All Veteran Related Activities/Events in Yates County.

Create a communication plan to drive groups and organizations throughout Yates County to funnel their event plans through VSA. This initiative will make the most out of our largest platform from 2024, "The Wall That Heals". We want to build on that success and continue to reinforce VSA as the 'go to' place for all things Veteran related. This will increase the amount of people these groups can reach by using all the resources and connections VSA has available. It will also reduce confusion and difficulty in scheduling events.

To accomplish this goal VSA will utilize a multi-pronged approach.

- 1) We will utilize all our outreach opportunities (see goal #1) to reinforce this.
- 2) We will utilize social media as well as print media and radio to disseminate and share information.
- 3) VSA Director will maintain contact with groups known to hold Veteran related events and strive to make new connections with groups we have not previously been involved with.
- 4) By continuing this process over time, we want to make this office be people's first thought regarding anything Veteran related in Yates county.

Q1 Update:

- 1) Whether speaking with individuals or groups while doing outreach, part of our message is to emphasize VSA as the "go to" source for all things Veteran related.

- 2) Utilizing radio, print and social media to disseminate and share information. In addition, VSA is building an information sharing plan to distribute information to all the organizations and entities we interact with. This includes towns, villages, civic organizations, churches, schools, VSA offices in other counties, our State and Federal representatives and the NY State Department of Veterans Services.
- 3) VSA is maintaining contact with groups already known while working to make new connections with groups involved in Veteran related activities.
- 4) We are already seeing the public beginning to look to us first about Veteran connected information, events and activities.

Q2 Update: Continuing process as stated in Q1 update. Presented information regarding Veterans issues to the Yates County Public Forum on May 29th (with appreciation to my stand in Herbie Snyder). Town of Milo Town Board Meeting April 21st. Met with Elks Lodge #1722 on April 30th to nominate Yates County Veterans to be honored at the Elks Region Patriot Day Ceremony in September. Town of Torrey Town Board Meeting May 13th. Attended VA Caregiver Summit on June 11th. The pinning ceremony and naming of Rt 14 near Dresden as Sgt James S. Hayes Memorial Highway help make the point that VSA is “go to” source for all things Veteran related. People are spreading the word about the way we deal with Veterans and their families and how we handle claims for benefits.

Q3 Update: Continuing process as stated in Q1 and Q2 updates. As stated in Q2 update “The pinning ceremony and naming of Rt 14 near Dresden as Sgt James S. Hayes Memorial Highway help make the point that VSA is “go to” source for all things Veteran related. We are getting calls and people coming in saying we were recommended to them. I am also receiving calls from organizations who want to hold Veterans events asking for our advice and participation. Word of mouth is our best method of outreach.

Q4 Update: Continuing as above. Also, the Yates County Veterans Memorial Park project has progressed to the design phase. We have reached agreement with the Village of Penn Yan to build on property at Lakeview cemetery. And Cornell has accepted our application for their design school to work with us to create a design for the park, to include renovating the Chapel. This project will involve the entire county and further cement the Yates County VSA as the “go to” source for all things Veteran related.

2026 Goals:

1. Increase Outreach Continuing

Our goal for 2025 was to add 217 new Veterans a year over the next 4 years until we are in contact with all 1,440 Veterans in Yates County. We added 143 new Veterans in 2025, 74 below our goal. This leaves 726 Veterans still to be connected with.

VSA utilized several methods to increase our outreach to all Veterans in Yates County. We focused on print and digital media and by speaking at Town and Village meetings in Yates County, and speaking to Community Agencies and Civic Groups.

In addition to the methods described above, we reviewed the Veteran Tax Exemption list from Real Property and found 146 Veterans on the list we have no knowledge of. Four months of attempting to work with town assessors to share Veterans DD 214's proved fruitless. Therefore, VSA will be writing letters to the 146 Veterans from the tax exemption list requesting them to come into our office.

We will continue to use all methods listed above in our outreach to find and connect with every Veteran in Yates County.

2. Increase Home Visits to House Bound Veterans and Veterans in Assisted Living

VSA is now fully staffed. The time savings from having a full staff frees Director up to do increased visitations to house bound Veterans and Veterans in assisted living. Since these Veterans cannot come in to the office we are able to bring our office to them using technology. We have the ability to do everything onsite that we can do in our office.

3. Build Yates County Dwyer Program

Create a plan to increase event attendance and increase the number of events per month. This was begun in the 4th quarter of 2025 with the close coordination with the Reserve Detachment in Penn Yan. We frequently request input from event attendees about what events they would like us to add. We will use their input to tailor our program to the interests and needs of our Yates County Veterans. We will also add seasonal events, i.e. fishing, kayaking, horseshoes, etc. as the seasons change and weather allows.



Community Services Report

January 2026

Resolutions:

Amendment to Resolution #443-25 (Mark Reynolds, PhD)

Authorize Chair to Sign Agreement with Finger Lakes Addiction Counseling and Referral Agency (FLACRA) (Drop-in)

Authorize Chair of the Legislature to Sign Contract with the Finger Lakes Addiction Counseling and Referral Agency (FLACRA) (Opioid Settlement-Housing Services)

Authorize Legislature Chair to Sign Contract with Our Town Rocks (Opioid Settlement- Harm Reduction, Educational Materials, and Linkage)

Authorize Legislature Chair to Sign Contract with the Yates County Public Health Department (Opioid Settlement- Credible Mind Website)

Authorize Chairman to Sign Contract with Catholic Charities Steuben/Livingston (Mentoring)

Program Updates:

Education Reimbursement Request Form

Safe Act: 2- reports 2- sent to DCJS

Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT): Current Cases-1 Investigations-0

Fiscal: An offer has been made and accepted for the Senior Account Clerk Typist position. Anticipated start date of January 5th.

Mentoring Program:

Catholic Charities Steuben/Livingston (CCSL) will be establishing the HOPE (Helping One Person Excel) Youth Mentoring Program in Yates County, NY. Beginning in early 2026, CCSL would launch one-on-one mentoring services with monthly group outings for rural youth in Yates County, working to recruit volunteer mentors, match them with youth, coordinate enrichment activities and community service, and build a sustainable mentoring infrastructure. These services address the gap in positive adult role models and youth development resources in the region.

Yates Prevention Coalition: 2025 newsletter attached

2025 Goals:

1. Develop and monitor the new Adult SPOA position with a 10% growth in the program from 2024.

a. This will be tracked utilizing a spreadsheet and will compare the numbers of referrals that Lakeview reported from last year.

For this position in 2024 there were 45 referrals. This year there were 85 referrals made for this service. This is a 47% increase. I believe that having this position in the department rather than contracting out is a direct result in the increase. It has allowed for better collaboration and communication among other departments and community providers.

2. Onboard and provide training and development to new staff by providing professional development opportunities and on-going supervision.

a. Professional development opportunities will be sent and recommended to new staff with an expectation of attending at least one training per quarter. On-going supervision will discuss administrative issues, professional development, review of cases and self-care. This will help support the new staff with a goal of retention. Training certificates will be filed with their department personal file.

Onboarding new staff has been successful this year. Supervision is provided as needed and requested from staff. Each staff are given the time and access to necessary trainings to enhance their knowledge and grow in their positions.

- 3. Monitor provider programs by requiring quarterly data to ensure appropriate use of state aid.**
 - a. Providers will be required to report on specific data points for their programs.**
 - b. Data will be shared with the Legislature.**

Data has been collected throughout the year for all programs. A completed chart for 2025 will be provided in February as December numbers have not yet been collected.

2026 Goals

1. By the end of 2026, the Community Services Department will increase community awareness, education and access to its programs by 15% through expanded social media outreach. This will be measured by followers, content interactions and link clicks.
2. Effectively onboard the new Senior Account Clerk by training them on all Community Services fiscal procedures, including budgeting, accounts payable/receivable, grant tracking, and financial reporting, so they can independently manage the department's fiscal operations and maximize state aid.
3. Support the Yates Prevention Coalition in becoming a self-sustaining community coalition in 2026.

**AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTIONS #443-25
(MARK REYNOLDS, PHD)**

WHEREAS, Resolution 443-25 authorized signature of agreements for Mark Reynolds, PhD; and

WHEREAS, revised fees have been provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution 443-25 be amended as follows:

Mark Reynolds, PhD <i>* Certificate of Liability Insurance Waived</i>	Psychological Consultation Services	\$150/hour
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And be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Community Services, the Public Health Office, the Finance Director, and Mark Reynolds, PhD.

**AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH FINGER LAKES
ADDICTIONS COUNSELING AND REFERRAL AGENCY (FLACRA) (DROP-IN)**

WHEREAS, Yates County Community Services wishes to enter into a contract with Finger Lakes Addictions Counseling and Referral Agency to provide engagement and support services for individuals with mental health needs within their recovery center program; and

WHEREAS, the cost for such services are 100% OMH funded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chair of the Legislature is authorized to enter into an agreement with Finger Lakes Addictions Counseling and Referral Agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract will run from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 for an amount of \$30,000, however, such Agreement will contain recitations that the initial consideration amount is subject to change by the applicable state funding agency, and that consequently in such instance where said agency changes the ultimate funding amount for the time period covered by an Agreement the amount of consideration to be paid pursuant to such Agreement shall be adjusted accordingly; and further that the payment of the consideration therein is contingent on Yates County receiving the New York State agency funding for such purpose and in the amount of such consideration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Community Services, the Public Health Office and the Finance Director.

AUTHORIZE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH THE FINGER LAKES ADDICTION COUNSELING AND REFERRAL AGENCY (OPIOID SETTLEMENT-HOUSING SERVICES)

WHEREAS, Yates County Community Services wishes to enter into a contract with the Finger Lakes Addiction Counseling and Referral Agency to provide housing services for people who are recovering from a substance abuse disorder, and

WHEREAS, the funds of \$65,000 were received from various Opioid Settlements, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chair of the Legislature is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Finger Lakes Addiction Counseling and Referral Agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract will run from 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Community Services, the Public Health office, Finger Lakes Addiction Counseling and Referral Agency, and the Finance Director.

AUTHORIZE LEGISLATURE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH OUR TOWN ROCKS (OPIOID SETTLEMENT-HARM REDUCTION, EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, AND LINKAGE)

WHEREAS, Yates County Community Services wishes to enter into a contract with the Our Town Rocks to support continued harm reduction efforts, provide safe 24-hour access to Naloxone and testing strips, and provide health related educational materials for people in Dundee who are recovering from a substance abuse disorder; and

WHEREAS, the funds of \$10,000 were received from various Opioid Settlements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chair of the Legislature is authorized to enter into an agreement with Our Town Rocks; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract will run from 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Community Services, the Public Health office, Our Town Rocks, and the Finance Director.

AUTHORIZE LEGISLATURE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH THE YATES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT (OPIOID SETTLEMENT-CREDIBLE MIND WEBSITE)

WHEREAS, Yates County Community Services wishes to enter into a contract with the Yates County Public Health Department to support the Credible Mind website for the County that provides assessment, education, and resources for individual wellness to the community; and

WHEREAS, the funds of \$8,710 were received from various Opioid Settlements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chair of the Legislature is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Yates County Public Health Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract will run from 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Community Services, the Public Health office, and the Finance Director.

**AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES
STEUBEN/LIVINGSTON (MENTORING)**

WHEREAS, Yates County Community Services wishes to enter into a contract with Catholic Charities Steuben/Livingston to provide one-on-one mentoring services for Yates County Youth; and

WHEREAS, the cost for such services are 100% OMH funded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chair of the Legislature is authorized to enter into an agreement with Catholic Charities Steuben/Livingston; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract will run from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 for an amount of \$66,166, however, such Agreement will contain recitations that the initial consideration amount is subject to change by the applicable state funding agency, and that consequently in such instance where said agency changes the ultimate funding amount for the time period covered by an Agreement the amount of consideration to be paid pursuant to such Agreement shall be adjusted accordingly; and further that the payment of the consideration therein is contingent on Yates County receiving the New York State agency funding for such purpose and in the amount of such consideration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Catholic Charities Steuben/Livingston, the Community Services Department, the Public Health Office and the Finance Director.

Yates Prevention Coalition NEWSLETTER

YATES PREVENTION COALITION



Together we can...

2025

IN REVIEW

OUTREACH & IMPLEMENTATION

- Facebook outreach hit 22,208 self-generated posts
- Participated in Penn Yan and Dundee School Districts open houses
- Tabled at the Marcus Whitman Pumpkin Walk and Yates County Fair
- Distributed Self-Love kits throughout the community



SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION

- Promoted harm reduction through Drug Take Back days, distribution of naloxone, and encouraging safe medication and needle disposals
- Use of Fatal Vision (drunk goggles) prevention materials in schools and various community events

SAVE THE DATE

Out of the Darkness Walk
Sunday, October 4th, 2026
Keuka Lake State Park

BUILDING
THE FUTURE
TOGETHER

SUICIDE PREVENTION

- Partnered with Keuka College to train 84 individuals in QPR - Question, Persuade, Refer: a suicide gatekeeper training.
- Distributed 140 Hunter safety kits throughout Yates County in partnership with Yates County Public Health and the VA
- Out of the Darkness Walk had approximately 100 participants and raised over \$9,000

SUSTAINABILITY

- In the process of applying for 501c3 non-profit status
- Held monthly meetings to develop community outreach and strategic planning

MISSION: to develop a safe and healthy community through collaborative planning, community action, education, policy advocacy and enforcement.