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**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES-FEBRUARY 2, 2026**  
**EDWARD BRONSON, COMMITTEE CHAIR**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Edward Bronson, Jesse Jayne (Zoom), Terry Button, Leigh MacKerchar, George Lawson, Dick Harper

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Leslie Church, Rick Willson, Dan Banach, Doug Paddock, Sarah Purdy, Pat Killen, Jessica Mullins, Emilee Miller, Matt Tantillo, Marianne Rosica-Brand, Amy Miller, Alyssa Broome-Quissimisse, Lisa Principio

Committee Chair Bronson called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Bronson & Jayne will sign the audit this month.

Minutes from the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved as submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**PUBLIC DEFENDER: Matthew Tantillo**

Mr. Tantillo reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Statistic Report
- Grant Status Report
  - \$597,000 in grant claims for calendar year 2025
    - about \$186,000 more than in 2024
    - Great job to Sue Jacobson
- Conflict Referrals
  - Just started tracking referrals this past year
    - Will have a better picture in 6 months
    - There were exactly 72 or 73 on both the criminal side and the family side last year
    - Will provide data as it becomes available

**OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Marianne Rosica-Brand**

Ms. Rosica-Brand reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Action items
- Program Updates
  - Transportation
    - 2 Full-time drivers
    - 1 Sub driver waiting to pass DOT physical

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- 3 Full-time Aides resulting in the need to purchase another vehicle
  - Health Promotion
  - Senior Nutrition
  - Special Event Dinners
    - 40 people did not show up to the Special Christmas Dinner
      - ◆ Has never happened before
  - Pop Up Pantry
    - 2 in December
    - 1 in January
- Other

**SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller**

Mrs. Miller reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Federal Funding
  - A Federal funding freeze for child care, foster care, adult protective service has a temporary restraining order. This funding represented approximately 2.4 million dollars in 2024 for Yates County.
  - Temporary restraining order that's in effect until 2/6
  - Was not talked about much at a Public Welfare Conference due to pending litigation
  - Not much information
  - Still required to have programs whether they get the funding out not
    - Child Care, Foster Care, & Adult Protective Work
- Additional
  - The staff administration goes into effect October 1<sup>st</sup>
    - DSS has already budgeted for that
    - Instead of 50% coverage for administration, it goes down to 25%
    - Cost comes to the counties
  - Many if the financials are based on error rate
    - The error rate is determined by selecting 90 cases randomly from the entire state
    - 50 cases are selected from New York City
    - 40 cases are selected from the rest of the state
    - Errors include clients neglecting to tell them they picked up a side job, mailing errors, just random things
    - It is very likely that there are no Yates County samples
  - Proposed Executive Budget
  - No major changes
- Childcare
  - 103 childcare cases in 2025 with 177 children served
    - Legally Exempt in-home with a relative-17 Cases \$131,411
    - Legally Exempt in-home with a non-relative-4 \$53,594
    - Family Day Care- 17 \$117,569
    - Group Family Day Care-8 \$40,710
    - Day Care Center-57 \$616,245
- HEAP
  - 341 cases approved, 67 pending, and 73 denials
  - Emergency HEAP started 1/2/26

- Homeless numbers
  - 13 Temporary Assistance homeless cases
  - 6 code Blue cases
- Unemployment Rates

**PUBLIC HEALTH: Alyssa Broome-Quissimisse**

Ms. Alyssa Broom-Quissimisse reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Public Health Program Updates
  - October 1, 2025 – January 27, 2026 laboratory-confirmed cases
    - Influenza A: 175 cases
    - Influenza B: 6 cases
    - COVID-19: 143 cases
    - RSV: 17 cases

Mr. Bronson questioned the Committee to see if the following resolution(s) should proceed to the Legislative Meeting. After discussion/edits, there were no official objections.

- Authorize Chair of the Legislature to Sign Agreement with Alexandra Turner, Speech Therapist

**VETERANS: Douglas Gibbs**

Mr. Gibbs was not present, but the Committee reviewed the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

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

**COMMUNITY SERVICES: Lisa Principio**

Mr. Bronson questioned the Committee to see if the following resolution(s) should proceed to the Legislative Meeting. After discussion/edits, there were no official objections.

- Appoint Member to the Yates County Community Services Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee (Cierra Wagner)
- Appoint Member to the Yates County Community Services Board (Danielle Narrows)
- Appoint Member to the Yates County Community Services Behavioral Health Subcommittee (Danielle Narrows)

Ms. Principio reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Program Updates
  - Enhanced Coordination for Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) and Enhanced Voluntary Agreements (EVA)
  - Yates County Funding Allocation
    - Yates County has received the following funding under the Enhanced Coordination AOT/EVA initiative
      - ◆ One-time start-up allocation \$8,620

- ◆ Retroactive funding for three quarters of calendar year 2025 \$134,793
- ◆ Ongoing annual funding beginning in 2026 \$174,724
- ◆ Total funding available in calendar year 2026 \$323,137
- Will need to hire a full-time person

**LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS: Leslie Church**

Mr. Bronson questioned the Committee to see if the following resolution(s) should proceed to the Legislative Meeting. After discussion/edits, there were no official objections.

- Authorize Chair to Sign Letter Requesting Congressional Action on SNAP Rule Changes (supporting documents attached)

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Jessica Mullins**

Mrs. Mullins had nothing to report.

**LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Emilee Miller**

Mr. Bronson questioned the Committee to see if the following resolution(s) should proceed to the Legislative Meeting. After discussion/edits, there were no official objections.

- Authorize Chair to Sign Contract with Assigned Counsel Data Administrative Assistant (S. Pollack)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Emilee D. Miller*

Emilee Miller  
Yates County Clerk of the Legislature