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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Location: Yates County Legislative Chambers

Date: April 6, 2026 at 1:15 p.m.

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

- Ed & Geroge will do the audit this month
- Zoom Attendees/Attendance
- Approve minutes from the March 2nd meetings
- Public Comment

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Matthew Tantillo

- Grant Status Report
- Statistic Report

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Marianne Rosica-Brand

- Action items
- Program Updates

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

Resolution(s):

- Authorize Contract with the Following Agency
- Reappointment to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board

- Adult Protective Services
- Financial Management
- HEAP

- Homeless numbers
- Unemployment Rates
- 2026 Q1 Goal Status

PUBLIC HEALTH: Alyssa Broome-Quissimisse

- Key Highlights
- 2026 Q1 Goal Status
- Staffing & Workforce Development
- Public Health Program Updates
- Strategic Planning & Accreditation

VETERANS: Douglas Gibbs

- Veterans' Service Projects
- Personnel, Training & Conference Updates
- Veteran Services Update
- Statistics (Attached)
- Upcoming Veteran-Related Training, Meetings and Community Events
- Payments
- 2026 Q1 Goal Status

COMMUNITY SERVICES: Lisa Principio

Resolution(s):

- Resolution Recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month
- Authorize Director of Community Services to Create and Fill Full-Time Adult Transitional Case Manager (SPOA) Position
- Authorize Legislature Chair to Sign Contract with Yates County Sheriff's Office (Opioid Settlement-Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction)
- Appoint Member to the Yates County Community Services Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee
- Amendment to Resolutions #443-25 (Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital)

- Program Updates
- 2026 Q1 Goal Status

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Jessica Mullins

- Nothing Submitted

Executive Session – if needed

Public Defender
Report for Month of March 2026

Court	Type		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year to Date		
Criminal	Trial Level	Felony	Violent	2	2	6											
			Non-Violent	2	4	6											
		Misdemeanor/Violation			19	20	34										
	Appeal	Felony	Violent	Verdicts													
				Guilty Pleas													
				Other													
			Non-Violent	Verdicts													
				Guilty Pleas													
				Other													
	Misdemeanor	Verdicts															
		Guilty Pleas															
		Other															
	Other	Violation of Probation			3	1	3										
		Parole Hearings (and SORA)			1	0	0										
		Conflict Cases (Note 1)			5	3	3										
Drug Court (Note 1)					1												
Other																	
Monthly Totals				32	27	49											
Cases Closed/Vouchered				17	28	51											
Family	Trial Level			9	4	7											
	Appeal																
	Conflict Cases (Note1)			5	5	6											
	Monthly Totals			9	4	7											
	Cases Closed/Vouchered			14	2	10											
Ongoing	Total Active Cases: Family Court			47	49	46											
Ongoing	Total Active Cases: Criminal Courts			155	153	147											

Notes: 1. Not included in totals.

YATES COUNTY

Non-Competitive Grants

Grant	Grant Term	Amount	Claimed	Balance Remaining	Comments
Dist. #14 (CAFA & F/Ct Services)	January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026	\$146,052.00	\$55,981.98	\$90,070.02	Claim for \$23,551.80 received on 2/4/2026. Claim for \$21,199.74 received on 11/19/2025. 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 H-H 2nd	April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2027	\$2,414,432.07	\$403,307.98	\$2,011,124.09	Claim for \$75,028.43 received on 3/2/2026. Claim for \$72,520.03 received on 10/30/2025. Claim for \$64,035.75 received on 8/4/25. Second Budget Modification Amended Contract signed by comptroller 6/2/2025. Claim for

Competitive Grants

Grant	Grant Term	Amount	Claimed	Balance Remaining	Comments
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	\$134,878.16	\$615,121.84	Claim for \$39,203.31 received on 2/4/2026. Claim for \$33,537.74 received on 10/31/2025. Claim for \$38,801.77 received on 8/4/2025. Final Contract Received
Fourth Upstate Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction Grant (3rd Assistant Public Defender)	7/01/2023 to 6/30/2026	\$298,500.00	\$164,494.56	\$134,005.44	Claim for \$32,045.38 received on 2/17/2026. Claim for \$25,706.86 received on 10/30/2025. Claim for \$31,803.33 received on 8/4/2025. Resolution No. 56-24

Year to Date Summary					
Grant	Date Submitted	Amount	Date Received	Amount	Grant Amount Remaining
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
Dist. #14			2/4/2026	\$23,551.80	\$90,070.02
4th Upstate QI			2/17/2026	\$32,045.38	\$134,005.44
4th Family Defense			2/4/2026	\$39,203.31	\$615,121.84
H-H2 Claim			3/2/2026	\$75,028.43	\$2,011,124.09
Total	Submitted	\$0.00	Received Since 2023	\$1,547,315.84	

**Yates County Human Services Committee Meeting
Pro Action Yates Report
March 2026**

Action Items:

Program Updates:

1. Legal Assistance:
3 individuals referred for services in February. 8 people served for 11.8 hours in February.
2. Information and Assistance:
742 people served via I&A with 997 units in February.
3. NY Connects
35 units for 26 individuals in February.
4. HIICAP (Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program):
53 units for 49 individuals in February for 1:1 counseling. Medicare Plan Comparison Workshop held in February with 2 attendees.
5. Transportation:
72 medical trips were provided to 14 individuals in February. 0 trips included a transportation companion riding along.

24 non-medical trips were provided to 8 individuals in February.

Two Full-Time Drivers hired. One started 2/1/26 and the 2nd one started on 2/23/26.
Three Substitute Drivers in place. Transportation Program is now fully staffed.

We have not utilized GoGo recently. No Uber/Lyft drivers willing to cover Yates County. 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.

6. Health Promotion:
Yates Wellness Program offers Bone Builders, Tai Chi for Arthritis, Walk with Ease, and Bingocize. Bone Builders is the only class that is offered in person and virtually on Teams.

Bone Builders: This class meets for 12 weeks. New class series started 1/6/26 and ends 3/26/26, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-11:00 am. We had 37 people enrolled with 194 units of service in February.

Beginner Tai Chi for Arthritis: This class meets for 16 weeks. New class series started 2/18/26 and ends 6/3/26, held on Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. We had 23 people enrolled with 43 units of service in February.

Bingocize is 10-week series for 45-60 minutes each session twice a week. Next class will start on 6/1/26 and end on 8/10/26, held on Mondays and Fridays from 12:00-1:00 pm.

Walk with Ease is a program that has been proven to help people with arthritis or other related conditions reduce pain, increase balance, strength, and walking pace. This class meets 3 days a week for 6 weeks. Our registered dietitian comes once a week and gives a presentation on senior nutrition. Next scheduled class series will start on 3/23/26 and end on 5/1/26, held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:45am- 9:45am.

7. Personal Emergency Response System:

We have 95 units in homes, with 6 second pendants in place, and additional 9 panic buttons units in February. 26 of these homes have cellular PERS units. 6 new installs for February. There were 2 Project Lifesaver customers in February.

8. Senior Nutrition:

In January we served 62 HDM customers daily for a total of 1,193 meals delivered. We have 6 bulk, once a week deliveries.

Each HDM customer has 3 shelf-stable emergency meals on hand.

St. Mark's Terrace Penn Yan had 31 customers daily in February.

9. Special Event Dinners

Next dinner event will be in April.

10. EISEP Case Management:

Traditional aide service: PCI Housekeeping = 28, PCII Personal Care = 1 in February.

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

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

There are 0 individuals on the wait list for PCI services, 1 for PCII, 0 for Consumer Directed Care, and 4 individuals for NFCSP Respite in February.

11. Pop Up Pantry:

We served 223 Households containing 179 seniors, 253 adults, and 299 children, 731 total participants in February.

12. The Hope Center

182 Families were served containing 90 children, 196 adults and 140 seniors. 426 individuals served. 3 Emergency applications processed in February.

Human Services Report
Department of Social Services
April 2026

Resolutions/Appointments

Authorize resolution with Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes for Sexually Exploited Youth Programming
Workforce Investment Board Reappointments

Adult Protective Services

The opening of an adult protective investigation begins with a referral from someone with information regarding the safety of an adult. There were 94 referrals for investigation made in 2025. Cases that open can be either protective or preventive. For a protective case to be opened, there must be no one else willing or able to assist the adult, or the adult must have a mental or physical impairment and need protection from someone or something. Preventive cases start as referrals, but do not meet all requirements. Some cases are opened to prevent the adult from reaching a Protective level of need. There are no requirements for these cases, only that the client be over 18 years old and in need.

The Consumer Directed Personal Care program (CDPAP) is for individuals who need assistance with activities of daily living and who can self-direct the aides who are providing their care. Clients also must be on Medicaid.

Guardianship is the option of last resort for clients in Adult Services programs. A guardianship can be for property, a person, or both. This is completed with the assistance of the agency attorney.

There are currently 53 open cases in this unit, which include 19 CDPAP cases and 5 guardianships. There are 2 Caseworkers, 1 Senior Caseworker (who supervises and carries cases), and a shared Caseworker Assistant and Account Clerk Typist.

Financial Management

The Department of Social Services is required to do financial management for Adult Protective cases if there are no Intensive Case Managers or Community Services Support workers, and there is a need. However, anyone over the age of 18 can request assistance with financial management, and often these services are used in conjunction with other services to prevent protective situations from arising. This is the fastest-growing adult service. There are currently 52 financial management cases.

HEAP

As of 3/30/26, 595 regular HEAP cases have been approved, with 29 pending and 133 denials. \$427,768 in benefits have been distributed to vendors. We have also approved 143 emergency HEAP applications. The same time last year had 745 approvals and \$519,990 benefits. The last day to apply for Regular HEAP is April 7.

Homeless numbers

As of March 30, 2026, we housed 28 (8 as of 3/30/26) Temporary Assistance homeless cases (2 with children) and 17 (2 current) code Blue Cases (no families). Last year at this time, it was 26 and 16.

Unemployment Rates

Unavailable currently until April 2nd.

According to the Department of Labor, 300 people have claimed unemployment benefits since 1/1/2026, but this number is rounded to the nearest 100.

2026 Goal Updates

1. Our percentage of on-time CPS 7-day safety assessments will be at least 90%, measured by monthly reports from OCFS.

January	83%
February	62%

2. Our percentage of on-time Temporary Assistance Determinations will be at least 90% as measured by reports from OTDA.

January	100%
February	100%

3. Develop and implement a new hire extended onboarding process.
 We have developed a new system that checks in with staff at 30, 60, and 90 days. We have used the system with three people so far this year.

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH THE FOLLOWING AGENCY

WHEREAS, Yates County and the Yates County Department of Social Services wish to enter into a contract with the following agency, and

WHEREAS, funding for these services will be from the Office of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after review by the County Attorney, the Chair of the Yates County Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services are authorized to sign contracts with the following agency:

Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes-Sexually Exploited Youth Programming \$15,949

And be it further

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

**REAPPOINTMENT TO THE FINGER LAKES
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Board members must be appointed by the respective Legislative Boards; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has solicited nominations in accordance with the Law; and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board By-Laws state voting members shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years, and that terms shall be staggered,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Legislature does hereby reappoint the following representative to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board to a term from July 1, 2026-June 30, 2029.

Kara Kilkiewicz
Finger Lakes Health

Michelle Jungerman
The ARC of Ontario

Kathy Dilmore
ServU Credit Union

Sarah Purdy
Yates County Legislator

Michael Davis
IBEW Local 840

Lucinda Trask
ACCESS-VR

Robert Doeblin
Geneva Housing Authority

Richard Turner
Rochester Technology & Manufacturing Assoc

And be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Wayne, Ontario, and Seneca Counties, Yates County Department of Social Services, the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, and the aforementioned appointee.

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

Key Highlights:

- Yates County Public Health continues its reaccreditation process, expected to conclude in September 2026.
- The department is developing a recruitment and retention proposal for public health nurses in collaboration with County Administration and Human Resources.
- Tick-borne illnesses are increasing locally, with 146 reported cases of Lyme disease in 2025 and the county's first identified case of babesiosis.
- A countywide youth vaping needs assessment is underway to guide programming funded through the JUUL settlement.

Department Goals:

2026 Goal Updates

1. Recruit and onboard one vacant Full-time Public Health Nurse by July 31, 2026.
 - a. Status: In progress – No applications have been submitted for this position in 2026. The Public Health Director, County Administrator, and Director of Human Resources are currently working on a proposal to support the recruitment and retention of public health nurses.
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.
 - a. Status: In progress – Staff will begin a Public Health Foundational Competency training series in April. The intended outcome of this training is the development of program area strategic plans.
3. Launch a multi-year youth vaping prevention program utilizing the JUUL Settlement funds in partnership with the Yates Prevention Coalition.
 - a. Status: In-progress – Caitlin Sharman, the department's Public Health Specialist, is leading a countywide needs assessment to better understand the context of youth vaping in the community. This assessment is expected to be completed in 2026 and will help inform programming planned for 2027. Penn Yan Central School District, Dundee Central School District, and Community Services are participating in the workgroup.

Staffing & Workforce Development

From April 6–12, 2026, Yates County Public Health will celebrate National Public Health Week, highlighting the vital work performed each day by public health professionals and community partners to improve the well-being of our residents.

Planned activities include internal programs to recognize and celebrate staff accomplishments, a meet-and-greet with County Legislators and local government officials, and an event with

community partners and volunteers. The department will also host an online social media campaign and participate in a WFLR open mic segment.

Public Health Program Updates:

Communicable Disease

Respiratory Illnesses

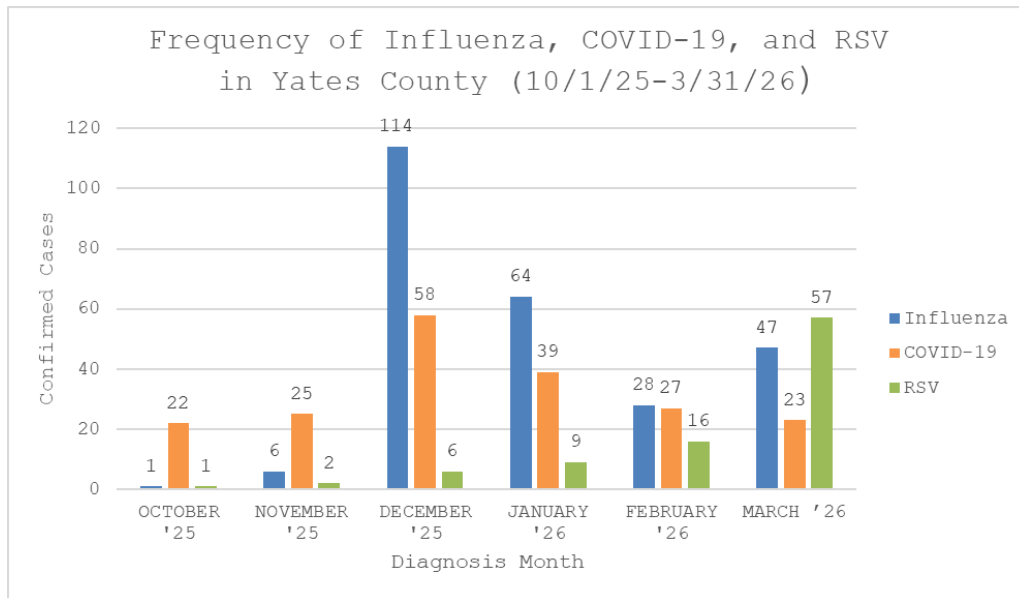
The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) continues to report widespread geographic activity for COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV.

Yates County Local Data (October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026)

Yates County saw an increase in RSV and Influenza B cases during March, while COVID-19 cases decreased. During the current respiratory season, **Yates County Public Health** has recorded the following laboratory-confirmed cases:

- **Influenza A:** 212 cases
- **Influenza B:** 60 cases (42 cases reported in March)
- **COVID-19:** 204 cases
- **RSV:** 96 cases (57 cases reported in February)

The chart below illustrates weekly trends of laboratory-confirmed influenza, COVID-19, and RSV cases in Yates County.



Rabies

Yates County Public Health held its first rabies clinic of the year at the Dundee Village Barns. The event was very successful, with the veterinarian vaccinating 126 animals, including 92 dogs and 34 cats.

The next rabies clinic will be a cats-only clinic held from 6:00–7:00 PM on May 6 at the Yates County Highway Department.

Communicable Disease Snapshot 2025

The Communicable Disease Snapshot for 2025 is now available on the Yates County Public Health website. Tick-borne illnesses and rabies exposures remain a growing concern for the department.

In 2025, Yates County Public Health saw an increase in Lyme disease, with 146 reported cases—an increase of 50 cases compared to 2024. In addition, the department identified its first case of babesiosis, along with eight cases of anaplasmosis and ehrlichiosis.

Tick-borne illnesses can cause symptoms such as fever, fatigue, headaches, and joint pain and may lead to more serious complications if not treated promptly. Warmer winters can contribute to an increase in tick-borne illnesses, as ticks may remain active year-round.

Rabies also remains a concern. In 2025, two stray cats tested positive for rabies, and 65 animals were subject to quarantine following potential exposures. As warmer weather approaches, residents are reminded to avoid touching stray or wild animals, including cats and dogs. This also applies to domesticated animals, as their vaccination status may not always be known.

Chronic Disease

Yates County Public Health (YCPH) held a Sister's Day event on March 26, 2026, at the Branchport-Keuka Park Fire Department, where 12 individuals received mammogram screenings.

The next Sister's Day event will be held at the Potter Fire Station from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM on May 5, 2026. Screenings are free for individuals who are at least 40 years of age, eligible for a mammogram, live in the Finger Lakes Region, and are uninsured, but the event is also open to those with insurance.

Strategic Planning & Accreditation

Yates County Public Health (YCPH) is currently in the reaccreditation process and expects to complete it in September 2026. As part of the accreditation process, the department is required to report on progress related to the **2024–2028 Strategic Plan**. A snapshot of this progress is included.

Beginning in 2027, YCPH will return to a three-year Strategic Plan cycle. The planning process for the next Strategic Plan will begin in fall 2026.

Yates County Public Health Strategic Plan Tracking









Public Health
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Team	Yates County Public Health
Cycle	2025

Objective	Action	Measure	2025 Progress	Status	Lead
Increase visibility & outreach in the community	Identify & participate in community events led by other agencies for outreach	# of community events attended per year	41	Achieved	DPH/DDPH
	Offer public health training, education, or outreach events	# of completed trainings/presentations per year	21	Achieved	Program Leads
	Ensure public health programming is coordinated to maximize exposure	# of events per year where multiple programs are promoted simultaneously	34	Achieved	Program Leads/DDPH
Increase collaboration on programs & outreach with community partners	Identify relevant community partners pursuing similar health initiatives and provide public health expertise	Contact/re-contact at least 12 community forum organizations per year	8	Below	Program Leads/DPH/DDPH
	Review current partners by public health priority, identify new partner opportunities, and conduct outreach	# of new or revisited partnership opportunities per year	6	Achieved	Program Leads/DPH/DDPH
Promote a well-informed Yates County governing body on public health topics	Provide responses to inaccurate information presented at Legislative meetings, especially public comment period	# of responses to inaccurate (public) information documented in monthly PH report to human services committee	None	Monitor	DPH
	Establish & maintain a orientation program for new legislatures	Annual review & edit of Public Health section of legislative manual, 4 program summaries per year until completed	2	Monitor	DPH
	Solicit annual feedback from the governing body on public health content that they would like to see presented at public legislative meetings	Query governing body immediately following distribution of Annual Report.	Yes	Achieved	DPH
Increase internal transparency & staff knowledge base related to PMQI	Identify appropriate performance measures by program	# of programs with performance measures track in Clear Impact	90%	Achieved	PMQI Lead

Yates County Public Health Strategic Plan Tracking

 Objective	 Action	 Measure	 Progress	 Status	 Lead
Increase internal transparency & staff knowledge base related to PMQI	Ensure staff attend at least one PMQI meeting annually to review and adapt performance measures	# of PMQI meetings where performance measures are reviewed and discussed	2	Monitor	PMQI Lead
	Evaluate staff experience with Clear Impact & adjust based on feedback	% of staff satisfied with clear impact	no current data		PMQI Lead/Pivotal
Promote & Maintain a culture of Quality Improvement	Ensure Strategic Plan measures are integrated in Clear Impact	Create a Strategic Plan scorecard	13 measures	Monitor	PMQI Lead
	Provide PMQI data to the human services committee (HSC) and professional advisory committee (PAC)	# of PMQI Newsletter reports disseminated to the HSC and PAC	1	Below	PMQI Lead/DDPH
	Use performance management system to inform the community health assessment (CHA) and community health improvement plan (CHIP) processes	Documented reconciliation of CHIP with Strategic Plan in PMQI Committee minutes after the publication of each CHIP	N/A	N/A	DPH
	Ensure the CHA and CHIP measures are tracked in Clear Impact	Establish and maintain a Clear Impact Scorecard for CHA and CHIP	CHA data entered in Clear Impact	Achieved	CHA/CHIP leads



Regional Collaboration

On behalf of Yates County Public Health and other health departments across New York State, the New York State Association of County Health Officials attended Hill Day in Washington, D.C. to advocate for funding for public health initiatives.

While there, representatives distributed the following document, which provides an overview of Yates County, New York and the community's public health needs.



Yates County New York

Population: 24,774

Overview:

- Predominantly rural county with one of the smallest populations in New York State. Local economy relies heavily on agriculture and tourism
- Growing Mennonite and Amish populations in the county require tailored outreach strategies related to vaccination, insurance coverage, prenatal care, educational access, and injury prevention
- Designated Health Professional Shortage Area due to limited primary care, mental health, and dental providers

Improving Local Access to Breast Cancer Screening

Yates County Public Health partnered with Finger Lakes Cancer Services Program to bring the Rochester Regional mobile mammography unit to English and Mennonite women ages 40+, expanding access to screening in rural areas.



Farm Safety Day outreach with Mennonite families, where public health staff share tick-bite prevention tips and distribute free tick-removal kits

"Through a strong partnership, Yates County Public Health and Yates County Office of Emergency Services have worked collectively to educate and prepare the community for opioid-related emergencies. As a result of this initiative, we are encouraged to see a decrease in opioid-related overdoses in Yates County!" - Ryan Bailey, Deputy Director of Emergency Services



Residents bring their pets to a free rabies vaccination clinic, protecting both animals and the community from rabies exposure

Public health staff connect with students at an after-school outreach table to discuss local health topics and share educational materials



Current Challenges:

- Aging, unsafe housing stock – risks include lead exposure, inadequate heating, water quality issues, and overall affordability concerns
- Limited access to specialty care; many residents must travel long distances for essential appointments
- Broadbands gaps restrict telehealth options, reducing access for rural households
- Small department size restricts capacity to pursue funding opportunities and long-term planning

Sustained, predictable federal investment allows Yates County to maintain essential services, strengthen emergency preparedness, expand access to care in rural areas, and protect the health of every resident.

Human Services Committee Meeting
April 6th, 2026
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 March with 80 attendees, a Veteran Coffee n' Cards event in Penn Yan on March 7th, a Veteran Coffee Hour Event on March 10th, a Veteran Haircut Social on March 11th, a Veteran Bowling Night Event on March 19th and a Veteran Dinner on March 24th.
 - Veteran Engagement Specialist also attended Penn Yan Rotary Club meeting with 22 attendees, Yates Prevention Coalition meeting with 30 participants and a Quilt of Valor ceremony at St. Marks with 53 attendees.
- **VSA**
 - Mailed out letters to 120 individuals getting Veterans tax exemptions who are not in our database asking them to come in to our office. Have received 19 responses. Approximately 16%.
 - Property Tax Exemption for 100% disabled Veterans.
 - "The Wall That Heals" Display Case – have final measurements and sourcing materials.
 - Driver Recruitment.
 - Recognized Volunteer drivers at Legion Birthday Dinner Saturday March 14th.
 - Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony Friday March 27th in the Auditorium.
 - Include America's 250th in VSA activities all year.
 - VSA Director Education Reimbursement Request.
 - VSA 2026 Goals Q1 Update
 - VSA 2026 Annual Report

III. Personnel, Training & Conference Updates:

- None

IV. Veteran Services Update:

- **Contact Report:** Our Monthly Services Report for March shows
- 183 services were provided.

- **Transportation:** VSA Director and VSO made arrangements for 36 Veteran transports during the month of March. There were 1 cancellation and 2 no driver cancellations. VSA volunteers, using county vehicles, provided 20 Veteran transports to medical appointments. Transportation was also provided for 4 additional Veterans where a volunteer used their own vehicle. Transportation was also provided for 10 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 1003 and a total of 54 hours. Total number of Veterans transported 10.

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

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

- **FLVAC meeting**
Date: Wednesday-April 1st, 10:30 a.m.
- **Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – Coffee n Cards**
Date: Saturday – April 4th, 1:00 p.m.
Location: Keuka Candy Emporium – 131 Main Street, Penn Yan
- **Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – Veteran Haircut Social**
Date: Wednesday – April 8th, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Elm Street Barbershop – 104 Elm Street, Penn Yan
- **New York State Division of Veterans’ Services (NYS DVS) VSO training**
Date: Thursday – April 9th, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Location: via Webex virtual platform
- **Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – St. Mark’s Veterans Coffee Hour**
Date: Tuesday – April 14th, 9:30 a.m.
Location: 110 Chapel Street, Penn Yan
- **Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program - Veteran Bowling**
Date: Thursday April 16th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location: Brock’s Bowling, 201 Brown Street, Penn Yan
- **Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – Veteran Fishing Trip**
Date: Tuesday April 21st, 7:00 am to 4:30 pm.
Location: Canandaigua Lake
- **Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – Veteran Fishing Trip**
Date: Tuesday April 21st, 7:00 am to 4:30 pm.
Location: Canandaigua Lake

- **Yates County Dwyer Peer Support Program – Veteran Dinner**

Date: Tuesday April 28th, 6:00 pm.

Location: Smoke & Dough, 3586 Rt. 14, Himrod

2026 Regular Payments

389 Payments/month

\$824,148.48/month

\$9,889,781.82 total for 2026

2026 Retroactive Payments by month

January - \$5,082.24

February - \$6,945.61

March - \$5,831.12

April -

May -

June -

July -

August -

September -

October -

November -

December –

VETERANS' SERVICES AGENCY DEPARTMENT GOALS FOR 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.

- Q1 Update: Mailed out letters to 120 individuals getting Veterans tax exemptions who are not in our database asking them to come in to our office. Have received 19 responses. Approximately 16%.

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.

- Q1 Update: Director has done one home visit in Q1 and is preparing a list of home bound Veterans and Veterans in assisted living. The plan is to visit Veterans on the list on an ongoing basis, i.e. bi-monthly, quarterly. This list will be an ongoing, continuing process. Veterans will be added to or removed from the list as necessary. List is currently at 30 Veterans. Scheduling visits for April now.

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

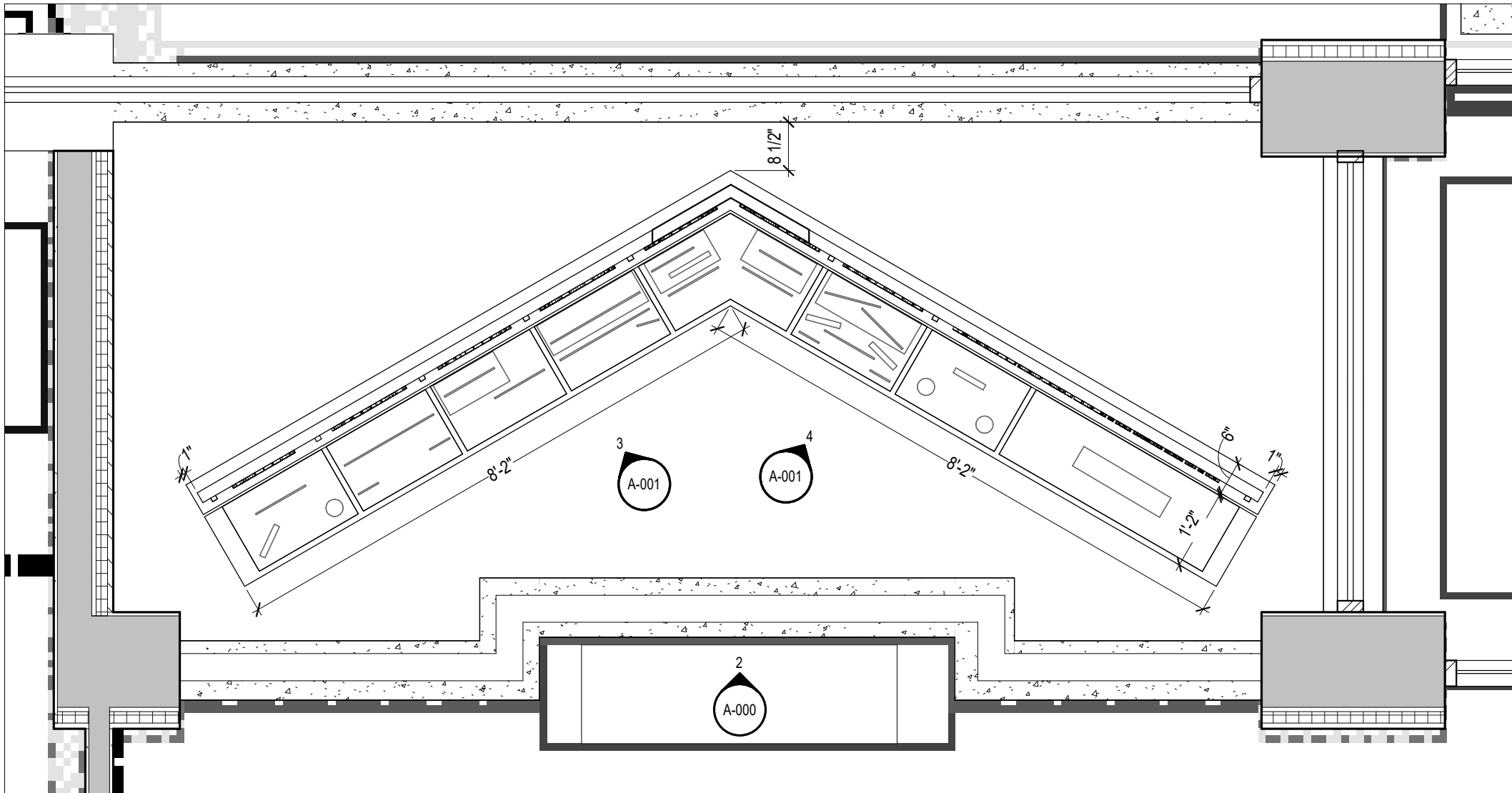
VETERANS' SERVICES AGENCY DEPARTMENT GOALS FOR 2026

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.

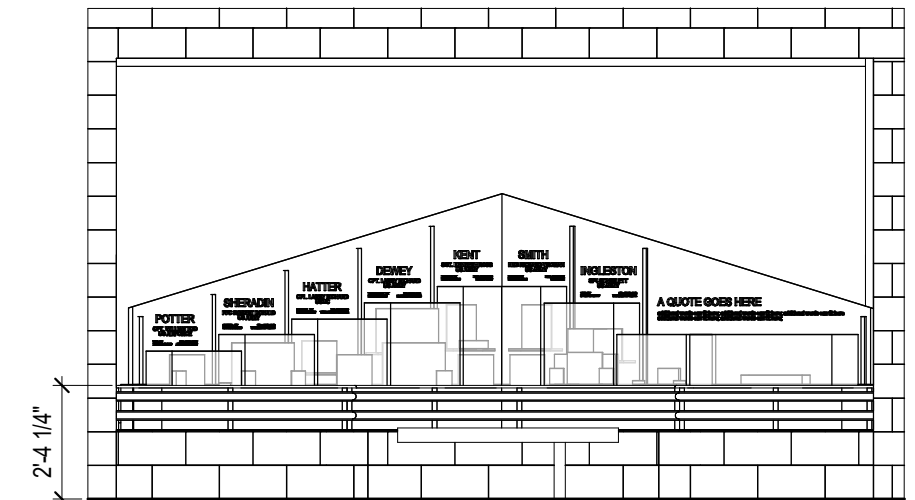
- Q1 Update: Total attendance increased from 25 in October 0f 2025 to 57 in December 2025. And increased to 114 in January 2026, 114 in February 2026 and 185 in March 2026.

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

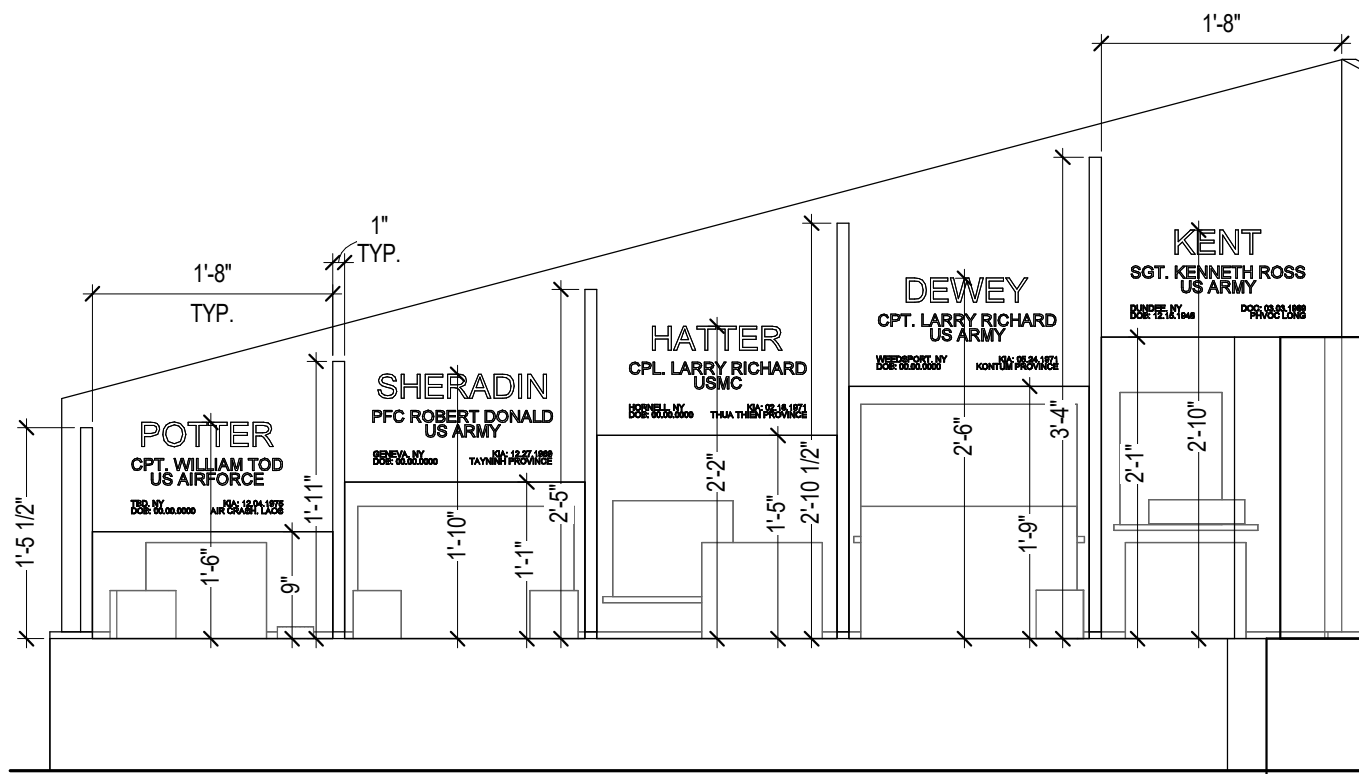
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F E D E R A L	Disability Compensation	15	22	12	9	21	13	11	12	10	9	9	8	14
	Pension	1	3	3	1	1	3	4	1	2	5	6	6	2
	Healthcare	3	14	1	3	1	3	5	5	9	3	3	3	1
	Education	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Home Loan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Burial	2	5	7	4	5	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	4
	Medals	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Military Records	5	11	4	1	3	4	5	7	3	3	3	3	1
	Other	0	0	2	0	29	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
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	0
	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	0	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	0	58	
L O C A L	Transportation Coord. ⁴	44	59	46	56	49	42	58	64	43	46	43	49	36
	Property Tax	3	2	3	3	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	6	11
	Other ²	41	80	0	44	41	47	84	33	31	52	96	88	56
	Totals: ³	115	197	79	122	184	123	176	130	105	125	167	167	183
	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	5	10	3



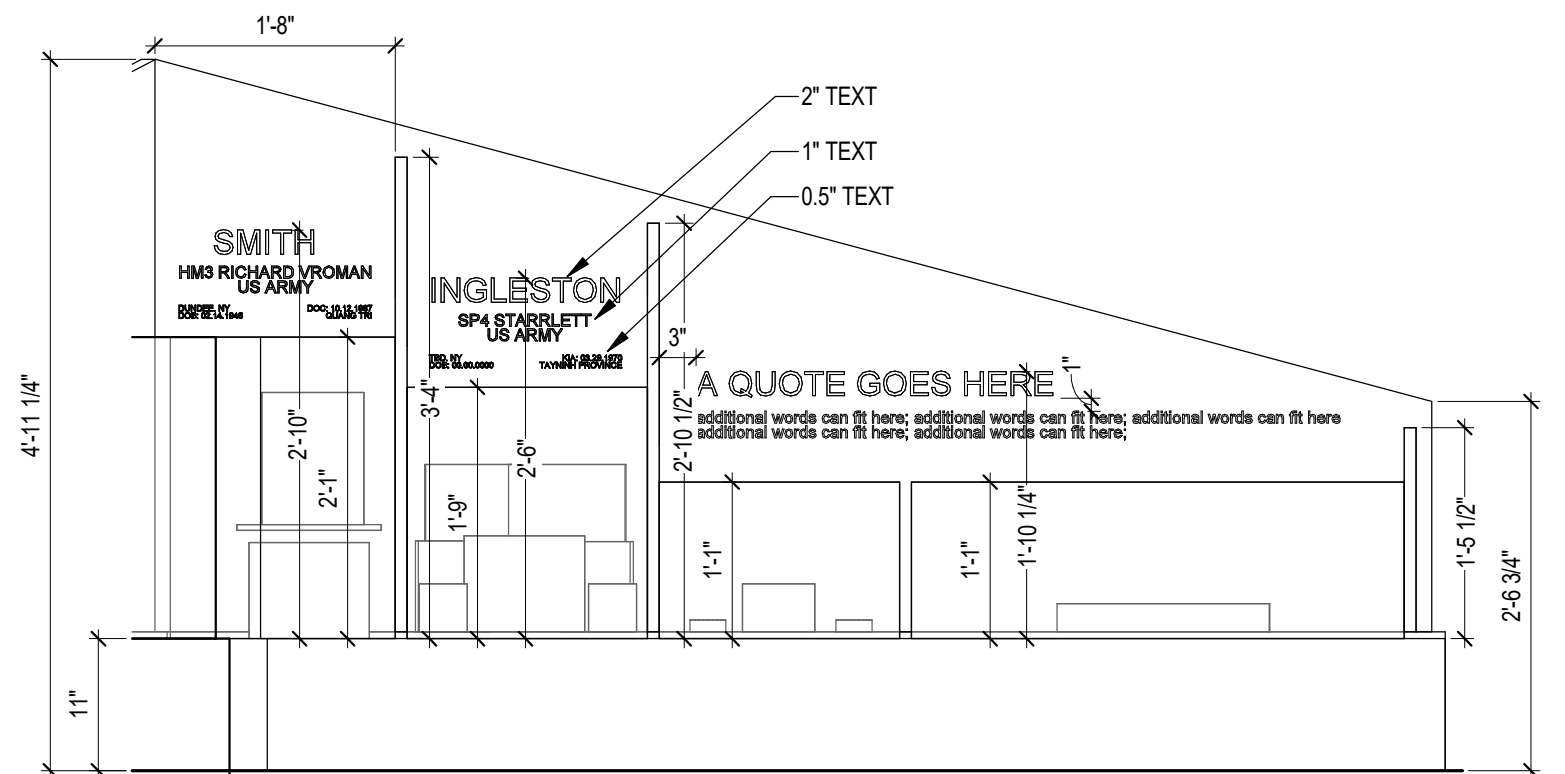
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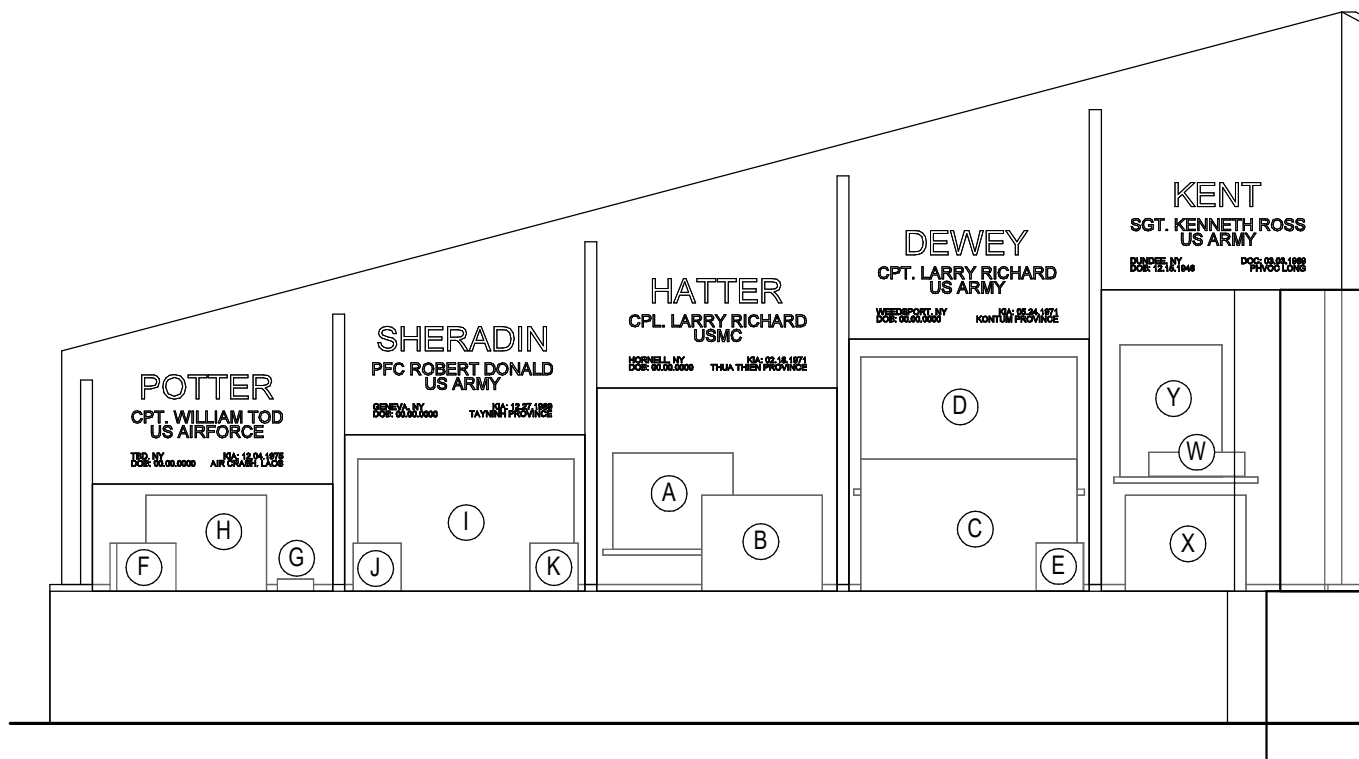
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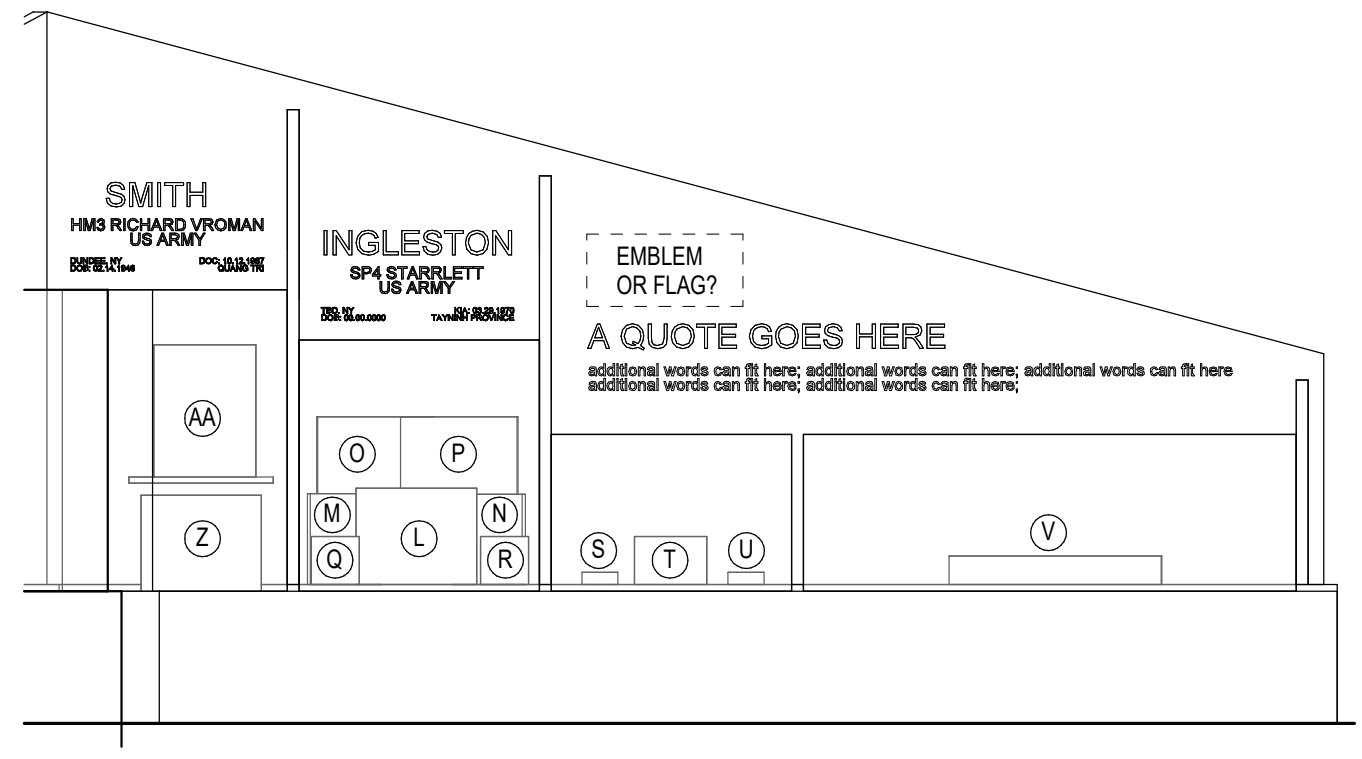
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Community Services Report

April 2026

Resolutions:

Resolution Recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month

Authorize Director of Community Services to Create and Fill Full-Time Adult Transitional Case Manager (SPOA) position

Authorize the Legislature Chair to Sign Contract with Yates County Sheriff's Office (Opioid Settlement)

Appoint Member to the YCCS Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee

Amendment to Resolution #433-25 (Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital)

Program Updates:

Safe Act: 2- reports 2- sent to DCJS

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

Enhanced Coordination for Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) and Enhanced Voluntary Agreements (EVA): The policy and procedure has been completed and submitted to the regional office. In addition to a FTE AOT/EVA Program Coordinator position, money from this program will also need to be allocated to a psychiatrist for evaluations and treatment planning. Psychiatric evaluations and treatment planning will be a contracted service much like we currently do for other evaluations. The state has been very clear that this money can not supplant other funding or programs that currently exist.

Community Services Board Full Membership Meeting: This meeting was held on March 10th. Fifteen of the nineteen members were in attendance. There was a training on the history and responsibilities of the Community Services Board. In a recent Community Needs Assessment survey that was given to the board member the following needs were identify *housing, transportation, care management, crisis services and cross system services*. An interactive activity called SWOT analysis (Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats) was conducted to gather feedback about the five identified needs in Yates County. Members were able to share input and have a discussion after the SWOTs activity was complete. This information will drive the Local Services Planning for the department.

Opioid Settlement Funds: Additional documents have been requested and submitted to OASAS for review. We continue to work very closely with them and their request.

Yates Prevention Coalition: Held a full coalition meeting on March 18th at the Community Room at Wellspring Fellowship. The community was invited to come and learn more about the coalition and find out how they could be more involved in one or more of the following committees: Suicide Prevention, Substance Use Prevention, Outreach & Implementation or the Traumatic Loss Team. There were 20 people in attendance. The Coalition received notice that they were granted 501c3 status in March.

safeTALK Training: This 3-hour suicide alertness training was held on March 5th in the auditorium. There were 21 attendees for this training.

2026 Goals-Q1:

1. By December 2026, the Community Services Department will increase community awareness and access to its programs by 25% through monthly educational workshops, expanded social media outreach, and participation in local events.
 1. *This quarter we hosted safeTALK suicide awareness training that had 21 attendees. Our social media had 9.8K views with 12 new followers. The department also tabled at the Fairytale Festival in Dundee.*
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.
 1. *This goal is progressing well. K’Leigh is able to pick up on things very quickly*
3. Support the Yates Prevention Coalition in becoming a self-sustaining community coalition in 2026.
 1. *The Coalition filed the paperwork with the Department of State and received the Entity Name.
The paperwork as been filed with the Federal government for tax exemption and 501c3 status was obtained on 3/25/26!
A bank account with the Coalition EIN has been opened.*

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to the overall health and well-being of every individual, and mental illnesses are common and treatable; and

WHEREAS, stigma and misunderstanding surrounding mental health conditions often prevent individuals from seeking the help they need; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness can foster understanding, reduce discrimination, and encourage people to access mental health resources; and

WHEREAS, early intervention and community support can significantly improve outcomes for individuals living with mental health challenges; and

WHEREAS, the month of May has been nationally recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month, providing an opportunity to promote education, advocacy, and access to care;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Yates County hereby proclaims May as Mental Health Awareness Month and encourages all residents, employees, and community members to:

1. Learn about mental health and available resources.
2. Support those living with mental health conditions.
3. Promote a culture of compassion, inclusion, and understanding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be shared publicly to reaffirm our commitment to the mental well-being of our community.

AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO CREATE AND FILL FULL-TIME ADULT TRANSITIONAL CASE MANAGER (SPOA) POSITION

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Services has identified the need to create and fill one additional full-time Adult Transitional Case Manager (SPOA) position in the Community Services Department; and

WHEREAS, Yates County was allocated additional funding from New York State to fill critical roles in the implementation and oversight of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program in order to improve outcomes for individuals served; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is intended to introduce Enhanced Voluntary Agreements (EVAs) as a statewide option and improve service coordination in communities across New York State, including coordination with hospitals, treatment providers, courts, local law enforcement agencies, and emergency response stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the County is required to offer the opportunity for Enhanced Voluntary Agreements in accordance with guidelines established by the New York State Office of Mental Health as part of every County AOT plan, and must demonstrate increased availability for EVAs and improvements to local risk management approaches; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost to create and fill the position, including fringe, is \$87,149 to \$117,624.34 maximum, depending upon health insurance; and

WHEREAS, the position is 100% supported by state aid and, therefore, results in no net cost to the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Community Services is hereby authorized to create and fill one full-time Adult Transitional Case Manager (SPOA) position in the Community Services Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 4 of the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, if an existing employee is promoted or reclassified into this position, they shall be placed at the same step in the new title as they occupied in their previous position at the time of the personnel transaction; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Community Services is authorized to hire at a higher hourly rate, not to exceed Step 2, if the selected candidate demonstrates the ability to perform essential job functions based on prior experience at the time of hire; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be provided to the Director of Community Services, the Director of Human Resources, the County Administrator, and the Director of Finance.

AUTHORIZE LEGISLATURE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH YATES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (OPIOID SETTLEMENT- PREVENTION, TREATMENT, RECOVERY, HARM REDUCTION)

WHEREAS, Yates County Community Services wishes to enter into a contract with The Yates County Sheriff's Office to provide Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for substance use inmates of

the Yates County Jail to address the impact of opioids and strengthen long-term solutions to appropriate inmates of the Yates County Jail; and

WHEREAS, the funds of \$36,000 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 The Yates County Sheriff’s Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract will run from 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2026 for an amount not to exceed \$36,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Community Services, The Yates County Sheriff’s Office, and the Finance Director.

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE YATES COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Briggs Seekins, residing at 106 Barrows Rd, Groton, NY, has expressed interest in serving on the Yates County Community Services Board Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Briggs Seekins has been recommended for appointment to a first term on the Yates County Community Services Developmental Disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature hereby appoints Briggs Seekins to the Yates County Community Services Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said term will end 12/31/2029; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Briggs Seekins, and to the Yates County Community Services Department.

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTIONS #443-25 (Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital)

WHEREAS, Resolution 443-25 authorized signature of agreements for Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, there was a program removal and fund redistribution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution 443-24 be amended as follows:

Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital	Clinic Treatment	\$ 192,700
	Crisis Intervention	\$ 52,744
		\$ 251,444 Total

And be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Community Services office, the Finance Director, and the Yates County Treasurer.



YATES COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES
Board and Subcommittee Application

NAME: Briggs Seekins COUNTY: Tompkins
ADDRESS: 106 Barrows Road RESIDENT FOR 8 YEARS
Groton NY 13073 WORK IN YATES CO: YES
EMAIL: Briggs.Seekins@mozalc.org PHONE: 607-272-8990, ext 51145

EMPLOYER: Mozalc POSITION: Director of Vocational Services

EMPLOYER ADDRESS: 235 North Avenue
Penn-Yan, NY 14527

APPLICATION FOR:

- COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE: MENTAL HEALTH /SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS
- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

PLEASE PROVIDE BRIEF EXPLANATION OF YOUR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE YATES COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD AND/OR SUBCOMMITTEES:

I have over 20 years of experience working with people who have Intellectual and developmental disabilities, including a decade at the Manager or Director level. I have recently assumed responsibilities as Mozalc's Director of Vocational Services in Yates County. My intention is to significantly ramp up competitive employment for this population in Yates County, using OPWDD's Employment Training Program, an innovative program that is currently very under-utilized by our agency in Yates County. I will not be as effective in this goal as I want to be without building stronger connections with people in Yates County who advocate and support this group of currently untapped potential workers.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: February 26, 2026

Thank you for your interest. Please return completed application with resume to
Yates County Community Services
417 Liberty St. Suite 1053
Penn Yan, NY 14527

Vision: Yates System of Care seeks to create a community that operates as one system committed to achieving collective wellness for families in Yates County.

Mission: Yates System of Care will support individuals and families in gaining knowledge and accessing care through collaboration, innovation, coordination and communication.

Values: Cultural & Linguistic Competence, Community-Based, Youth-Guided & Family Drive, Workforce Excellence.