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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES-MARCH 2, 2026
EDWARD BRONSON, COMMITTEE CHAIR

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Willson, Nonie Flynn, Doug Paddock, Leslie Church, Sarah Purdy, Pat Killen, Bill Holgate (Zoom), Jessica Mullins, Emilee Miller, Matt Tantillo, Marianne Rosica-Brand, Amy Miller, Alyssa Broome-Quissimisse, Doug Gibbs, Lisa Principio

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

Bronson & MacKerchar will sign the audit this month.

Minutes from the January 5th & February 2nd 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:

- Grant Status Report
- Statistic Report

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 Contract Agreement with Investigator Funded by Existing Grants for Services Provided to the Public Defender's Office
- Authorize Chair of the Legislature to Sign Contract Agreement with Child and Family Resources Funded by the Fourth Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Competitive Grant (C4THFD57) for Services Provided to the Public Defender's Office and the Assigned Counsel Program

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 Department is full
 - Two full-time drivers & two substitute drivers
 - Will hopefully be able to transport people from St. Mark's Terrace in Dundee to Dundee Fresh and back

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- Public Health Promotion going really well
 - Increasing activities due to increased interest
- Lost Senior Nutrition Manager
 - Working to revamp the position
- Pop-Up Pantry Numbers continue to increase as do the Hope Centers
- Additional
 - Mr. Harper complimented Ms. Rosica-Brand, she is frequently running across issues and she just makes it work
 - Discussion ensued regarding the “Go Go Grandparent” funds
 - There aren’t really feasible ways to increase the use of this program due to the rural location and lack of taxis, etc.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy 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 Contract with Safe Harbors for Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services
- Authorize Contracts with the Following Person (Christopher Clinton)
- Appointment to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board (Kathy Dilmore)

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

- HEAP
 - Cases continue to be approved
 - A little behind last year because it opened late
 - Closes in April
 - Continuing to get more applications and approve them
- Homeless numbers
 - 16 Homeless cases for temporary assistance
 - People who are receiving ongoing services
 - 17 Code Blue cases
 - People they don't have a case or relationship with
 - Slightly up from last year, but it is also a colder than last year
 - Rumors of 30 people living on the Outlet Trail
 - DSS has not found anyone living on the Outlet Trail
- ABAWD
 - Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)
 - 94 ABAWD clients at this time
 - 1,772 SNAP Cases in January 2026
- Unemployment Rates

PUBLIC HEALTH: Alyssa Broome-Quissimisse

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

- Staffing & Workforce Development
 - Currently have 2 vacancies within the Department
 - Recruitment continues for a Public Health Nurse for immunization and TB programming
 - An Early Intervention and Preschool Coordinator position
 - ◆ Either a Public Health Specialist or a Public Health Nurse

- Public Health Week April 6th-12th
 - Will draft a resolution proclaiming it in Yates County
- Public Health Leadership Academy
 - Mr. MacKerchar & Ms. Broom-Quissimisse are applying
- Public Health Program Updates
 - Sixth month of respiratory disease season
 - Two months left
 - Seeing increases in RSV, COVID, and flu B in Yates County and in New York State

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 Early Intervention Official (A. Broome-Quissimisse)
- Public Health Week resolution

VETERANS: Douglas Gibbs

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.

- Proclaiming March 29th as Vietnam Veterans Day in Yates County

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
 - The ceremony for Vietnam Veterans Day will be March 27th in the Yates County Auditorium at 1:00 p.m.
- Payments

COMMUNITY SERVICES: Lisa Principio

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

- Program Updates
 - 1 Safe Act Report & 1 sent to DCJS
 - Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)
 - Current Cases-1 Investigations-0
 - Enhanced Coordination for Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) and Enhanced Voluntary Agreements (EVA)
 - Fiscal
 - Senior Account Clerk Typist doing very well
 - Training
 - Opioid Settlement Funds
 - Chosen for an audit for the OASIS funding
 - Court Based Mental Health Navigator
 - Mentoring Program
 - Hired for the position in Yates County
 - Yates Prevention Coalition

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Jessica Mullins

Mrs. Mullins had nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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