

TO: Jessica Moser, Chair; Tom Kalamas, Vice-Chair; Josh Leviker; Vincent Nortz; and Barry Lyndaker.

FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: January 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Human Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Human Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 16th at 2:00 p.m. in the Board of Legislators' Chambers. Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting which will be streamed live at [Lewis County - YouTube](#).

Minutes:

Approve November 21, 2023 committee minutes if no amendments.

Presentations / Discussion Items:

1. 2024/2025 Proposed Goals for Human Services Committee – Ryan Piche, County Manager (10 minutes)

Draft Resolutions:

1. Authorizing agreements between Department of Social Services and New York State Office of Children and Family Services and with Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. for the purpose of receiving federal funding in the amount of \$42,270.00 from NYS OCFS and for conducting registration and inspection of family day care and school aged childcare providers by Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. at an annual cost not to exceed \$40,157.00.
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Motions:

1. I move that the Human Services Committee approve the proposed 2024/2025 Human Services Committee Goals and forward them to the full board for adoption, seconded by Legislator _____.

Executive Session:

None.

Informational Items:

1. Monthly Department reports are attached for your review.

If any committee member has inquiries regarding agenda items, please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc: Community Services
Lewis County Health System
Office for the Aging
Probation
Public Health

Sheriff
Social Services
Veterans' Service Agency
Youth Bureau

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND
NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND
WITH COMMUNITY ACTION PLANNING COUNCIL
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INC.**

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services of Lewis County is an authorized Social Services official responsible and designated by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, insofar as funds are available for that purpose, to register and inspect family daycare and school-aged child care providers in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, the Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. ("CAPC") is qualified by its present established base in the community and is disposed to fulfill the required responsibilities of the Local Commissioner in fulfilling the obligation to inspect and register daycare providers. The Commissioner of Lewis County Department of Social Services ("DSS") desires to enter into an Agreement with CAPC to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize said agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes Agreements between the County of Lewis, by and through the Department of Social Services with:

A. New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the purpose of providing federal funding to the Lewis County Department of Social Services in the amount of \$10,567.50 quarterly (Maximum Funding Amount of \$42,270.00), for an acceptable level of compliance and performance as specified by the Division of Childcare Services for registration and inspection of child care providers.

and

B. Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. for the purpose of conducting registration and inspection of family day care and school aged child care providers in Lewis County, at an annual cost not to exceed \$40,157.00, payable in quarterly installments of \$10,039.25 upon receipt of a completed Quarterly Registration Review Report from the DCCS Regional Office.

Section 2. That the term of these Agreements shall be from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The cost of these services are 100% federally funded.

Section 3. That the Lewis County Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver the New York State Office of Children and Family Services agreement and any extensions thereto, pending review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 4. That the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver the Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. Agreement, and any extensions thereto provided the amount remains the same, pending approval by the County Attorney.

Section 5. That the within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

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January 2024

Community Services Office

- The new Deputy Director joined the department on 1/1/24.
- The Office of Addiction Services And Support(OASAS) substance use prevention services transition and planning has been paused. This is a result of a delay in “finalizing” closure and building logistics.
- 2024 Community Services focus will be:
 - Office of Mental Health 24/7 crisis service development
 - Office of Mental Health Joseph P Dwyer Vet Peer to Peer Program
 - Opioid litigation funded plan development and execution. Focus being social determinants of health.
- Working on preparing the department annual report.

Contract Agency Updates:

- Most programs have open positions. All agencies are actively recruiting to fill vacancies.
- The Office of Menal Health Act Team service is still on hold as the organization attempts to fill open positions required to operate the program.

Statewide

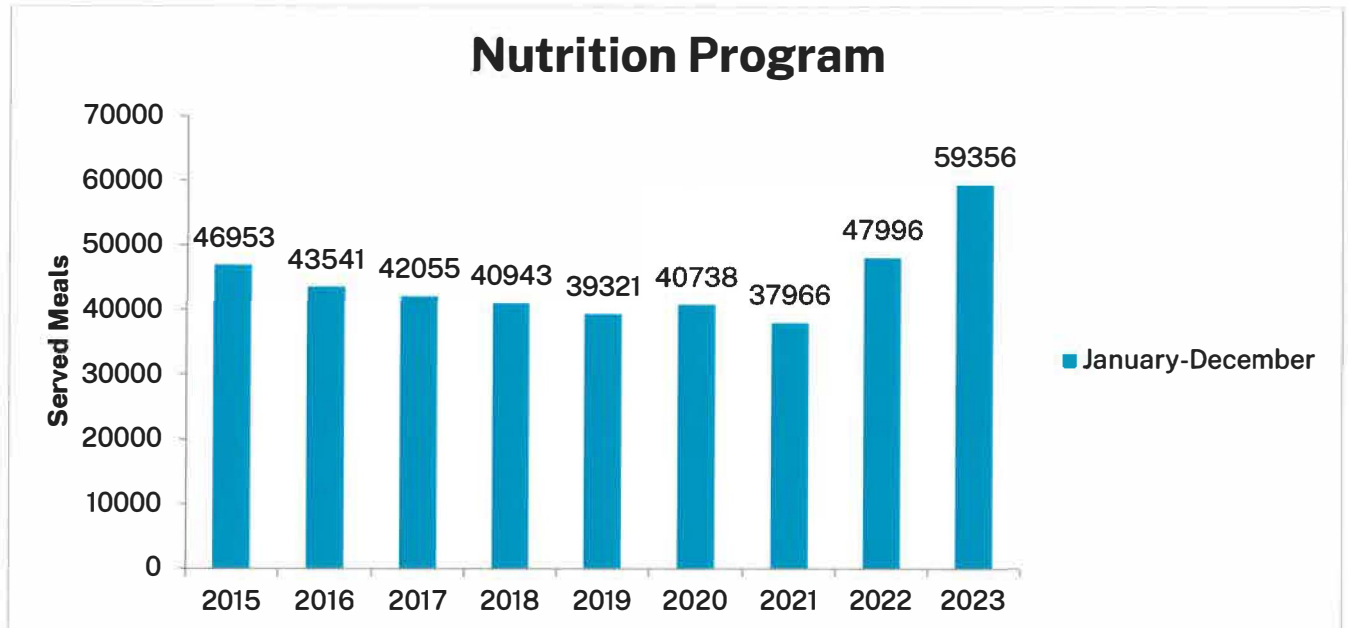
- The Conference of Local Mental Health Directors has been working with New York State Association Counties to address the county fiscal burden of CPL 730 evaluation/restoration service.

CURRENT PROJECTS

PROJECT	UPDATE
Vet Peer-to-peer	The program staff continue to do local outreach in the community. They have secured housing for 2 local veterans. The program has received donations of clothing for the Tug Hill quilters.
Opioid settlement money	It was decided to focus on social determinants of health for utilization of the funding dollars. A portion of the funding will be provided to the future Lewis County prevention services provider
OASAS Opioid abatement money	State aid for 2024 has been awarded.
24/7 mobile crisis	The Community Services Department, Office of Mental Health and Jefferson County are in preliminary discussion to determine if it would be beneficial to coordinate a bi county on the 24/7 crisis service.
OD mapping	The group, which is comprised of law enforcement from Lewis and Oneida County, drug task force, EMS, probation, parole, community-based organizations, public health and community services, meets monthly. The purpose is to share information, gather data and try and engage people who have had an overdose or families to services.

December 2023
Health and Human Services Committee Report

2023	December	YTD	Budget
Revenue	\$376,105.32	\$1,033,907.42	\$1,273,582.00
Expenses	\$195,515.96	\$1,701,946.35	\$1,800,405.43



Nutrition

- 205 clients received 3,567 home delivered meals
- 134 people attended the community dining sites serving 563 meals (31 clients chose takeout, with 150 meals served)
- 1 client received nutrition counseling, for a total of .25 hour

Home Care (November 2023)

- Personal Care and Housekeeping- 294.5 hours of care provided to 23 people
- Consumer Directed- 149.75 hours of care provided to 5 people
- Caregiver Respite- 211.75 hours of care provided to 11 people
- 9 people on waiting list at the end of November

General Services

- Health Insurance Counseling- 119 clients served in December, season totals of 278 people with a total savings of \$113,573
- Legal- 4 clients served
- NY Connects- 171 clients served with information and referral
- Personal Emergency Response Devices- 60 clients
- HEAP – 25 clients served in December with 321 clients served YTD

To: Human Services Committee

From: Matthew Morrow, Probation Director **MEM**

Date: January 8, 2024

Re: Lewis County Probation Monthly Summary

1. We are currently supervising **173** adult probationers, **42** of whom are DWI cases. In addition, we supervise **18** conditional discharge ignition interlock cases, **5** Drug Court cases, **7** JD cases, **2** pre-trial release case, and are working on **16** pre-sentence investigations.
2. Lewis County Probation had an outstanding Violation of Probation warrant issued by the Hon. Daniel R. King back in August of 2023. In cooperation with the Sheriff's Office, we learned that the offender was likely in South Carolina. After consulting with the District Attorney's Office, it was decided that Lewis County would extradite this offender if located. The Myrtle Beach Police Department located the offender on an unrelated matter on 12/12/2023. The DA's office and the Sheriff's Department developed a plan to pick up the offender. The offender has since been returned to Lewis County on our Violation of Probation warrant. The offender is currently in custody at the Lewis County Jail. While extradition proceedings are rare in Lewis County, they do take place. In the case of interstate probation transfers, extraditions are mandatory in certain situations according to federal law. The probation department currently has two interstate probation transfer cases being supervised in different states. Should either of these individuals violate their probation, Lewis County is required to extradite the offender.
3. Now that our firearms policy has been adopted by the full board of legislators, we are continuing to plan for this policy change. We continue discussions with Sheriff Carpinelli and Jefferson County Probation. Both the Sheriff's Office and Jefferson County Probation have offered to provide our department with the initial firearms training. We purchased firearm safes for our office. The building and grounds department attached the firearm safes to walls in our office last week. I would anticipate that in the second half of 2024 our probation officers will begin to be armed while on duty.



Monthly Update: January 2024

Fiscal Update	November	Year to Date	2023 Budget
Revenues	\$190,549	\$2,711,861	\$4,139,227
Expenditures	\$262,464	\$3,280,330	\$5,656,579

Services Update	December 2021	December 2022	December 2023
Preschool Program (Enrolled)	100	125	145
Early Intervention Program (Initial and Ongoing)	44	53	55
CYSHCNSS (Enrolled)	20	15	7
CYSHCN & Child Find (Referrals & Enrolled)	7	9	8
Communicable Disease Investigations (not flu)	15	49	71
Influenza Cases (season to date)	29	427	189
COVID-19 Cases	645	148	168
Rabies Investigations	15	5	9
Lead Case Management Caseload	37	38	40
Maternal Child Health Caseload	1	1	3
Immunization Clinic Attendance	95	68	44
Free Onsite Testing	0	2	3
Rabies Clinic Attendance (animals vaccinated)	0	0	0
Evidence Based Classes Enrollment	0	16	14
Pounds Lost by Class Participants	0	11	3
Individuals Reached Via Social Media (viewed message)	22,354	26,769	18,389
Social Media Engagements (likes, shares, comments)	1,210	720	532

Informational Update	
COVID-19	Reported COVID-19 cases increased significantly for the month of December. 11 individuals were hospitalized with COVID-19 in December. The Village of Lowville is conducting weekly wastewater testing for the COVID-19 virus. The latest results at the time of this report show the area is experiencing an increasing trend in COVID-19 cases, consistent with the sharp rise we are continuing to see in January.
Fiscal	No Update.
Staffing	April Seymour Ritz, Public Health Specialist will be transitioning to Early intervention Service Coordinator effective 01/29/24. We hired 2 new Public Health Specialist. Allyson Petrus will be starting 01/29/24 and Jennifer Edick will be starting 02/12/2024.
Program	10 individuals graduated from Getting Ahead on January 4 th . There were some powerful and inspiring speeches given at the ceremony. Bridges Lewis County is sharing those speeches on their Facebook page for anyone interested in hearing about the real-life impact of this program. The next Getting Ahead cohort is starting in March and we are currently recruiting participants. There will be a Bridges out of Poverty training March 6 th at DSS from 9am-4pm, any new legislator that is interested in taking this training can call our office to register. There will be a Rabies Vaccine Clinic January 20 th 10am-12pm at Maple Ridge.

Monthly Report - December 2023

Program Area Update	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023
Child Protective Reports Received	29	35	30
Child Welfare Open Cases	20	19	15
Children in Foster Care	15	10	9
Adult Services Referrals	4	10	4
Adult Service Open Cases	63	61	64
Incoming Phone Calls	6980	8811	7580
Visitor Total DSS	1251	1106	1145
Visitor Total One Stop	161	124	153
Child Care Subsidy	48	52	53
Applications Temporary Assistance	30	48	46
Open Temporary Assistance Cases	51	54	52
Homeless BedNights	33	25	88
Applications SNAP	101	145	90
Open SNAP cases	1547	1567	1575
Medicaid Applications	77	75	51
Medicaid Open Cases	1764	1728	1729
Applications HEAP	351	341	147
Total Case Denials	93	111	129
Total Case Transactions	2159	2083	1565
Fraud Referrals	22	36	27
Child Support Petitions Filed	38	29	37
Child Support Open Cases	1038	1028	1027

Other Program Highlights

The Medicaid Weekly county share payment has increased from \$97,889 to \$104,906.

Emergency HEAP opened on January 2, 2024. DSS received 49 emergency applications from the 2nd to the 5th.

DSS had 5 claims totaling \$1,842.53 for skimmed SNAP benefits. One claim

was denied for replacement benefits totaling \$100. The remaining skimmed benefits were in and out of state transactions.

DSS celebrated a foster child adoption in December after of being involved with DSS through preventive and then foster care services for 4 years and 10 months.

January is considered Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The Lewis County Safe Harbour Team that works with youth that have been sexually exploited or at risk of exploitation are currently working with 15 youth.

The Federal Homeless Point In Time Count is scheduled for Thursday January 25th. This is a day selected by HUD for every state and municipality to count the numbers of homeless. The data gleaned by the count assists communities in applying for and receiving HUD funds through our local Continuum of Care; Points North Housing Coalition. Lewis County joins Jefferson and St Lawrence counties in planning for the count for the North Country region.