

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

FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: March 14, 2024

SUBJECT: Human Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Human Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 19th 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 February 20, 2024 committee minutes if no amendments.

Presentations / Discussion Items:

1. Childcare – Jennifer Jones, Social Services Commissioner; Casandra Buell, Planning & Community Development Director; and Cathy Brodeur, Jefferson-Lewis Child Care Project Director (20 minutes)
2. 730 Evaluations update – Patricia Fralick, Community Services Director (5 minutes)

Draft Resolutions:

1. Appropriating \$150,000.00 in Community Services account line from contingency for current and on-going care, maintenance and examination services to patients in NYS Office of Mental Health psychiatric facilities pursuant to County Criminal or Family Court orders.
AYE ____ NAY ____
2. Calling for the SFY 2024-25 Enacted Budget to include Reforms to “730” defendants and the return to a 50-50 share between the State and County for the costs of restoration placed defendants.
AYE ____ NAY ____
3. Transferring and appropriating \$33,000.00 in the Stop DWI account line from STOP DWI Reserves to be used for a Probation/Stop DWI vehicle, which was included in the 2024 capital budget and will be paid for using a combination of County Capital funds and Stop DWI funds.
AYE ____ NAY ____
4. Approving agreement between Lewis County Public Health Agency and Birnie Bus Tours, Inc., to provide transportation services for pre-school special education children for the

period of April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 with annual automatic renewals based on rates of \$515.00 up to \$575.00 depending on the vehicle for the 1st child and then \$38.00 for each additional student.

AYE ____ NAY ____

5. Calling on the Governor to complete Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage reconciliations that are years overdue and provide a full accounting of funds owed to counties and a schedule for release of these federal funds.

AYE ____ NAY ____

6. Opposing the Governor's SFY2025 Budget proposal to shift more costs to counties by mandating higher spending for child welfare services in the Flexible Funding for Family Services (FFFS) Block Grant.

AYE ____ NAY ____

7. Urging the Governor and Legislature to become true partners in addressing homelessness by focusing on standard of need which must include the restoration of 50/50 cost sharing for Safety Net Programs and provide actual brick and mortar solutions by making permanent housing the central focus.

AYE ____ NAY ____

8. Urging the NYS Governor and Legislature to ensure that local Social Service Commissioners are directly involved in discussions to reduce costs in the Medicaid Program.

AYE ____ NAY ____

9. Appointing Caitlin Lawler as the Lewis County Youth Bureau Director effective April 3, 2024, for the term of her employment.

AYE ____ NAY ____

Motions:

None.

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 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS
Community Services Department**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the following appropriation is hereby approved in the Community Services account line to appropriate funds from contingency for current and on-going care, maintenance and examination services to patients placed in NYS Office of Mental Health psychiatric facilities pursuant to County Criminal or Family Court Orders:

Decrease:

A0199000 499900 Contingency	\$150,000.00
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Increase:

A0433500 490100 Professional Services	\$150,000.00
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE SFY 2024-25 ENACTED BUDGET TO INCLUDE REFORMS TO '730' DEFENDANTS AND THE RETURN TO A 50-50 SHARE BETWEEN THE STATE AND COUNTY FOR THE COSTS OF RESTORATION PLACED DEFENDANTS

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

WHEREAS, section 730 of the Criminal Procedure Law (CPL) provides that defendants charged with felonies who are mentally ill and/or developmentally disabled and who are determined by a court to be unable to understand the charges against them or participate in their own defense (often called "730's") are sent to New York State-operated forensic hospitals solely for the purpose of trying to restore them to competency so they can stand trial; and

WHEREAS, competency restoration provides necessary medications but primarily provides services such as courtroom training to familiarize the defendant with courtroom procedures so they can participate in their trial. Many judges incorrectly believe that by ordering a 730 commitment, they are helping the mentally ill or developmentally disabled person to get treatment; and

WHEREAS, in the cases for which restoration is appropriate, most defendants can generally be restored within 90-150 days. Unfortunately, however, there are also numerous situations where defendants have been kept in restoration for periods for years; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Mental Health (OMH) has diverged from agreements with the county mental health commissioners/directors of community services to provide specific and timely information on the clients/defendants ordered to restoration; and

WHEREAS, since the SFY 2020-21 budget, counties have been required to pay 100 percent of the OMH State Operations costs for individuals receiving court-ordered mental health competency restoration services at State-operated Forensic Psychiatric Centers; and

WHEREAS, the county cost of these services is over \$1,300 per day and the current statute does not require a timeline be established for a determination as to when a defendant is deemed to be unable to be restored; and

WHEREAS, the county cost of restoration for one defendant can be upwards of \$400,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, given the advances in the behavioral health field and the modernization of the criminal justice system, it is time for the State to reform the statutory authority governing competency restoration to ensure that only individuals who are appropriate subjects of 730 court orders are sent for restoration; AND for the State to return to a 50/50 share between the state and county for the costs of 730 restoration services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators calls for reforms to “730” legal provisions to include the following: a) make clear that restoration is not mental health treatment, so the judiciary is better informed that a 730 order does not treat underlying mental health conditions; b) establish specific criteria for 730 examiners so that the psychiatrist or psychologist conducting the psychiatric exam can tell the court whether or not there is a reasonable chance of restoration, thereby granting the court an opportunity to allow diversion to mental health treatment; c) limit the time defendants are ordered for restoration services and allow for individuals to be transferred to MHL Article 9 facilities if it is determined that a defendant is unable to be restored; and d) direct OMH to consistently follow their agreements with the county mental health commissioners/directors of community services to provide specific and timely information on the clients/defendants ordered to restoration.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators calls upon the Governor and State Legislature to return to a 50/50 share between the State and County of the costs of individuals who are sent to State facilities for 730 restoration services.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Board is directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul and the Majority and Minority leaders of the New York State Legislature, and any other deemed appropriate to receive same.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE
Stop DWI Reserve FUNDS**

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

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the following budget appropriation take place in the Stop DWI accounts to transfer funds from Stop DWI Reserve A0 008890 (balance as of 12/31/2023 is \$77,537) and appropriate these funds to be used for a Probation/Stop DWI vehicle acquisition. This purchase was included in the 2024 capital budget and will use a combination of County capital and Stop DWI funds.

Increase Revenue:

A0331500 326151 Stop DWI VIP Revenue \$33,000.00

Increase Expenditure:

A0 331500 223300 Stop DWI Vehicles \$33,000.00

Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY AND BIRNIE BUS TOURS, INC.,
PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Public Health Agency ("LCPH") is tasked with providing transportation services for eligible pre-school special education children to center based services, and desires to enter into an agreement with Birnie Bus Tours, Inc. to provide said services when requested; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to accept such services and authorize a contract for same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Agreement by and through the Lewis County Public Health Agency and Birnie Bus Tours, Inc. to provide transportation services for pre-school special education children eligible for same, as requested.

Section 2. That said Agreement shall be for the period of April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 with annual automatic renewals, based upon the following fee rates:

<u>Rate Per Child</u>	<u>Caravan Style</u>	<u>Type A Yellow Van</u>	<u>Type A Wheelchair Van</u>
1 st Student	\$515.00	\$531.00	\$575.00
Additional Students	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00

Section 3. That the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement together with the Director of Public Health, pending approval by the County Attorney.

Section 4. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

**RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR TO COMPLETE ENHANCED
FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE RECONCILIATIONS
THAT ARE YEARS OVERDUE AND PROVIDE A FULL ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS
OWED TO COUNTIES AND A SCHEDULE FOR RELEASE OF THESE FEDERAL
FUNDS**

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

WHEREAS, the funding to support the Medicaid program is provided by a combination of federal, state and local resources; and

WHEREAS, the state requires the counties (and New York City) to contribute \$7.6 billion annually to pay for the federal and state defined and controlled program; and

WHEREAS, additionally, counties and New York City also voluntarily contribute about \$1 billion annually to draw down available federal funds to support publicly owned or supported nursing homes, clinics, and hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the local share the state requires counties and New York City to pay is the highest of any state in the country; and

WHEREAS, this large local funding share for Medicaid and other state programs is a major contributor to New York's high local tax burden compared to other states; and

WHEREAS, under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the COVID era the federal government provided an enhanced Medicaid matching share (eFMAP), which has saved New York state billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the state has utilized a methodology that provides 80 percent of these estimated federal savings to counties in the year the costs accrue followed by a reconciliation in the following year of the remaining 20 percent of savings; and

WHEREAS, for the first three years after enactment of the Affordable Care Act the state followed through on a relatively timely basis with the initial pass through of savings based on 80 percent of the estimated value of these federal savings to counties; and

WHEREAS, the last completed reconciliation and transfer of federal savings owed to counties was for state fiscal year 2015-16 with the reconciliation being implemented in December of 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of February 1, 2024, counties are waiting on seven years of unfinished reconciliations; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties has submitted FOIL requests on behalf of all counties for federal COVID eFMAP savings distributed to counties. Federal COVID eFMAP savings are mandated to be shared with counties under federal law; and

WHEREAS, because the state is withholding these federal funds it requires counties to reserve funds locally to make up for the loss, meaning local taxes have been kept higher than they need to be over multiple years, or local services are scaled back or eliminated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators joins in and supports the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) efforts to urge the Governor to complete these unfinished reconciliations as soon as possible and to provide counties a full accounting of the federal funds owed, and to take immediate steps to release the funds to localities; and

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the majority and minority leaders of the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE GOVERNOR'S SFY2025 BUDGET PROPOSAL TO SHIFT MORE COSTS TO COUNTIES BY MANDATING HIGHER SPENDING FOR CHILD WELFARE SERVICES IN THE FLEXIBLE FUNDING FOR FAMILY SERVICES (FFFS) BLOCK GRANT

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

WHEREAS, over the last 15 years the state has devolved away from its historic and constitutional responsibilities of providing social services and support for low-income families and children, as demonstrated through significant reductions in state financial support for these programs, thereby shifting state costs and responsibilities to counties; and

WHEREAS, the SFY 2025 proposed budget continues the trend of shifting social services costs to counties by requiring additional local spending of \$75 million for child welfare services within the capped Flexible Fund for Family Services (FFFS) which is already underfunded; and

WHEREAS, these increased county costs are partially offset with temporary federal funding that will likely not continue, which will force higher costs on county taxpayers on a recurring basis; and

WHEREAS, state funding shifts have increased county social services costs by hundreds of millions of dollars annually because the state requires that all services still be provided in full, often including new and more comprehensive service levels, but with less state resources; and

WHEREAS, the steady pullback in state funding support has been expansive and includes cutting state matching support for child welfare from 65 percent to 62 percent; and

WHEREAS, state funding support for the Safety Net Program was cut from 50 percent to 29 percent, offset with the addition of temporary federal aid that gradually disappeared leaving the full burden on counties; and

WHEREAS, state funding support for the Foster Care Block Grant was cut by \$62 million in state fiscal year 2018, a 14 percent reduction; and

WHEREAS, the SFY 2023 adopted budget also included provisions to settle longstanding litigation against the state related to foster care rates paid to foster parents, forcing counties to fully fund more than \$200 million in rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the steady pullback in state funding support also includes cuts in state matching funds to adoption subsidies, food stamp administration, and youth detention and treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators joins with the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) in opposition to cost shifts in critical social services programs from the State to counties.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators calls upon and urges the State to realize that the best way to support services for children and families is to restore state matching support for Safety Net programs to 50 percent and restore child welfare state funding support to 65 percent.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Board is directed to send copies of this Resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the majority and minority leaders of the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO BECOME TRUE PARTNERS IN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS BY FOCUSING ON STANDARD OF NEED WHICH MUST INCLUDE THE RESTORATION OF 50/50 COST SHARING FOR SAFETY NET PROGRAMS, AND PROVIDE ACTUAL BRICK AND MORTAR SOLUTIONS BY MAKING PERMANENT HOUSING THE CENTRAL FOCUS

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

WHEREAS, homelessness and housing affordability continue to be major concerns across the state. The COVID-19 pandemic made the situation worse through increased rental rates, decreased housing supply and an increased reliance on temporary housing assistance in shelters and motels; and

WHEREAS, in the post pandemic era, counties are experiencing a decline in the number of landlords that will rent to the clientele local social service districts serve; and

WHEREAS, the state's unprecedented reduction in fiscal support implemented over a decade ago when the state reduced its Safety Net program support from 50 percent to 29 percent has only made the situation worse; and

WHEREAS, state shelter allowances provided by the state are so low today that homeless clients cannot compete in the current housing market; and

WHEREAS, the net effect of low shelter rates for individuals and families that have been displaced and are residing in temporary housing is that current shelter allowances serve as a barrier to moving to permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, the homeless population is facing new problems as the needs of families have become more complicated; and

WHEREAS, regardless of family size and demographics, many of those facing homelessness or seeking emergency shelter can have challenging medical needs, mental health and substance abuse issues, some are registered sex offenders, and still others are state prison parolees or on probation; with some facing several of these challenges at the same time; and

WHEREAS, the state requires counties to fund 71 percent of costs for Safety Net individuals and 100 percent of the costs of administering these programs; and

WHEREAS, local social service districts focus scarce resources on achieving permanent housing, preventing homelessness, and providing temporary placement;

and

WHEREAS, counties maintain that preventing homelessness in the first place is the best way to keep families safe and secure; that while it is important to provide help in a crisis, it is better policy to maintain stability and prevent emergencies by providing sufficient resources up front;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators calls on the Governor and State Legislature to prioritize permanency in housing and to update rental allowances and the standard of need which have not been properly updated in decades to fully address the dramatic growth in housing, energy, and food costs; and to restore the Safety Net State share to 50% of said costs.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators believes that the State should work with counties in developing a public education campaign to ensure people better understand the plight of families and individuals struggling with homelessness and how everyone can benefit by helping them achieve stable housing in our communities, including acknowledgement that counties need brick and mortar solutions to existing housing problems.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators urge the State to coordinate a timely transition to supportive housing for the highest need individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues in collaboration with OTDA, other state agencies, and local social services districts; especially those that have been repeatedly homeless and in need of supportive placements overseen by OMH, OASAS, OPWDD and DOCCS.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board is directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the Office for Temporary Disability Assistance and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

RESOLUTION URGING THE NYS GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO ENSURE THAT LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS TO REDUCE COSTS IN THE MEDICAID PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Governor's SFY 2025 Budget acknowledges that Medicaid spending growth is unsustainable and cost containment actions must be implemented; and

WHEREAS, total spending for New York's Medicaid program is projected to exceed \$100 billion in SFY 2025, when county and NYC contributions are included; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Budget (DOB) projects that before any state budget actions for SFY 2025 are taken into account Medicaid would run a state share funding deficit of \$735 million in SFY 2025, growing to \$2.23 billion in SFY 2026; and

WHEREAS, there are projections of \$1.2 billion in targeted savings, but \$400 million is undefined in the budget, with \$200 million expected from long term care services, and \$200 million from other actions; and

WHEREAS, county social services commissioners and their staff are deeply involved in administering different components of Medicaid, including long term care services at the direction of the New York State Department of Health (DOH), adhering to state regulations and guidelines; and

WHEREAS, because of this involvement county social services commissioners can offer valuable insight into achieving savings in Medicaid including long term care service delivery;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators joins with the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and calls on the Governor, Department of Health, the Legislature, and other stakeholders to include representatives from local social services commissioners to participate in discussions to find recurring savings in Medicaid, including but not limited to long term care services.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Department of Health, and

all others necessary and proper.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT YOUTH BUREAU DIRECTOR

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

WHEREAS, the 2024 budget created a full-time Youth Services Coordinator position for which the incumbent would also serve as the Lewis County Youth Bureau Director; and

WHEREAS, the full-time Youth Services Coordinator position has been filled and will assume the duties required of the Youth Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the current Youth Bureau Director, Deanna Edick, and Youth Bureau Assistant, Ramona Carpenter, have both submitted their resignation letters effective April 2, 2024;

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby designates and appoints Caitlin Lawler as the Lewis County Youth Bureau Director effective April 3, 2024, for the term of her employment.

Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

February 2024

Local Services Plan

- We are currently addressing the goals related to crisis services and use of opioid litigation and abatement funds.
- We are engaging in conversations about workforce with our Economic Development Partners and transportation with the Transportation Task Force.

Projects

- Mobile Crisis – Jefferson County Community Services will be entering into a contract with Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization (FDRHPO) to develop a plan for these services. Lewis County Community Services will then sign an MOU with Jefferson County, since the plan and services will cover both counties.
- Opioid Settlement Funds – The Substance Use Disorder/Mental Health (SUD/MH) Subcommittee of the Community Services Board has been tasked with developing an opioid litigation utilization plan. The funds will be used to develop a grant program that will support programs/projects focused on minimizing the impact of opioids and opioid use disorder on residents of Lewis County.
- Hospital & Community Connections- NYS Office of Mental Health, local hospitals, emergency rooms and community services departments continue to meet to develop improved discharge planning for those requiring behavioral health aftercare.

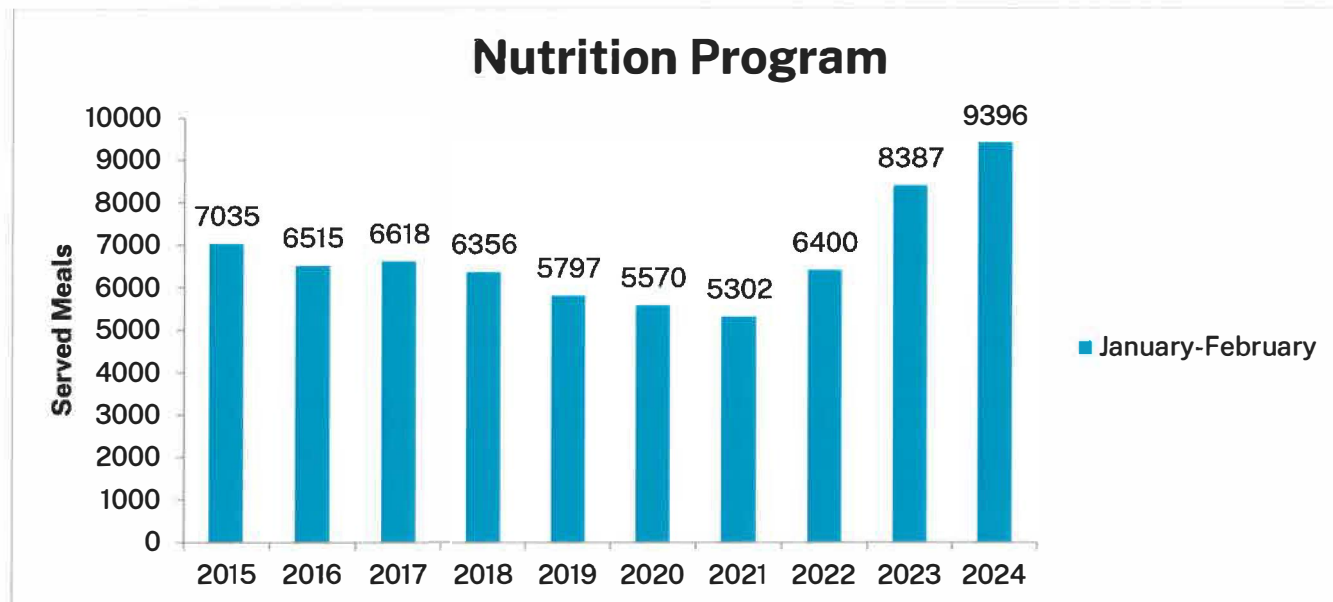
SERVICES	
Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Petitions/Referrals Received	0
AOT Clients Monitored	1
Enhanced Service Agreements	0
SPOA Referrals (Adult + Child)	11
Article 7.30 Evaluations	0
Safe Act Reports	0
Pick-Up Orders	1

CONTRACT AGENCIES

Credo Community Center	Credo continues to work with TLS on the merger of the two organizations. The new entity will be called Thrive Wellness and Recovery. Credo has several open positions. On 3/7/24, Credo formally asked to move offices from the #3 Road to the downtown location of TLS (The Commons) thus consolidating services and improving access for clients to other services and transportation.
Transitional Living Services (TLS)	TLS has three open clinician positions and is expecting two more vacancies by end of month, including their clinic director and prescriber (nurse practitioner). TLS is exploring the use of telehealth providers to see patients and are consolidating staff to support both Jefferson and Lewis County outpatient clinics. ACT has not been able to secure a provider.
NRCIL	NRCIL staff and consumers attended Advocacy Day in Albany on February 12. NRCIL be providing a program is entitled "What's Good About Teen Anger?" at the BOCES ACES program, beginning in March.
The ARC Oneida Lewis Chapter	Will be hosting the 70 th Anniversary Gala on 4/19 at the Hart's Hill Inn. They have both direct support and administrative positions open.
Prevention	PIVOT's Board of Directors voted to expand their services to Lewis County. We are working with the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to develop the contract for prevention services, with the hope of restoring services in Lewis County schools by the start of the 2024-2025 school year.
MHA (Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer to Peer)	This program continues to focus on outreach, partnership development, and Veteran contacts, as well as establishing an Advisory Board. They are also in the process of purchasing a van so they can assist activity duty military and veterans with their transportation needs. One of their apartments is vacant and the other is currently occupied.

February 2024
Office for the Aging: Health and Human Services Committee Report

2024	February	YTD	Budget
Revenue	\$7,157.08	\$14,885.37	\$1,283,682.00
Expenses	\$158,349.57	\$227,979.64	\$2,006,897.00



Nutrition

- 210 clients received 3,598 home delivered meals
- 101 people attended the community dining sites, being served 581 meals (34 clients chose takeout, with 198 meals served)
- West Leyden: 81 people attended the restaurant dining site, being served 257 meals (41 clients chose takeout, with 146 meals served)
- 2 clients received nutrition counseling, for a total of 3.5 hours

Home Care (January 2024)

- Personal Care and Housekeeping- 351.25 hours of care provided to 24 people
- Consumer Directed- 99.25 hours of care provided to 5 people
- Caregiver Respite- 263.5 hours of care provided to 10 people
- 8 people on waiting list at the end of January

General Services

- Respite Cafe attendance for February – 16 clients, for a combined total of 64 respite hours
- Health Insurance Counseling- 44 clients served in February, season total of 360
- Legal- 3 clients served, 3 new legal referrals
- Evidenced Based Classes – 3, with 33 participants
- NY Connects- 168 clients served with information and referral
- Personal Emergency Response Devices- 58 clients
- HEAP – 14 clients served in February with 352 clients served season to date

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To: Human Services Committee

From: Matthew Morrow, Probation Director 

Date: March 8, 2024

Re: Lewis County Probation Monthly Summary

1. We are currently supervising **169** adult probationers, **41** of whom are DWI cases. In addition, we supervise **12** conditional discharge ignition interlock cases, **5** Drug Court cases, **11** JD cases, and are working on **16** pre-sentence investigations (two of which are for Courts in another County).
2. Lewis County Probation/ Lewis County STOP-DWI participated in the Lowville Academy annual career day on 02/29/2024. The career day was a great opportunity for LACS students to learn about probation. We also spread the message of STOP-DWI whenever given the opportunity to be in area schools. This year, we were able to bring impairment goggles that simulate drug and alcohol impairment. The Sheriff's Office was also at the career day, and Sheriff Deputies assisted in having students participate in field sobriety tests while wearing the impairment goggles.
3. On March 14, 2024, the Probation Department will be attending the monthly magistrates meeting at the Town of Lowville offices. There are several new Town Justices throughout the county. Attending this meeting will provide the Probation Department with the opportunity to meet the new Justices. We will also have the opportunity to explain to the Justices what probation is, what we do, and how we work with the Court's.

Monthly Update: March 2024

Fiscal Update	January	Year to Date	2024 Budget
Revenues	\$252,247	\$252,247	\$3,159,073
Expenditures	\$160,646	\$160,646	\$4,730,726

Services Update	February 2021	February 2022	February 2023	February 2024
Preschool Program (Enrolled)	121	123	149	150
Early Intervention Program (Initial and Ongoing)	42	38	63	51
CYSHCNSS (Enrolled)	33	20	13	7
CYSHCN & Child Find (Referrals & Enrolled)	10	21	11	6
Communicable Disease Investigations (not flu)	23	23	42	149
Influenza Cases (season to date)	4	100	446	411
COVID-19 Cases	275	354	155	109
Rabies Investigations	7	4	5	15
Lead Case Management Caseload	30	40	36	40
Maternal Child Health Caseload	0	1	3	1
Immunization Clinic Attendance	7	57	16	17
Free Onsite Testing	0	0	1	2
Rabies Clinic Attendance (animals vaccinated)	79	0	0	0
Evidence Based Classes Enrollment	12	6	19	10
Pounds Lost by Class Participants	14	8	25	14
Individuals Reached Via Social Media (viewed message)	23,027	12,264	4,975	7,298
Social Media Engagements (likes, shares, comments)	2,759	1,526	1,515	2,399

Informational Update	
COVID-19	Reported COVID-19 cases decreased for the month of February. 3 individuals were hospitalized with COVID-19 in February. 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 a decreasing trend in COVID-19 cases, which is consistent with the recently reported cases.
Fiscal	No Update.
Staffing	No Update.
Program	We did a cancer prevention presentation to 3 meal sites throughout the county in February. We also did a presentation on heart health to NRCIL consumers and a presentation to Copenhagen Elementary School on poison prevention. On February 7 th and 15 th Bridges out of Poverty Learning Collaboratives took place. 34 people representing 14 agencies participated and had a robust discussion about housing in Lewis County. 13 Getting Ahead graduates participated in Staying Ahead February 21 st . All spring rabies clinics have been set and we will begin advertising for them in April.



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MONTHLY REPORT February 2024

JAIL:

- Inmate Population as of February 29th: 29
- Number of Inmates Boarded Out as of February 29th: 1
- Incidents: 0

DISPATCH:

- Calls Handled: 4959
- Cads Created: 1688

ROAD PATROL:

- Complaints Handled: 530
- Criminal Arrest Made: 19
- Vehicle and Traffic Stops: 118
- Vehicle and Traffic Arrest: 54
- Pistol Permits Completed: 7
- Drug Overdoses: 1

CIVIL:

- Papers Served: 65
- Evictions: 6
- Civil Executions Against Property: 1
- Funds Received and Disbursed: \$21,508.34

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Program Highlights

OTDA has implemented a new feature on EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) cards that allows card holders to lock their EBT card to help avoid benefit thefts.

The Lewis County Warming Center provided 88 bed nights of service for the month of February; a marked increase over 2023 when only 4 nights of utilization were reported.

Program Area Update	January 2024	February 2024
Child Protective Reports Received	56	32
Child Welfare Open Cases	16	19
Children In Foster Care	9	10
Adult Services Referrals	12	5
Adult Service Open Cases	63	61
Incoming Phone Calls	10,106	8519
Visitor Total DSS	1032	1031
Visitor Total One Stop	136	156
Child Care Subsidy	50	52
Applications Temporary Assistance	38	42
Open Temporary Assistance Cases	62	63
Homeless BedNights	138	173
Applications SNAP	111	83
Open SNAP cases	1598	1615
Medicaid Applications	51	73
Medicaid Open Cases	1718	1720
Applications HEAP	149	255
Total Case Denials	157	116
Total Case Transactions	2582	2109
Fraud Referrals	29	31
Child Support Petitions Filed	41	37
Child Support Open Cases	1014	1004

In February, of the 255 HEAP applications submitted, 118 were for emergency needs. HEAP cooling benefits open for application on April 15th.

Lewis County DSS has renewed the Rent Supplement Program contract with Lewis County Opportunities. Currently 8 households are enrolled. On February 27th, HCR enacted a statewide freeze on Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, this freeze will increase utilization into the local rent supplement program. DSS receives an annual allocation of \$100,000 for the RSP with \$25,000 of local funds budgeted to allow rent payments up to the Fair Market Rent allowance.

The Lewis County Veteran's Services Office has moved into the Human Services Building and is already seeing Veterans at this location.

On March 6th, DSS hosted a full day training on Bridges Out of Poverty with Stephanie Houser- Fouse from Public Health as the trainer. There were representatives from DSS, OFA, Board of Legislators and many other community partners.

The DSS Supervisory Team will be participating in training for Managing Common People Problems on March 27th with Abrahm DiMarco of DiMarco Consulting. The funding for the training is provided by NYS.