

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

FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: April 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Human Services Committee Agenda

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

Presentations / Discussion Items:

1. Lewis County Health Systems Capital Project update – Jerry Cayer, LCHS CEO (15 minutes)

Draft Resolutions:

1. Amending compensation plan with reference to the Department of Social Services by creating one (1) full-time Case Supervisor, Grade B at \$30.32 to \$35.41 per hour effective July 15, 2024 through September 30, 2024 to allow for backfill, training, and transition.
AYE ___ NAY ___
2. Authorizing renewal agreement between Lewis County Department of Social Services and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County to provide parent education supportive and rehabilitative services from June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025 at a flat fee of \$5,887.00 per month, not to exceed \$70,644.00 per year.
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 AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN
WITH REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has a pending retirement of a long-term Grade B Case Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Grade B Case Supervisors are responsible for casework supervision in the areas of CPS, Child Welfare, Foster Care, Foster Home Finding and Training, Adult Services, and Adult Protective Services and all associated programs and services required by OCFS; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services is requesting the creation of an additional Grade B Case Supervisor position for a temporary period to allow for backfill, training, and transition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby amends the Compensation Plan of the County of Lewis with reference to the Department of Social Services, effective July 15, 2024, through September 30, 2024, for the following:

<u>CREATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Case Supervisor, Grade B	Full-Time	\$30.32 - \$35.41

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND
CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF LEWIS COUNTY**

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Department of Social Services (“DSS”) wishes to enter into a renewal Agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County (“Cooperative Extension”) to provide supportive and rehabilitative services that include parent education services to families whose children have been named in a child abuse and/or maltreatment report, who have been assessed at risk of foster care placement, who are in foster care and whose placements could be shortened through the provision of such services, or families who are below 200% of the Federal Poverty Limit and evidence an ability to benefit from parent education services in accordance with criteria established by Department Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Cooperative Extension is a recognized agency with the experience and capacity to offer parenting programs, at a flat fee of \$5,887.00 per month, per family. Total payments under the agreement would not exceed \$70,644.00 per calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to accept such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a renewal Agreement between the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Department of Social Services and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County to provide supportive and rehabilitative services that may include:

- parent education services to families whose children have been named in a child abuse and/or maltreatment report.
- children who have been assessed at risk of foster care placement,
- children who are in foster care and whose placements could be shortened through the provision of such services.
- families who are below 200% of the Federal Poverty Limit and evidence an ability to benefit from parent education services in accordance with criteria established by Department Regulations.

Section 2. That the term of this Agreement shall be from June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025 at a flat fee of \$5,887.00 per month per family for all clients referred by DSS with an open case, with the total amount not to exceed \$70,644.00 per year. The local share cost of these services is 38% after Federal and State (62%) reimbursements.

Section 3. That the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal, and deliver said Agreement, and any amendments thereto, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

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

DRAFT

April 2024

Local Services Plan

- We continue addressing the goals related to crisis services and use of opioid litigation and abatement funds. See project updates

Projects

- Mobile Crisis – Discussions continue around content of legal agreement and contract language between Jefferson County Community Services, FDRHPO and Lewis County. Met with OMH planning staff to discuss needs of programs, appropriate use of funds, technical assistance as project develops.
- Opioid Settlement Funds – The subcommittee reviewed recent survey and discussed other sources of information. Will develop 10 questions survey. OASAS abatement report submitted.
- Hospital & Community Connections Met with OMH planning department staff. Will be using the FDRHPO mental health partner monthly meeting/membership to identify and implement solutions to improve D/C planning for persons being discharged from ER's and inpatient psychiatric unit.

SERVICES	
Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Petitions/Referrals Received	0
AOT Clients Monitored	1
Enhanced Service Agreements	0
SPOA Referrals (Adult + Child)	5
Article 7.30 Evaluations	0
Safe Act Reports	6
Pick-Up Orders	1

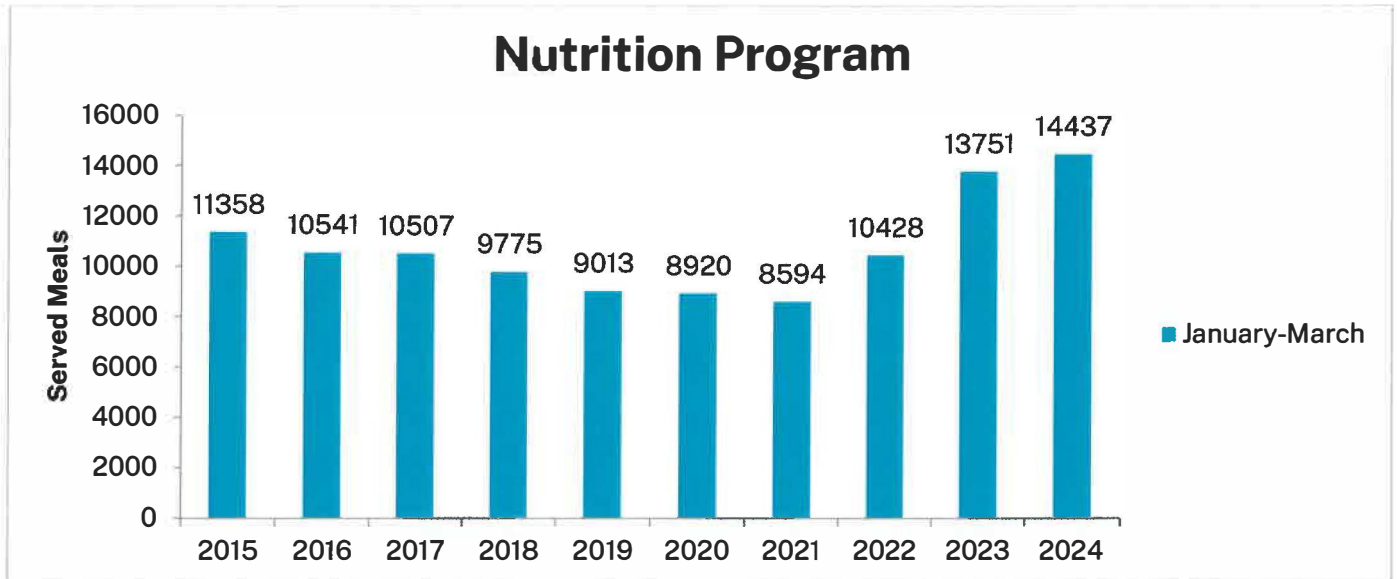
Department

- Work is being done on the Department's County webpage to improve content.
- Annual report submitted

CONTRACT AGENCIES	
Credo Community Center	Credo continues to work with TLS on the merger of the two organizations. Adjusted hours and staffing for the eclipse.
Transitional Living Services (TLS)/BHWC	BHWC OP mental health clinic notified Community Services the agency is having trouble finding staff for recent resignations. These vacancies have impacted the ability to see new or continue to see some already admitted clients. The agency is working with other local providers to manage current and potential clients and are actively pursuing solutions including telehealth, consolidating clinical staff. Currently the TLS community based programming /staff hasn't been impacted I have either met with or will meet with, for the purposes of exploring alternative supporting solutions,: OMH, OASAS, Carthage behavioral health, SLPC MIT team, Childrens home of Jefferson County, Citizens advocates, County Planning dept, County IT department, County Jail, LCGH, SMC behavioral health Adjusted hours and staffing for the eclipse.
NRCIL	Adjusted hours and staffing for the eclipse.
The ARC Oneida Lewis Chapter	Will be closing programs on the eclipse. Staff will report as usual. Justine Adamczyk senioa respite specialist is the employee of the month.
Prevention	PIVOT is completing required paperwork at the request of OASAS. Once approved, "application" will be presented to the CSB for review and vote.
MHA (Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer to Peer)	Looking to increase involvement in local events for the purpose of raising awareness of the service in the county. Embedded at DSS 1-2 times per week

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

2024	March	YTD	Budget
Revenue	\$33,456.80	\$48,342.17	\$1,283,682.00
Expenses	\$147,023.30	\$375,002.94	\$2,006,897.00



Nutrition

- 201 clients received 3,510 home delivered meals
- 117 people attended the community dining sites, being served 606 meals
40 clients chose takeout, with 226 meals served
- West Leyden: 119 people attended the restaurant dining site, being served 458 meals
62 clients chose takeout, with 241 meals served
- 28 Respite Cafe meals served
- 1 client received nutrition counseling, for a total of 2.25 hours

Home Care (February 2024)

- Personal Care and Housekeeping- 348 hours of care provided to 25 people
- Consumer Directed- 79 hours of care provided to 4 people
- Caregiver Respite- 233 hours of care provided to 10 people
- 9 people on waiting list at the end of February

General Services

- Respite Cafe attendance for March – 20 clients, for a combined total of 80 respite hours
- Health Insurance Counseling- 45 clients served in March, season total of 405
- Legal- 11 clients served, 5 new legal referrals
- Evidenced Based Classes – 3, with 33 participants
- NY Connects- 167 clients served with information and referral
- Personal Emergency Response Devices- 56 clients
- HEAP – 12 clients served in March with 364 clients served season to date
- Companion Pets – 3 new, 71 in use; ElliQ artificial intelligence companion – 1 new, 13 in use

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To: Human Services Committee

From: Matthew Morrow, Probation Director

MEM

Date: April 5, 2024

Re: Lewis County Probation Monthly Summary

1. We are currently supervising **159** adult probationers, **36** of whom are DWI cases. In addition, we supervise **12** conditional discharge ignition interlock cases, **4** Drug Court cases, **14** JD cases, and are working on **11** pre-sentence investigations.
2. On March 8, 2024, the Probation Department and Lewis County STOP-DWI spent the day at Copenhagen Central School in conjunction with the Save a Life Tour. The Save a Life Tour brings distracted and impaired driving simulators to schools throughout the country. Probation/STOP-DWI was also on hand at Copenhagen to interact with students. We brought our impairment goggles to Copenhagen School and students were able to participate in field sobriety tests with the School Resource Officer, Deputy Monnat from the Sheriff's Office. WWNY TV was on hand as well and ran a news piece featuring an interview with the Copenhagen SADD program and STOP-DWI.
3. Lewis County Probation/ Lewis County STOP-DWI participated in the Beaver River Central School annual career showcase on 03/19/2024. The career day was a great opportunity for BRCS 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 showcase, and Sheriff Deputies assisted in having students participate in field sobriety tests while wearing the impairment goggles.



Monthly Update: April 2024

Fiscal Update	February	Year to Date	2024 Budget
Revenues	\$150,779	\$-266,228	\$3,159,073
Expenditures	\$303,510	\$464,156	\$4,730,726

Services Update	March 2021	March 2022	March 2023	March 2024
Preschool Program (Enrolled)	129	136	158	154
Early Intervention Program (Initial and Ongoing)	47	42	60	51
CYSHCNSS (Enrolled)	32	20	13	6
CYSHCN & Child Find (Referrals & Enrolled)	8	16	15	6
Communicable Disease Investigations (not flu)	48	33	61	147
Influenza Cases (season to date)	4	118	446	529
COVID-19 Cases	209	89	71	27
Rabies Investigations	9	4	6	9
Lead Case Management Caseload	34	39	35	40
Maternal Child Health Caseload	1	2	2	1
Immunization Clinic Attendance	15	38	21	9
Free Onsite Testing	0	0	5	0
Rabies Clinic Attendance (animals vaccinated)	0	0	0	0
Evidence Based Classes Enrollment	0	6	19	10
Pounds Lost by Class Participants	0	5	90	0
Individuals Reached Via Social Media (viewed message)	39,404	12,240	9,566	8,825
Social Media Engagements (likes, shares, comments)	2,602	2,060	2,633	655

Informational Update	
COVID-19	Reported COVID-19 cases decreased for the month of March. There were no hospitalizations with COVID-19 in March. 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	The negative revenue balance is due to 2023 revenue coming in 2024 and being pushed back to 2023.
Staffing	No Update.
Program	All spring rabies clinics have been set and we have begun advertising for them. Public Health celebrated Public Health Week the first week of April with several team building activities including cleaning up the Lewis County Fairgrounds. 27 people attended Bridges Out of Poverty training March 6th. A new Getting Ahead cohort started March 11 th with 8 people participating.



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MONTHLY REPORT

March 2024

JAIL:

- Inmate Population as of March 31st: **35**
- Number of Inmates Boarded Out as of March 31st: **1**
- Incidents: **0**

DISPATCH:

- Calls Handled: **5202**
- Cads Created: **1831**

ROAD PATROL:

- Complaints Handled: **564**
- Criminal Arrest Made: **33**
- Vehicle and Traffic Stops: **173**
- Vehicle and Traffic Arrest: **58**
- Pistol Permits Completed: **15**

CIVIL:

- Papers Served: **59**
- Evictions: **1**
- Civil Executions Against Property: **0**
- Funds Received and Disbursed: **\$14,585.54**

**Monthly Report
 March 2024**

Program Highlights

A 2nd Emergency HEAP benefit was released on March 14th and will close April 12th. HEAP Cooling will open for application on April 15th. Cooling eligibility will require medical documentation of need unless the household contains a “vulnerable” member.

DSS Supervisory staff participated in a day long training on Managing Common People problems. We were joined by other DSS supervisors from Jefferson and Oswego Counties.

Program Area Update	January 2024	February 2024	March 2024
Child Protective Reports Received	56	32	54
Child Welfare Open Cases	16	19	17
Children in Foster Care	9	10	9
Adult Services Referrals	12	5	15
Adult Service Open Cases	63	61	64
Incoming Phone Calls	10,106	8519	8095
Visitor Total DSS	1032	1031	1009
Visitor Total One Stop	136	156	135
Child Care Subsidy	50	52	53
Applications Temporary Assistance	38	42	28
Open Temporary Assistance Cases	62	63	66
Homeless BedNights	138	173	195
Applications SNAP	111	83	48
Open SNAP cases	1598	1615	1621
Medicaid Applications	51	73	46
Medicaid Open Cases	1718	1720	1728
Applications HEAP	149	255	488
Total Case Denials	157	116	89
Total Case Transactions	2582	2109	1562
Fraud Referrals	29	31	27
Child Support Petitions Filed	41	37	36
Child Support Open Cases	1014	1004	1004

DSS will convert to the Ring Central phone system on April 16th.

The Fraud Unit worked diligently to maintain the integrity of our benefits programs in 2023 accumulating \$51,360 in cost avoidance strategies.

Foster Parent training classes will start in May, which is recognized as Foster Parent month. If you know anyone interested in fostering or has questions, please have them contact Mekesha Davis at 315-376-5400.

The Priorities Council is hosting a Housing Collaborative meeting on April 30th from 1-3 at the Human Services Building. Discussion topics include: housing and homeless data, Section 8 and other rent supplement, current and planned development updates and more. All are welcome to attend.