

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

FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: July 18, 2024

SUBJECT: Human Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Human Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 23rd at **3:00 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 June 18, 2024 committee minutes if no amendments.

Presentations / Discussion Items:

1. Probation Firearms update – Matthew Morrow, Director of Probation
2. Nutrition Program update – Carla Hellinger, Director of Office For the Aging (10 minutes)

Draft Resolutions:

1. Authorizing amendment to the Tyler Technologies contract to provide for the additional program for the Sheriff's Department Civil Division at a cost not to exceed \$61,220.00 with an annual recurring cost of approximately \$2,500.00.
AYE ____ NAY ____
2. Awarding the bid and authorizing agreement with Tower Engineering Professionals to provide tower inspections at eight (8) identified County 911 Tower sites in accordance with the specifications set forth in the RFP, for a not to exceed amount of \$15,500.00 to be completed by December 31, 2024.
AYE ____ NAY ____
3. Authorizing the Sheriff's Department to purchase and distribute radio equipment requested by Lewis County Fire, EMS and Rescue Departments using annual grant funding that is available, and authorizing Memorandums of Understanding between the County and each Fire, EMS and Rescue Department in Lewis County to properly use, maintain and be responsible for each piece of equipment provided during the term of the loan.
AYE ____ NAY ____
4. Authorizing a renewal contract between Social Services and NRCIL to provide facility, amenities, and staffing services for a Warming Center for overnight stays by the

homeless during the Code Blue season, on or about October 14, 2024 to April 13, 2025, at a cost of \$140,314.00 for the anticipated six month period, plus a per diem adjustment of \$779 per day in the event the warming center is required beyond the six month period.

AYE ____ NAY ____

5. Authorizing a renewal agreement between Social Services and Hand in Hand Early Childhood Center for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025 at the Day Care Market rate established by Hand in Hand Early Childhood Center as long as such rates do not exceed State rates.

AYE ____ NAY ____

6. Appointing Makensie Freeman as the student representative of Lowville Academy Central School to the Youth Bureau Advisory Board effective and retroactive to July 1, 2024 and shall terminate either on the date of the students High School Graduation or when the student ceases to be a full-time high school student.

AYE ____ NAY ____

7. Re-appointing Michele Ledoux and Ward Dailey as members of the Youth Bureau Advisory Board effective and retro active to July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

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 AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. TO
INCLUDE PROGRAM FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S CIVIL DIVISION**

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

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorized a contract between the County of Lewis and Tyler Technologies, Inc. to provide comprehensive software, software licenses, Pre-Implementation Services, and Implementation Services (including data conversion) and to replace the Integrated Finance Management and Access System ("IFM") previously used by the County to improve productivity, efficiency and document management in a modern technological system; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Sheriff's Department in coordination with the Director of Information Technology, seek to add a program for the department's Civil Division at a cost not to exceed \$61,220.00 which was approved in the 2024 capital budget. There will be annual maintenance costs of approximately \$2,500.00, subject to annual percent increases; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this amendment to the Tyler contract and maintenance plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves an amendment to the Tyler Technologies, Inc., contract to provide for the additional program for the Sheriff's Department Civil Division at a cost not to exceed \$61,220.00 with an annual recurring cost of approximately \$2,500.00.

Section 2. That the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal, and deliver such Amendment to the Contract upon such form as may be approved by the County Attorney.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND TOWER ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS
TO PROVIDE TOWER INSPECTIONS
AT EIGHT (8) LEWIS COUNTY 911 TOWER SITES**

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Sheriff's Department in consultation with the Purchasing Director, recently sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to vendors to provide tower inspections at eight (8) of the County's 911 Tower sites located in the Towns of Lowville, Montague, Diana, Croghan, Lyonsdale, Turin, and Osceola, as more fully outlined and set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, eighteen (18) bid proposals were opened on July 3, 2024 at 2:00 pm. The 911 Operations Coordinator and Director of Purchasing carefully reviewed the bid submission and assessed the criteria. After careful consideration and review, this team recommends that the Board of Legislators award the bid and contract to the lowest bidder, Tower Engineering Professionals, 326 Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27603 to complete all the RFP Tasks at a cost not to exceed \$15,500.00 to be completed by December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has secured funding for this contract through the FY2021 SICG grant; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to accept this recommendation and award the bid and contract to Tower Engineering Professionals for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby awards the bid to and authorizes an agreement with Tower Engineering Professionals, 326 Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27603 to provide tower inspections at eight (8) identified County 911 Tower sites, in accordance with the specifications set forth in the RFP, in consideration of the payment of \$15,500.00, to be completed by December 31, 2024.

Section 2. That the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, as may be approved by the County Attorney.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOUs AND THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF
RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN TO LEWIS COUNTY FIRE, EMS & RESCUE
DEPARTMENTS**

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis ("County") has fourteen (14) local Volunteer Fire Departments and a number of EMS and Rescue squads/departments servicing the residents and visitors in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Sheriff's Department submits an annual application to the NYS Interoperability Communications Program for up to \$100,000 in annual grant funds, which can be applied and used by the various Lewis County Fire Departments, EMS and Rescue squads for radio equipment to be used for such emergency services. The use of such equipment by such local Departments is dependent upon the County's receipt of such award funds on an annual basis and subject to the County's own need for such funds for its County emergency 911 operations; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department, through the Operations Coordinator, is willing to consider the use of these available grant funds toward the needs of Lewis County Fire, EMS and Rescue Departments for radio equipment (mobiles, portables and pagers), based upon requests to be made by each Fire, EMA and/or Rescue squad/department indicating the need for such equipment. The Sheriff will have the discretion to consider the requests and approve the loan of each piece of fire equipment upon conditions, including but not limited to grant fund availability, county needs, and grant qualification requirements; and

WHEREAS, if and when awarded the annual NYS Interoperability Communications Grant funds, the Sheriff, through the Operations Coordinator will purchase the radio equipment for the Fire, EMS & Rescue Departments who submit a request for same, and who execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County Sheriff's Department with terms and conditions for loan of the radio equipment identified to the Department for the period of warranty of the equipment. Once the warranty period ends, the Fire/EMS/Rescue Department will be deemed the owner of the equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Sheriff's Department to purchase and distribute radio equipment requested by Lewis County Fire, EMS and Rescue Departments, only using the NYS Interoperability

Communications Grant annual funding available, based on the requests made by each individual Department as to the necessity for same, and subject to the needs of the County for such funds and the availability of such annual funds, pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by each entity with terms and conditions for the loan and use of said equipment during the warranty period, and then with ownership transferred to the LC Fire, EMS or Rescue Department.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes and approves a Memorandum of Understanding to be entered into between the County and each Fire, EMS and Rescue Department in Lewis County, wherein each Department agrees to properly use, maintain and be responsible for each piece of equipment provided during the loan term, together with such other and further terms and conditions as the Sheriff and County Attorney may deem appropriate.

Section 3. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such MOU's together with the LC Sheriff, 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 AUTHORIZING RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY
OBO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND NRCIL
FOR THE WARMING CENTER FACILITY AND SERVICES FOR
THE 2024/2025 “CODE BLUE” SEASON**

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorized a contract executed on October 31, 2023 between the County of Lewis on behalf of the Lewis County Department of Social Services and NRCIL to obtain Warming Center Facility and Staffing Services to provide the homeless with a warm location overnight for up to 12 hours, 7 days a week, when the temperature is below 32 degrees, pursuant to NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance “Code Blue” mandate for the 2024/25 season; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services wishes to renew this Agreement commencing on or about October 14, 2024 through April 13, 2025 or other dates mutually agreeable during the Code Blue Season based on weather conditions at a cost of \$140,314.00 for a six month period; subject to a per diem adjustment of \$779 in the event the warming center is required to be open more than the six month period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a renewal contract between the County o/b/o LC DSS and NRCIL to provide facility, amenities, and staffing services for a Warming Center for overnight stays by the homeless for up to 12 hours, 7 days a week, from on or about October 14, 2024 to April 13, 2025, or other dates mutually agreeable during the Code Blue season based on weather conditions, at a cost of \$140,314.00 for the anticipated six month period, plus a per diem adjustment of \$779/day in the event the warming center is required to be open for more than the six month period.

Section 2. That the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement together with execution by the Lewis County Department of Social Services Commissioner, and any related and necessary documents or instruments, pending approval by the County Attorney.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND HAND IN HAND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Department of Social Services wishes to renew day care services through Hand in Hand Early Childhood Center for eligible recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize such services and agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves a renewal agreement between Lewis County Department of Social Services and Hand in Hand Early Childhood Center for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025 at the Day Care Market Rate established by Hand in Hand Early Childhood Center so long as such rates do not exceed State rates.

Childcare Center Rates

Age	5 Days	4 Days	3 Days	2 Days	1 Day
Infant-Pre-K	\$225.00	\$208.00	\$156.00	\$104.00	\$52.00
AM SACC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Afterschool	\$30.00	\$24.00	\$18.00	\$12.00	\$6.00

- The weekly rate of \$225.00 includes a discounted rate of \$35.00 for children who are enrolled for five (5) days per week.

Universal Pre-K/ Temporary Kindergarten Wrap-Around Care

Class	Tuition
Wrap-Around AM/PM Class	\$155.00
Wrap-Around Daily Rate	\$35.00
Full Day Care	\$52.00
day rate for snow day, day of school	\$17.00

Family Discount

Days Enrolled	Discount
5 full days per week	\$30.00 for second child
4 full days per week	\$25.00 for second child

- There is a one-time registration fee of \$55.00 per child
- A key fob fee of \$7.50 for each fob needed to enter the building.
- A fee of \$35.00 will be charged for returned checks. After two (2) returned checks, cash will be the only accepted form of payment.

Section 2. That the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators and Lewis County Commissioner of Social Services are hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, and any amendments required based upon state rate adjustments, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

**APPOINTING STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO
LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD**

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

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Makensie Freeman, student representative of Lowville Academy Central School, as a member of the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be effective and retroactive to July 1, 2024 and shall terminate either on the date of the students' High School Graduation, or when the student ceases to be a full-time high school student.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ – 2024

**RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO
LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD**

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

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby reappoints Michele Ledoux of Croghan, NY, and Ward Dailey of Lyons Falls, NY, as members of the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be effective and retroactive to July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

July 2024

Local Services Plan

- 2024-2027 Local Services Plan has been reviewed and updated by the CSB subcommittee members. There were some additional changes since last month, so we asked for and were granted an extension to submit after review and vote at the 7/9/24 CSB.

Projects

- Mobile Crisis – Resolution to approve a MOU with Jefferson County was approved at the July BOL meeting.
- Opioid Settlement Funds - A community survey was completed. Results of the survey are being used to identify priority areas for an “annual grant program” that agencies, schools, community-based organizations, etc. will be eligible for.
- Hospital & Community Connections – First planning meeting was facilitated by Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization. Goals and action steps were identified to improve discharge planning.

Department

- Director of Community Services succession planning in process.
- Meetings held with Lewis County Health System, Jefferson Community College (School of Education, Behavioral Sciences, & Public Service) and Naturally Lewis about short and long-term outpatient mental health needs as well as potential collaborations to address workforce challenges.
- Working with the Children’s Home of Jefferson County to provide outpatient mental health services in Lewis County two days a week. Start date tentatively set for 8/1, although they are accepting referrals now.
- 2025 budget season has begun.

SERVICES	
Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Petitions/Referrals Received	0
AOT Clients Monitored	0
Enhanced Service Agreements	0
SPOA Referrals (Adult + Child)	5
Article 7.30 Evaluations	0
Safe Act Reports	11
Pick-Up Orders	3

CONTRACT AGENCIES	
THRIVE Wellness and Recovery (Formerly Transitional Living Services of Northern New York and Credo Community Center)	The merger is official as of 7/1/2024. The organization is currently focusing on the transition to one electronic health record system. The OASAS application to bring Credo staff and services to the Behavioral Health and Wellness Clinic (BHWC) in the Commons, is under review. BHWC Outpatient Mental Health Services Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical staffing remains the same with 2.5 FTE* serving Lowville, Watertown, jail and schools Continuing to recruit for clinicians (no applicants currently) Secured a full-time nurse practitioner to serve both Watertown and Lowville Using HIPAA compliant telehealth mechanism as necessary Continue to provide pick up order support, crisis call support, walk in support, process referrals (including 5-day appointments), and support high risk patients
NRCIL	Q1 2024 - Warm line 7 calls, Community Support program 65 persons served, NRCIL programming 298 persons served.
The ARC Oneida Lewis Chapter	Q1 2024 - 5 people enrolled in the supportive employment program.
PIVOT	Contract approval at the July BOL meeting. Actively recruiting staff for Lewis County Operations. Plan is to be in the schools by September 2024
MHA (Veteran Peer to Peer)	In Person Contacts: 102, Phone Contacts: 6, Email/Text Contacts: 1, Virtual Contacts: 2

*if the FTE count is an error it is mine, I based it on the 7/3 clinic update

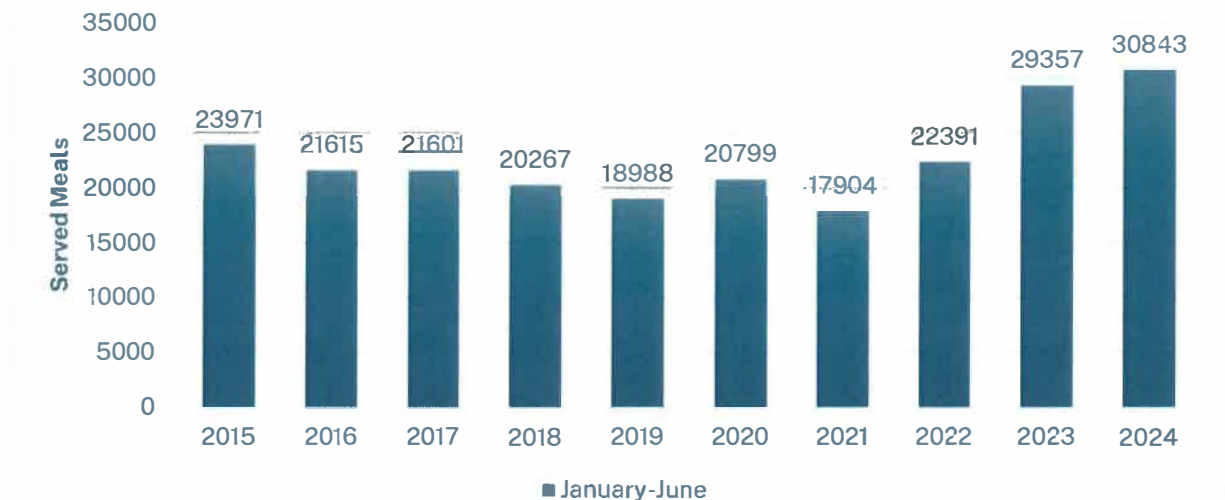
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June 2024 Office for the Aging: Health and Human Services Committee Report

2024	June	YTD	Budget
Revenue	\$141,207.69	\$202,478.36	\$1,283,682.00
Expenses	\$173,440.83	\$831,786.72	\$2,013,273.74

Nutrition Program



Nutrition

- 209 clients received 3,423 home delivered meals
- 80 people attended the community dining sites, being served 581 meals
28 clients chose takeout, with 194 meals served
- West Leyden: 187 people attended the restaurant dining site, being served 662 meals
87 clients chose takeout, with 299 meals served; total MPT for month = 961 meals
- 19 Respite Cafe meals served
- 2 clients received nutrition counseling, for a total of 4 hours

Home Care (May 2024)

- Personal Care and Housekeeping- 360.5 hours of care provided to 21 people
Consumer Directed- 102 hours of care provided to 5 people
- Caregiver Respite- 291.5 hours of care provided to 13 people
- 9 people on waiting list at the end of May

General Services

- Respite Cafe attendance for June – 22 clients, for a combined total of 88 respite hours
- Health Insurance Counseling- 21 clients served in June, season total of 518
- Legal- 4 clients served, 2 new legal referrals
- Evidenced Based Classes – 3, with 24 participants
- NY Connects- 119 clients served with information and referral
- Personal Emergency Response Devices- 57 clients
- HEAP – 0 clients served in June with 366 clients served season to date
- Companion Pets – 3 new, 67 in use; ElliQ artificial intelligence companion – 0 new, 5 in use

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To: Human Services Committee

From: Matthew Morrow, Probation Director

Date: July 5, 2024

Re: Lewis County Probation Monthly Summary

1. We are currently supervising **142** adult probationers, **34** of whom are DWI cases. In addition, we supervise **11** conditional discharge ignition interlock cases, **4** Drug Court cases, **23** JD cases, and are working on **23** pre-sentence investigations.
2. The Probation Department completed our initial firearms training with the Jefferson County Probation Department from 6/6- 6/14. Trainers included officers with Jefferson County Probation, Oswego County Probation, and the Lewis County Sheriff's Office Corrections. The training was thorough and rigorous. I am confident that all our probation officers here currently possess all the necessary knowledge and skills required to carry a firearm on the job. We learned about case law, NY penal law, and constitutional law that permits peace officers to carry firearms and under what circumstances use of force is authorized. We also spent several days training on the firing range. We practiced all kinds of live firing (strong handed, weak handed, low light, no light, standing, kneeling, and prone).
3. The Probation Department is looking forward to assisting the Jefferson County Probation Department with live "scenario" training 7/9- 7/11 at Jefferson Community College. Jefferson County Probation will utilize one of the dormitories at JCC so that officers can conduct mock home visits under various circumstances. Our officers will assist Jefferson County in acting out scenarios throughout the training. Our officers will also be able to participate as probation officers in the scenarios that Jefferson County Probation will be putting on. This year, in addition to Jefferson and Lewis County Probation, we will be welcoming probation officers from Onondaga County as well as Oswego County Probation Departments.



Monthly Update: July 2024

Fiscal Update	June	Year to Date	2024 Budget
Revenues	\$180,520	\$386,185	\$3,159,073
Expenditures	\$264,615	\$1,362,800	\$4,730,726

Services Update	June 2021	June 2022	June 2023	June 2024
Preschool Program (Enrolled)	139	149	165	167
Early Intervention Program (Initial and Ongoing)	60	62	59	59
CYSHCNSS (Enrolled)	34	17	11	6
CYSHCN & Child Find (Referrals & Enrolled)	10	18	20	26
Communicable Disease Investigations (not flu)	45	49	75	172
COVID-19 Cases	31	82	11	10
Rabies Investigations	16	23	21	20
Lead Case Management Caseload	34	36	37	40
Maternal Child Health Caseload	1	0	0	2
Immunization Clinic Attendance	12	47	24	30
Free Onsite Testing	0	12	4	0
Rabies Clinic Attendance (animals vaccinated)	656	0	0	0
Evidence Based Classes Enrollment	4	17	13	15
Pounds Lost by Class Participants	0	30	71	4
Individuals Reached Via Social Media (viewed message)	14,891	12,323	4,586	11,503
Social Media Engagements (likes, shares, comments)	755	2,531	1,304	1,442

Informational Update	
COVID-19	Reported COVID-19 cases remained stable for the month of June. There were no individuals hospitalized with COVID-19 in June. The Village of Lowville is conducting weekly wastewater testing for the COVID-19 virus. The latest results at the time of this report shows the area is experiencing an increasing trend in COVID-19 cases.
Fiscal	The Public Health Fellowship and COVID Vaccine Response grants closed out 06/30/2024.
Staffing	Mackenzie Brayman-Purcell started as the new Deputy Public Health Director 07/15/24.
Program	The Suicide Prevention Coalition reached 239 3 rd grade students with a book reading about Mental Health, each student received a copy of the book and a stuffed animal. This was made possible with Youth Bureau Funds. Staff held 2 Tetanus Vaccine Clinics in response to the 07/10/24 flash flood. Public Health is tabling at the Lewis County Fair 07/16-07/19, we also partnered with The Fair to bring back the sensory room at the fair for children needing a break from the sensory overload of the fair. The current group of Getting Ahead participants will graduate 07/29/24, all legislators are invited to attend the graduation at Croghan Recreation Park at 11 am that day.



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MONTHLY REPORT

June 2024

JAIL:

- Inmate Population as of June 30th: 21
- Number of Inmates Boarded Out as of June 30th: 4

DISPATCH:

- Calls Handled: 5648
- Cads Created: 1825

ROAD PATROL:

- Complaints Handled: 594
- Criminal Arrest Made: 13
- Vehicle and Traffic Stops: 111
- Vehicle and Traffic Arrest: 44
- Pistol Permits Completed: 18
- Drug Overdoses: 3

CIVIL:

- Papers Served: 60
- Evictions: 1
- Civil Executions Against Property: 0
- Funds Received and Disbursed: \$17,956.22

Monthly Report June 2024

Other Program Highlights

DSS has received approximately \$100,000 in additional childcare funding due to increase utilization of the Child Care Assistance Program. OCFS is implementing an online application portal that will be available in the next few months. This will drastically change the application process but paper applications will still be accepted.

The DSS Medicaid Unit continues to work on the Pandemic “unwind” of eligibility. We are currently working on the backlog of recertifications in the Medicare Savings Program. Lewis County is meeting current deadlines.

NYS OCFS has increased foster home boarding rates by 2.86%, this includes adoption subsidy payments as well. Example: a child in regular care age 0-5 will now be \$959.18/ month. Residential care costs are determined separately.

A Foster Parent picnic is planned at Whetstone Gulf on Saturday July 27th for foster parents, their families and caseworkers. The relationship between caseworkers, foster parents and foster children are critical to success.

Summer Recreation has approximately 300 kids enrolled. Due to the flooding the program is being moved to the JCC building.

Program Area Update	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024
Child Protective Reports Received	47	38	43
Child Welfare Open Cases	18	20	21
Children in Foster Care	10	10	8
Adult Services Referrals	3	6	11
Adult Service Open Cases	65	69	71
Phone Calls	5687	9554	8660
Visitor Total DSS	1067	1195	1079
Visitor Total One Stop	109	363	139
Child Care Subsidy Cases	54	55	59
Applications Temporary Assistance	21	33	36
Open Temporary Assistance Cases	65	63	73
Homeless BedNights	145	108	376
Applications SNAP	54	76	80
Open SNAP cases	1625	1598	1593
Medicaid Applications	54	52	39
Medicaid Open Cases	1726	1732	1731
Applications HEAP	303	115	85
Total Case Denials	65	62	65
Total Case Transactions	1237	1978	985
Fraud Referrals	15	32	19
Child Support Petitions Filed	34	24	23
Child Support Open Cases	1001	991	996