

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

FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: August 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Human Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Human Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 20th 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 July 23, 2024 committee minutes if no amendments.

Presentations / Discussion Items:

1. Nutrition Program follow-up – Carla Hellinger, Director of O.F.A. (10 minutes)

Draft Resolutions:

1. Transferring funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 from Special Contingency into the Office For the Aging account line due to increased costs and utilization of Nutrition Program services.
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Motions:

1. Move to authorize Public Health employees Stephanie Houser-Fouse and Mackenzie Brayman-Purcell to attend the National Conference on Emergency Preparedness in San Antonio Texas from Monday April 28th through Friday May 2nd 2025, with expenses being covered by Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant funding.

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

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Office for the Aging
Probation
Public Health

Veterans' Service Agency
Youth Bureau

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS
Office For the Aging**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the following budget transfer is hereby approved in the Office For the Aging accounts due to increased costs and utilization of services.

Decrease:

A0101000 419900 BOL Special Contingency	\$75,000.00
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Increase:

A0677200 491100 Prof Services Nutrition	\$75,000.00
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

August 2024

Local Services Plan

- Submitted and accepted by state agencies.

Projects

- Mobile Crisis** – Planning continues.
- Opioid Settlement Funds** - The Lewis County Community Services Board will launch the Future Stories Fund in August. This annual grant program was developed after getting input from the community as well as many sectors about how to utilize the opioid settlement funds received by the County.
- Hospital & Community Connections** - Next meeting scheduled to report out on the created action plan and workgroups.

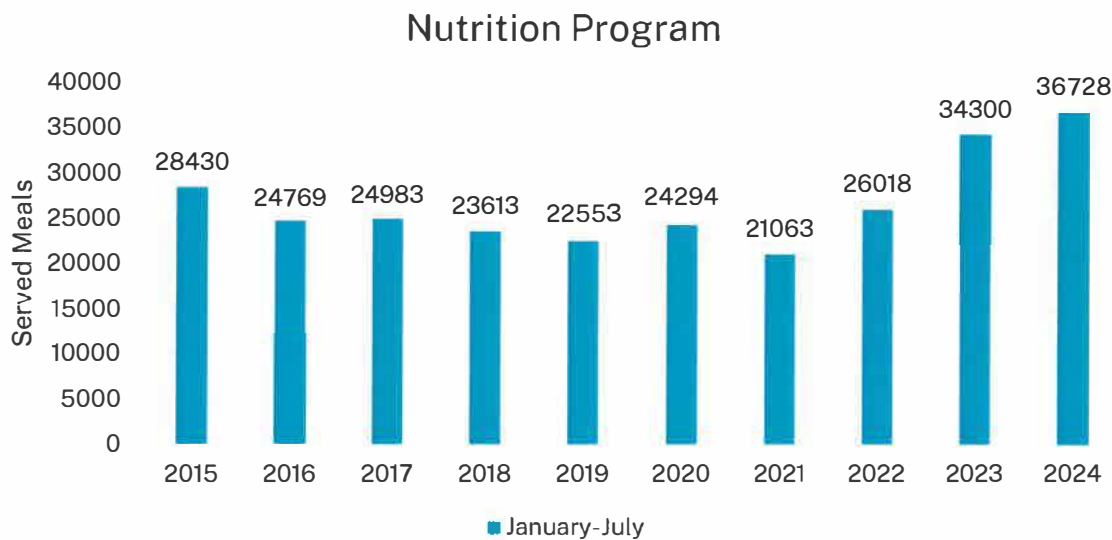
Department

- The Children's Home of Jefferson County (CHJC) will begin offering outpatient mental health services twice a week in the Human Services building in mid-August. As soon as the new operating certificate has been received, services will begin. Agencies do not need to wait to refer to CHJC. CHJC is accepting referrals now.
- Community Services is finalizing a contract with Volunteer Transportation Center to assure that individuals with no other options, have transportation to access outpatient mental health services. Eligible residents are those who have identified transportation as a barrier to care, are without access to Medicaid transportation services, and are receiving outpatient mental health services outside of Lewis County.
- Our department spent a significant amount of time this month meeting with partners to discuss several Lewis County residents with high substance use disorder and mental health care needs.
- 2025 Community Services budget was presented to the County Manager and Treasurer. Final budget approval anticipated in November.

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	7
Pick-Up Orders	2

CONTRACT AGENCIES	
THRIVE Wellness and Recovery (Formerly Transitional Living Services of Northern New York and Credo Community Center)	Transition activities continue. Electronic health record has been integrated, client paperwork has been updated, and preparations are underway for the relocation of the substance use disorder services and staff. THRIVE hopes to have all services under one roof (the Commons location) by 9/3/24. Still working with OMH and OASAS on regulatory related matters.
NRCIL	Staffing changes in the Jail MAT program due to employee resignation.
The ARC Oneida Lewis Chapter	No report
Pivot	Contract fully executed. OASAS finalizing program approval and budget. South Lewis and Copenhagen have requested full-time positions and discussions continue to be had with the other Lewis County schools. Pivot is currently hiring for the two full time positions and a Lewis County Prevention Director.
MHA (Veteran Peer to Peer)	39 contacts with various veterans, Veteran related programs and community agencies in July. Joseph P. Dwyer continues to assist local veterans with transportation to appointments and their search for permanent housing. Tri-county Joseph P. Dwyer golf tournament scheduled for September 14 in Gouverneur. In planning stages for American Warrior Festival to do a concert at the Maple Ridge Center on Sept. 28.

July 2024 Office for the Aging: Health and Human Services Committee Report			
2024	July	YTD	Budget
Revenue	\$12,916.42	\$215,394.78	\$1,283,682.00
Expenses	\$157,624.53	\$989,411.25	\$2,013,273.74



Nutrition

- 209 clients received 4,173 home delivered meals
- 74 people attended the community dining sites, being served 607 meals
19 clients chose takeout, with 183 meals served
- West Leyden: 182 people attended the restaurant dining site, being served 636 meals
88 clients chose takeout, with 261 meals served; total MPT for month = 897 meals
- 25 Respite Cafe meals served
- 0 clients received nutrition counseling, for a total of 0 hours

Home Care (June 2024)

- Personal Care and Housekeeping- 282 hours of care provided to 20 people
- Consumer Directed- 109.75 hours of care provided to 5 people
- Caregiver Respite- 293.5 hours of care provided to 14 people
- 13 people on waiting list at the end of June

General Services

- Respite Cafe attendance for July – 23 clients, for a combined total of 92 respite hours
- Health Insurance Counseling- 36 clients served in July, season total of 554
- Legal- 2 clients served, 3 new legal referrals
- Evidenced Based Classes – 1, with 11 participants (LACS pool closed)
- NY Connects- 128 clients served with information and referral
- Personal Emergency Response Devices- 54 clients
- HEAP – 0 clients served in July with 366 clients served season to date
- Companion Pets – 0 new, 64 in use; ElliQ artificial intelligence companion – 0 new, 10 in use

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To: Human Services Committee

From: Matthew Morrow, Probation Director

Date: August 9, 2024

Re: Lewis County Probation Monthly Summary

1. We are currently supervising **144** adult probationers, **30** of whom are DWI cases. In addition, we supervise **8** conditional discharge ignition interlock cases, **3** Drug Court cases, **17** JD cases, and are working on **21** pre-sentence investigations.
2. The Probation Department and Lewis County STOP-DWI assisted the Lowville Village Police Department with Safe Child ID's at the Lewis County Fair. When the Village PD asked for assistance, we were more than willing to help with this important endeavor. Having probation officers and law enforcement at events like this is an excellent way of enhancing existing community relations, as well as building new trust and relationships within our community. The Probation Department also patrolled the fairgrounds during the midnight madness night at the fair with members of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, Lowville Village Police Department, and New York State Parole.
3. Last month I noted that the Probation Department was looking forward to assisting the Jefferson County Probation Department with live "scenario" training 7/9- 7/11 at Jefferson Community College. We were able to assist with scenario training on 07/09/2024. Jefferson County Probation utilized one of the dormitories at JCC and officers conducted mock home visits under various circumstances. The training was cancelled on 07/10 because Oswego County Probation could not attend. As we are all aware, the flooding in the county occurred on 07/10. After hours on 07/10, I was able to assist the Lowville Village Police with traffic control on flooded streets since our new county vehicle is equipped with a light package. When county offices were closed on 07/11, two of our probation officers volunteered and were tasked with coming to the office to operate a non-emergency help line for the day. Although it is rare that probation officers are called upon to assist, our department is always willing to help the county (or our community in general) in any way possible.

Monthly Update: August 2023

Fiscal Update	June	Year to Date	2023 Budget
Revenues	\$426,870	\$1,189,670	\$4,139,227
Expenditures	\$195,777	\$1,566,212	\$5,656,579

Services Update	July 2021	July 2022	July 2023
Preschool Program (Enrolled)	125	125	80
Early Intervention Program (Initial and Ongoing)	57	59	60
CYSHCNSS (Enrolled)	34	17	11
CYSHCN & Child Find (Referrals & Enrolled)	17	17	7
Communicable Disease Investigations (not flu)	58	57	99
COVID-19 Cases	22	91	9
Rabies Investigations	19	15	26
Lead Case Management Caseload	34	35	39
Maternal Child Health Caseload	1	0	0
Immunization Clinic Attendance	26	68	27
Free Onsite Testing	0	5	2
Rabies Clinic Attendance (animals vaccinated)	0	0	0
Evidence Based Classes Enrollment	6	28	7
Pounds Lost by Class Participants	0	24.5	9
Individuals Reached Via Social Media (viewed message)	39,455	14,771	8,391
Social Media Engagements (likes, shares, comments)	4,083	1,253	3,859

Informational Update	
COVID-19	Reported COVID-19 cases decreased again for the month of July. 1 individual was hospitalized with COVID-19 in July. 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. The original monovalent vaccine is no longer authorized in the United States. The bivalent vaccine is being used as the primary series and the booster vaccine. A new monovalent vaccine containing the XBB lineage of the omicron variant is coming this fall, new vaccine recommendations will follow.
Fiscal	No Update.
Staffing	No Update.
Program	7 Getting Ahead participants graduated from the program on July 26 th . A horse in the town of Grieg tested positive for West Nile Virus, a press release was done to inform the public about ways to protect themselves from mosquito bites. A Rabies Bait Drop is occurring between August 11 th and August 14 th , a press release was done to inform the public should they or their animals come in contact with any of the baits. The September Rabies Clinic is scheduled for September 28 th at the Lowville Fairgrounds. Advertising is currently being done to promote the event.



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MONTHLY REPORT July 2024

JAIL:

- Inmate Population as of July 31st: 19
- Number of Inmates Boarded Out as of July 31st: 0

DISPATCH:

- Calls Handled: 6715
- Cads Created: 2082

ROAD PATROL:

- Complaints Handled: 550
- Criminal Arrest Made: 21
- Vehicle and Traffic Stops: 74
- Vehicle and Traffic Arrest: 55
- Pistol Permits Completed: 12
- Drug Overdoses: 2

CIVIL:

- Papers Served: 51
- Evictions: 0
- Civil Executions Against Property: 0
- Funds Received and Disbursed: \$22,717.20

Monthly Report July 2024

Other Program Highlights

In July our department was able to help individuals affected by the flooding. Our building hosted the Red Cross' multi agency resource center. The NYS Department of Labor was also on site 4 days and helped 22 people with applying for unemployment. Our SNAP unit assisted 5 clients to receive replacement SNAP benefits for a total value of \$1,622.

There has been 3 issuances of 2024 Summer EBT benefits so far. Total number of benefits issued to date is 2,009 for a total of \$241,808.00. Each benefit is \$120.00 per eligible school aged child.

The One Stop hosted their annual Life Hacks Day on August 6th from 9-3. The 34-summer youth attended sessions on personal finance and banking (information provided by Northern Credit Union) and OSHA training on workplace safety by Augusta Williams from SUNY Upstate Hospital. We also provided information on interview prep and completed mock interviews with all students over the age of 15. In addition, yoga was offered by Caitlin Lawler where she discussed healthy relationships and suicide prevention ideas while working with the students.

NYS launched the online application portal for childcare assistance. Families looking for help paying for childcare can now apply using online by visiting <https://hs.ocfs.ny.gov/childcareassistance/>.

On Thursday, September 5th, there will be a Positive Approach to Care inspired training from 12 – 4 at the Human Services Building. DSS, OFA and Lewis County Health Systems have partnered together to provide this training to first responders and front-line staff.

Program Area Update	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024
Child Protective Reports Received	38	43	38
Child Welfare Open Cases	20	21	24
Children in Foster Care	10	8	8
Adult Services Referrals	6	11	10
Adult Service Open Cases	69	71	71
Phone Calls	9554	8560	9431
Visitor Total DSS	1195	1079	1183
Visitor Total One Stop	363	139	155
Child Care Subsidy Cases	55	59	54
Applications Temporary Assistance	33	36	35
Open Temporary Assistance Cases	63	73	74
Homeless BedNights	108	376	363
Applications SNAP	76	80	66
Open SNAP cases	1598	1593	1575
Medicaid Applications	52	39	50
Medicaid Open Cases	1732	1731	1738
Applications HEAP	115	85	30
Total Case Denials	62	65	90
Total Case Transactions	1978	985	1383
Fraud Referrals	32	19	23
Child Support Petitions Filed	24	23	38
Child Support Open Cases	991	996	990