

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

FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: September 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Human Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Human Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 17th 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 August 20, 2024 committee minutes if no amendments.

Presentations / Discussion Items:

1. Naturally Lewis update – Brittany Davis, Executive Director of Naturally Lewis (15 minutes)

Draft Resolutions:

1. Appropriating funds in the amount of \$43,988.00 in the Community Services account lines for the increase in funds due to additional State Aid from the 2.84% COLA increase which was effective on April 1, 2024 and due to a modification in State Aid disbursement.
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Motions:

1. To authorize Public Health employee Stephanie Houser-Fouse to attend the Together We Thrive Conference in Toledo Ohio from Monday October 7th through Wednesday October 9th 2024, with expenses being covered by Bridges Out of Poverty 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

Sheriff
Social Services

Office for the Aging
Probation
Public Health

Veterans' Service Agency
Youth Bureau

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS
Community Service**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the following appropriation is hereby authorized to take place in the Community Services accounts for the increase in funds due to additional State Aid. Specifically, State Aid was increased by annualization of the 2.84% COLA which was effective on 4/1/2024

Section 2. That the following adjustment is hereby authorized and takes place in the Community Services accounts for the increase in funds due to a modification in State Aid disbursement.

Increase Revenues:

A0432400 334922 NRCIL	\$ 19,709.00
A0431800 334922 TLS	\$ 20,321.00
A0432200 334922 ARC OMH	\$ 713.00
A0431900 334921 CREDO	\$ 1,415.00
A0433500 334912 LCCS-JAIL BASED	\$ 1,830.00

Increase Expenditures:

A0432400 422800 NRCIL	\$ 19,709.00
A0431800 422800 TLS	\$ 20,321.00
A0432200 422800 ARC OMH	\$ 713.00
A0431900 422800 CREDO	\$ 1,415.00
A0433500 488105 LCCS-JAIL BASED	\$ 1,830.00

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

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

September 2024

Projects

- **Opioid Settlement Funds** – The application period for the Future Stories Fund closed on September 6. Awards will be announced by the end of September.

Department

- CHJC's Lewis County Clinic opened on August 19. The satellite clinic is in the Human Services Building every Monday and Tuesday and offers mental health services to children, adolescents and adults.
- Retreat held for Community Services Board (CSB) members. This involved a review of Mental Hygiene Law, department funding sources, behavioral service delivery and reporting, and CSB manual/bylaw review. Next steps include setting up an ad hoc committee to begin update of bylaws.
- Working with OASAS to get budget approval for Pivot and funding to replace the boiler at 7714 Number Three Road.
- Reviewing CSB and subcommittee seats that are expiring 12/31/2024. All members have agreed to another term. THANK YOU!
- AOT data submission procedures have been updated and are being completed electronically as of 9/1/2024.
- OASAS requested information regarding substance use disorder services (medication assisted treatment) in the jail. Data submitted in collaboration with providers and contract agencies.
- Overdose Awareness Day event hosted by NRCIL and THRIVE on 8/31/2024.

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	4
Pick-Up Orders	6

CONTRACT AGENCIES	
THRIVE Wellness and Recovery (Formerly Transitional Living Services of Northern New York and Credo Community Center)	Working with OASAS and OMH to move substance use disorder clinic from 7714 Number Three Road to 7550 South State Street in Lowville. This will consolidate their outpatient mental health and substance use services. The move is anticipated for mid-September. Our department is working with THRIVE on how to communicate the relocation to the public.
NRCIL	Will resume Parenting Classes at the Lewis County Jail beginning September 9 th . They are also working on a schedule/timeline to offer the Getting Ahead While Getting Out that will most likely be mid Fall. Hosting Advancing Tobacco Free Communities on 9/26/2024 for ENDS presentation on vaping and youth.
The ARC Oneida Lewis Chapter	Opened a new respite care home for consumers.
Pivot	Has hired Student Assistance Counselors for South Lewis and Copenhagen Central Schools. Staff have moved into 7714 Number Three Road. Pivot will also be incorporating the Recovery Center into their Lewis County programming, two days per week. This will include various groups as well as Friends and Family programming.
MHA (Veteran Peer to Peer)	A total of 140 contacts (in person, phone, email, virtual) for July. Completed one training. Partnered with Red Cross to offer support to vets during floods. Housing one veteran in their apartment program and assisting them in identifying permanent housing. Tri-county Joseph P. Dwyer golf tournament scheduled for September 14 in Gouverneur. American Warrior Festival concert scheduled at the Maple Ridge Center on Sept. 28.

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

2024	August	YTD	Budget
Revenue	\$23,644.50	\$239,039.28	\$1,283,682.00
Expenses	\$172,431.28	\$1,161,842.53	\$2,013,273.74

Nutrition Program



Nutrition

- 209 clients received 3,878 home delivered meals
- 76 people attended the community dining sites, being served 598 meals
21 clients chose takeout, with 215 meals served
- West Leyden: 174 people attended the restaurant dining site, being served 594 meals
71 clients chose takeout, with 202 meals served; total MPT for month = 796 meals
- 22 Respite Cafe meals served
- 1 client received nutrition counseling, for a total of 1 hour

Home Care (July 2024)

- Personal Care and Housekeeping- 319.75 hours of care provided to 23 people
- Consumer Directed- 48 hours of care provided to 2 people
- Caregiver Respite- 281.5 hours of care provided to 15 people
- 7 people on waiting list at the end of July

General Services

- Respite Cafe attendance for August – 23 clients, for a combined total of 92 respite hours
- Health Insurance Counseling- 42 clients served in August, season total of 596
- Legal- 5 clients served, 2 new legal referrals
- Evidenced Based Classes – 0, with 0 participants (LACS pool closed)
- NY Connects- 178 clients served with information and referral
- Personal Emergency Response Devices- 54 clients
- HEAP – 0 clients served in August with 366 clients served season to date
- Companion Pets – 0 new, 64 in use; ElliQ artificial intelligence companion – 0 new, 9 in use

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To: Human Services Committee

From: Matthew Morrow, Probation Director 

Date: September 5, 2024

Re: Lewis County Probation Monthly Summary

1. We are currently supervising **140** adult probationers, **29** of whom are DWI cases. In addition, we supervise **9** conditional discharge ignition interlock cases, **3** Drug Court cases, **14** JD cases, and are working on **17** pre-sentence investigations.
2. The Probation Department and Lewis County STOP-DWI participated in the Lewis County Night Out event at the Lewis County fairgrounds on 08/23/2024. The event was part of the National Night Out which has a goal of enhancing the relationship between law enforcement and the community. The event was well attended by the New York State Police, the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, the Village of Lowville Police Department, as well as many other community agencies.
3. In August, the Probation Department filed numerous Violations of Probation in various Courts throughout the county. An unannounced home visit to a probationer on 08/30/2024 lead to the discovery of quantity of crystal methamphetamine, some unlawfully possessed prescription medications, and an AR-15 rifle that was non-compliant with the NYS Safe Act. Probation Officers Spaulding and Simpson contacted the Lewis County Sheriff's Office upon discovery of the illegal rifle. Charges are pending for the probationer and another occupant of the residence based upon the items located in the probation search. The discovery of the assault rifle further illustrates the potential dangers that our officers face every day.



Monthly Update: September 2024

Fiscal Update	July	Year to Date	2024 Budget
Revenues	\$473,895	\$946,988	\$3,159,073
Expenditures	\$351,010	\$2,080,417	\$4,730,726

Services Update	August 2021	August 2022	August 2023	August 2024
Preschool Program (Enrolled)	137	136	83	92
Early Intervention Program (Initial and Ongoing)	52	60	62	59
CYSHCNSS (Enrolled)	34	17	11	5
CYSHCN & Child Find (Referrals & Enrolled)	16	15	7	14
Communicable Disease Investigations (not flu)	54	53	101	154
COVID-19 Cases	141	201	30	79
Rabies Investigations	14	26	42	26
Lead Case Management Caseload	35	35	41	39
Maternal Child Health Caseload	1	0	0	2
Immunization Clinic Attendance	91	74	77	69
Free Onsite Testing	11	3	4	1
Rabies Clinic Attendance (animals vaccinated)	0	0	0	0
Evidence Based Classes Enrollment	14	19	7	8
Pounds Lost by Class Participants	0	25	3	0

Informational Update	
COVID-19	Reported COVID-19 cases increased in the month of August. There were 4 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19 in August. 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 a stable trend in COVID-19 cases which is consistent with a stabilized rate of reported cases for the first part of September.
Fiscal	No Update.
Staffing	No Update.
Program	Staff will be at Valley View September 11 th administering flu and COVID vaccines at their health fair. Staff will be administering flu and COVID vaccines at OFAs Fall Fest September 27 th . We are in the process of setting up flu and COVID vaccine clinics at Brookside, at County worksites, and in the northern, central, and southern parts of the county. Staff will also be going to local farms to provide free flu vaccine in response to the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1 circulating in dairy cattle in several states. To date, there are no cases in NYS. This is an attempt to be prepared should we see cattle infected in Lewis County in the future. Any farms that are interested in this opportunity that we have not reached out to yet, should call our office to set up a time for us to come out. The fall Rabies Clinic will be September 17 th at the Lewis County Fair Grounds from 7-8. There will be a Bridges out of Poverty training October 1 st from 9-4 at the JCC Extension Center, any legislator interested in attending can call our office to register.



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MONTHLY REPORT August 2024

JAIL:

- Inmate Population as of August 31st: **24**
- Number of Inmates Boarded Out as of August 31st: **1**

DISPATCH:

- Calls Handled: **5671**
- Cads Created: **1916**

ROAD PATROL:

- Complaints Handled: **582**
- Criminal Arrest Made: **23**
- Vehicle and Traffic Stops: **108**
- Vehicle and Traffic Arrest: **49**
- Pistol Permits Completed: **38**
- Drug Overdoses: **2**

CIVIL:

- Papers Served: **72**
- Evictions: **3**
- Civil Executions Against Property: **0**
- Funds Received and Disbursed: **\$16,459.99**

Monthly Report August 2024

Other Program Highlights:

The Youth Bureau held National Night Out on August 23rd at the LC Fairgrounds. Fallen Law Enforcement was recognized at the event. We had great attendance by the public, all local Law Enforcement Agencies, EMS and the LifeNet Helicopter.

The required Public Hearing on the Child and Family Services Plan is being held on September 10 at 9AM as part of the Lewis County Priorities Council meeting. The goal is to get input from other health and human services providers in our county on services such as CPS, APS, Foster Care, Positive Youth Development, and other services related programs.

A Positive Approach to dementia training is being held on September 5th. The trainers are part of the social work staff at LCHS. The planning for this training was a joint effort by LCHS, OFA and DSS.

DSS is currently providing services to an increasing number of homeless individuals and families. In August DSS was responsible for securing hotel motel placements for 16 different individuals or families totaling 504 nights. We currently have 6 children that are homeless with their families- a rare occurrence for Lewis County.

DSS is planning to open the Warming Center on November 1st. It will be at the same location on Jackson St in the village of Lowville. NRCIL is under contract to provide the staffing and management of the Warming Center as in the past 2 years.

September is Child Welfare Workforce Recognition Month. Our child welfare workforce professionals are unsung heroes in our community. We often hear about child welfare when a tragedy occurs, but they help families and children in many ways with caring and compassion. Given the current staffing shortfall in child welfare services their professionalism, passion, commitment, and skills should be recognized as they protect children and strengthen families.

Program Area Update	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	Monthly Average
Child Protective Reports Received	43	38	27	42
Child Welfare Open Cases	21	24	24	20
Children in Foster Care	8	8	9	9
Adult Services Referrals	11	10	10	9
Adult Service Open Cases	71	71	84	69
Phone Calls	8660	9431	12466	9065
Visitor Total DSS	1079	1183	1122	1090
Visitor Total One Stop	139	155	148	168
Child Care Subsidy Cases	59	54	55	54
Applications Temporary Assistance	36	35	44	35
Open Temporary Assistance Cases	73	74	68	67
Homeless BedNights	376	363	504	250
Applications SNAP	80	66	64	73
Open SNAP cases	1593	1575	1563	1599
Medicaid Applications	39	50	52	52
Medicaid Open Cases	1731	1738	1745	1730
Applications HEAP	85	30	9	179
Total Case Denials	65	90	63	88
Total Case Transactions	985	1383	1069	1613
Fraud Referrals	19	23	22	25
Child Support Petitions Filed	23	38	30	33
Child Support Open Cases	996	990	984	998