

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

FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: October 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Human Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Human Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 15th at 1:45 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 September 17, 2024, committee minutes if no amendments.

Presentations / Discussion Items:

1. Hospice Housing discussion

Draft Resolutions:

1. Authorizing agreements between Lewis County Community Services and providers such as Oneida-Lewis Chapter, NYSARC; NRCIL; and THRIVE Wellness & Recovery for various program services beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
AYE ____ NAY ____
2. Authorizing agreements between Office For the Aging and providers such as U.S. Care Systems, Inc. and Seniors Helping Seniors for various program services beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
AYE ____ NAY ____
3. Authorizing agreement between Public Health and Countryside Veterinary Clinic appointing Sarah Zeger, DVM as rabies control coordinator for the sum of \$2,250.00, numerous clinics for the total sum of \$5,300, and testing for set fees of \$30 per bat, \$45 per small animal brain, \$50 for each large animal brain, and \$40 for each small animal carcass disposal.
AYE ____ NAY ____
4. Re-appointing Lewis County Social Services Commissioner Jennifer Jones as a member of the Lewis County Opportunities Board of Directors for the three-year term of November 24, 2024 to November 24, 2027.
AYE ____ NAY ____

5. Supporting Operation Green Light in recognition of active military service members and those in transition to civilian life.

AYE ____ NAY ____

6. Appointing Allyson Petrus of Copenhagen, NY as a member of the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board to fulfill the unexpired term of April Seymour Ritz, effective November 6, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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 AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
VARIOUS PROVIDERS FOR PROGRAM SERVICES**

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

WHEREAS, the Community Services Board is a local governmental unit established by the Lewis County Board of Legislators pursuant to the authority granted in Mental Hygiene Law § 41.05; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Board is responsible to provide local or unified mental health services and facilities directly and/or by contract for the provision of those services by other units of local or state government, by voluntary agencies or by professionally qualified individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Board has reviewed the proposals for the following providers of mental health services and has determined that these services are necessary to meet the needs of the community at a reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Board receives state aid funding for some of these services by providers, and may receive adjustments to the initial state aid funding for each named provider agency based upon a Cost Of Living Adjustment ("COLA") or other funding adjustment determined by the state; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Director has considered the proposed agreements with the following service providers and has resolved to recommend to the Board of Legislators to enter into one (1) year contracts which shall include any COLA funding adjustment granted by the state, and with automatic annual renewals based upon the yearly State funding provided by OMH and OASAS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes one-year Agreements between the County of Lewis and the following various providers for program services, with the following amounts set forth for as the 2025 funding, plus any financial adjustment(s) made by the State to said annual amount for COLA:

2025 FUNDING

CONTRACTOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Oneida-Lewis Chapter, NYSARC	• Ongoing Integrated Supported Employment Services	\$34,365.00
NRCIL	• Family Peer Support Services • Advocacy/Support Services • Psychosocial Club • MICA Network • Transition Management Services • Recovery Center • Self Help Program • Outreach • Peer Support and Transitions Services for the Jail Medication Assisted Treatment Program • Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World	\$1,023,847.00
THRIVE Wellness & Recovery	• Transportation • Mobile Crisis Services • Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Program • Single Point of Access (SPOA) • Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) • Health Home Non-Medicaid Care Management • Non-Medicaid Care Coordination • Health Home Care Management • Supported Housing Community Services • Medically Supervised Outpatient Clinic • Jail-Based Services- Jail MAT Programming	\$955,327.00

Section 2. The term of said Agreements shall be from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with automatic annual renewals based upon the annual State

funding, unless terminated by either party upon written notice prior to the end of the term.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Treasurer to adjust the appropriation upon receipt of any COLA adjustment provided by the state.

Section 4. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreements and any modifications thereto, pending approval by the County Attorney.

Section 5. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN OFFICE FOR THE AGING AND
VARIOUS PROVIDERS FOR PROGRAM SERVICES**

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Office For The Aging wishes to enter into agreements with various providers to utilize their services for the elderly residents in Lewis County; 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 Agreements between the County of Lewis and the following various providers for program services for the elderly in the amounts herein set forth:

CONTRACTOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
U.S. Care Systems, Inc. (Caregiver Services)	Respite	\$37.00 per hour
U.S. Care Systems, Inc. (EISEP/CSEM Program)	Housekeeping (In-Home Personal Care)	\$36.00 per hr. for Level I \$37.00 per hr. for Level II
Seniors Helping Seniors	Housekeeping/Chore, Respite & "Heavy Chore" Services for Homebound, Ill, or Disabled Residents	\$33.00 per hour for Existing Clients \$36.50 per hour for New Clients

Section 2. The Agreements shall be for the term commencing on January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for Seniors Helping Seniors and January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, for US Care Systems Inc.

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

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY AND COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC FOR RABIES CONTROL COORDINATOR, CLINICS AND TESTING

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Public Health Director requests to enter into a new three-year contract with Countryside Veterinary Clinic (Countryside) with one of its Veterinarians, Sarah Zeger, D.V.M., of Lowville, NY 13367, to be designated and appointed as Animal Rabies Coordinator, to provide animal rabies clinics and vaccinations for Public Health at the rates set forth below, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, with automatic continuation until revised by the three (3) parties; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators wishes to authorize this Agreement and appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Agreement between Lewis County Public Health and Countryside Veterinary Clinic and with specific appointment of Sarah Zeger, DVM as the Animal Rabies Coordinator, to provide animal rabies control, vaccination clinics and related testing services on behalf of Lewis County Public Health, and other services as set forth in the Agreement.

Section 2. That the term of this Agreement shall be from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, with automatic continuation until revised or terminated by the three parties in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement.

Section 3. The Agreement provides for Public Health to compensate Countryside the sum of \$2,250 for the services of Dr. Zeger as Rabies Coordinator; \$4,500 for the numerous clinics in May, and \$400 for each clinic held in January and September. In addition, countryside will be compensated in the amount of \$30 for submission of each bat specimen, \$45 for each small animal brain specimen, \$50 for submission of each large animal brain specimen, and \$40 for each small animal carcass disposal with shipping charges payable by the County.

Section 4. The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, and any amendments thereto, pending approval by the County Attorney.

Section 5. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

**RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MEMBER TO
LEWIS COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That this Board of Legislators hereby re-appoints Lewis County Commissioner of Social Services Jennifer Jones of Beaver Falls, NY 13305 as a member of the Lewis County Opportunities, Inc. Board of Directors.

Section 2. The term of said appointment shall be effective for a three-year term from November 24, 2024 to November 24, 2027.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT
IN RECOGNITION OF ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS
AND THOSE IN TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE**

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, the residents of Lewis County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve their community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, church groups, and other community agencies; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually, with an estimated 20% increase of service members anticipated to transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44% to 72% of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life, and are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators appreciates the sacrifices our United States Military Personnel made while defending freedom, and believes specific recognition be accorded them to demonstrate the honor and support they deserve and have earned; and

WHEREAS, in advance of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, and as part of a state-wide NYS Association of Counties and NYS County Veteran Service Officers' Association collaborative initiative known as "Operation Green Light", the Lewis County Board of Legislators encourages its citizens to focus attention on America's service men and women by displaying a green light for Veterans in the windows of their places of business or residence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. In observance of Operation Green Light, the Lewis County Board of Legislators encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those whose immeasurable sacrifices help to preserve freedom, and to let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported by displaying an interior or exterior green light in their business or residence from Veterans Day, November 11, 2024 through November 17, 2024.

Section 2. With this designation as a “Green Light for Military Service County”, the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby declares the week of November 11, 2024 through November 17, 2024 as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, and those transitioning from Active Service.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators directs that an exterior green light be displayed at the Lewis County Courthouse Building and any other County buildings capable of such lighting for the period of November 11, 2024 through November 17, 2024.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ – 2024

**APPOINTING MEMBER 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 Allyson Petrus of Copenhagen, New York, as a member on the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board to fulfill the un-expired term of April Seymour Ritz.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be effective November 3, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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 CSB MH and SUD subcommittees reviewed the three submissions for the Future Story grant program. After reviewing, it was agreed to fund all three projects. The awardees are Copenhagen Central School, Lowville Academy and Lewis County DSS.

Department:

- Currently working with Lewis County Public Health regarding the Juul Vaping settlement funds.
- The #3 road property, formerly Mountain View, currently houses PIVOT substance prevention services. County leadership along with our department will have another meeting with OASAS leadership to discuss utilizing the unoccupied space end of year. In the meantime, OASAS using “emergency capital dollars” is assisting the county to replace the boiler.

Contract Agency updates:

- All services offered by THRIVE Wellness and Recovery are now being done under one roof at the Commons on South State St.
- PIVOT substance use prevention is providing services and had brought additional prevention services, such as a recovery center, to the county.

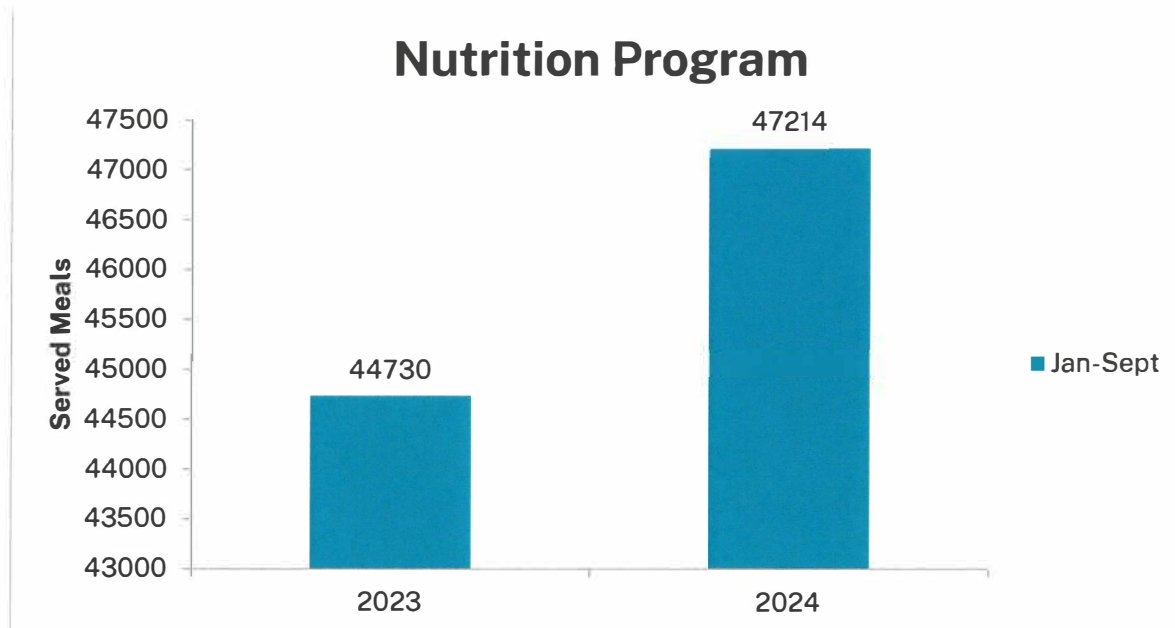
AUGUST SERVICES	
Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)	0
Petitions/Referrals Received	
AOT Clients Monitored	0
Enhanced Service Agreements	0
SPOA Referrals (Adult + Child)	5
Article 7.30 Evaluations	0
Safe Act Reports	4
Pick-Up Orders	6

SEPTEMBER SERVICES	
Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)	0
Petitions/Referrals Received	
AOT Clients Monitored	0
Enhanced Service Agreements	0
SPOA Referrals (Adult + Child)	9
Article 7.30 Evaluations	0
Safe Act Reports	8
Pick-Up Orders	1

September 2024

Highlights:

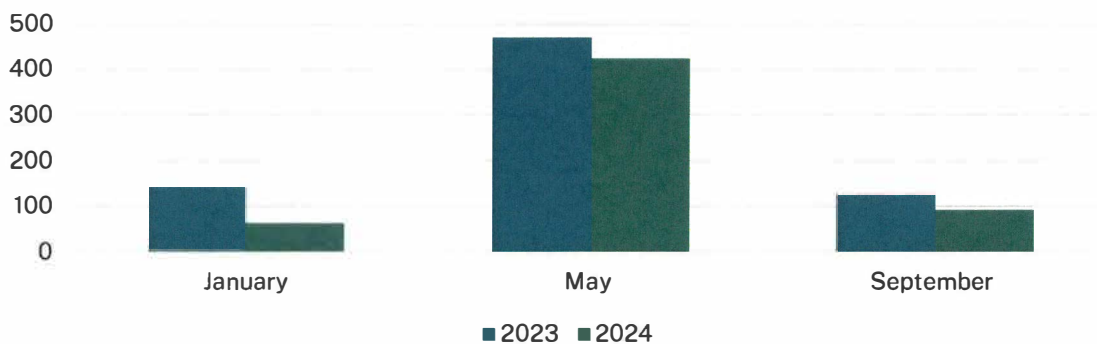
- West Leyden vouchers for September: 543 meals including 415 dine-in and 128 take-out
- Health Insurance Counseling: 77 clients served
- Evidenced Based Classes: 3 class with 48 participants
- HEAP: 152 clients served
- Home care hours for August: 850.25 for housekeeping, personal care, respite



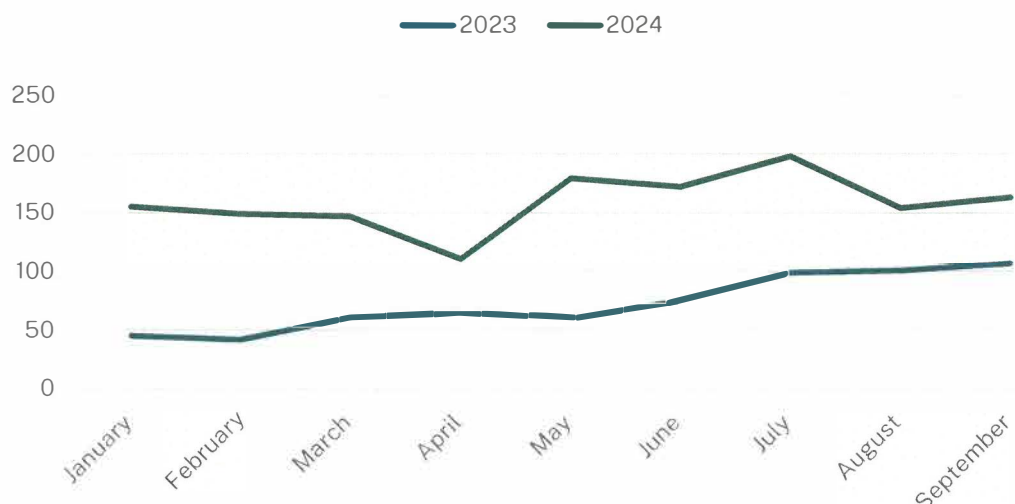
September 2024

- Lewis County was 1 of 11 counties in the state to receive free flu vaccine for farmworkers in response to the potential threat of H5N1. In collaboration with CCE, New York Farm Bureau and Lowville Producers we are offering the free vaccine to be administer at one of 3 farm worker specific clinics in November and the option for on farm vaccination if farmers prefer not to travel.
- On September 23rd the NYSDOH Commissioner declared an Imminent Threat to Public Health for Mosquito-Borne Diseases in response to the growing number of mosquito pools around the state with Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and a human case of EEE in the state. This declaration enhances reimbursement to local health departments for activities to monitor and control mosquito populations.

Rabies Clinic Attendance



Communicable Disease Investigations



September 2024

- Regular HEAP opens for application on November 1st. 530 early mailout applications were sent to households that received HEAP last year and are returning daily for eligibility determination.
- The Lewis County Youth Bureau was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Lewis County Community Services Opioid Settlement Funds. These funds will be used to purchase a curriculum, Screenagers, that will be used in collaboration with Lewis County schools. The curriculum focuses on addressing struggles and mental health issues associated with the current on-line world. It ties in academics, family life, peer pressure, and substances.
- The Child Care subsidy program payment process is converting to direct deposit payments to providers in October.
- The Lewis County Warming Center will open at 7 PM on November 1st at the same location as last year on Jackson St in Lowville. Upgrades at the Warming Center include a fresh coat of paint, a new handicap accessible shower, installation of a washer and dryer, and increased seating. Many thanks to Lewis County Health System for donating the furniture.
- The Lewis County WorkPlace will be assisting at Manufacturer's Day on October 17th. Staff will be on site at Qubica, Grand Slam Safety, Otis, Mativ, and Viking Cives guiding local students on tours of those facilities.

Program Area Update	September 2024	Monthly Average
Child Protective Reports Received	33	41
Children in Foster Care	10	9
Phone Calls	7727	8916
Visitor Total DSS	1183	1100
Visitor Total One Stop	170	168
Child Care Subsidy Cases	58	54
Temporary Assistance Applications	43	36
Open Temporary Assistance Cases	76	68
Homeless BedNights	255	251
Applications SNAP	88	74
Open SNAP cases	1566	1595
Medicaid Applications	38	51
Medicaid Open Cases	1747	1732
Applications HEAP	230	185
Fraud Referrals	32	26
Child Support Petitions Filed	36	33



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MONTHLY REPORT September 2024

JAIL:

- Inmate Population as of September 30th: **19**
- Number of Inmates Boarded Out as of September 30th: **1**

DISPATCH:

- Calls Handled: **4732**
- Cads Created: **1891**

ROAD PATROL:

- Complaints Handled: **506**
- Criminal Arrest Made: **12**
- Vehicle and Traffic Stops: **107**
- Vehicle and Traffic Arrest: **24**
- Pistol Permits Completed: **20**
- Drug Overdoses: **2**

CIVIL:

- Papers Served: **80**
- Evictions: **2**
- Civil Executions Against Property: **0**
- Funds Received and Disbursed: **\$14,848.71**

September 2024

- The Probation Department had a Juvenile Delinquent ordered to be held in non-secure detention on 09/26/2024. Thankfully, juvenile detention is scarcely used in Lewis County. Juvenile detention is very costly and time consuming for our department.
 - Probation Officers transported the juvenile to a facility in Bath, NY on the same date.
 - 09/27/2024, the facility contacted our office after hours and requested that we come pick up the juvenile as he was not appropriate for the facility. We were able to talk the facility into keeping the juvenile through the weekend, but had to pick him up in Bath, NY on 09/30/2024.
 - The juvenile was transported to another facility where he will remain until 10/04/2024 at 6:00am, when we must have him out of that facility. The juvenile is expected to appear in Lewis County Family Court on 10/04/2024, where we anticipate that he will be placed in a secure detention facility at that time.
 - The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has assured this department that they will assist in finding a bed in a secure detention facility.
- During the week of 09/30/2024- 10/04/2024, the Lewis County Sheriff's Office invited the Probation Department to accompany the Sheriff's Road patrol for the fall shooting range. We work closely with the Sheriff's Office so becoming more familiar with each other through trainings could potentially benefit the Sheriff's Office as much as it benefits our office.

