

TO: Lisa Virkler, Chair; Andrea Moroughan, Vice-Chair; Richard Chartrand; Jeffrey Nellenback; and Jessica Moser.

FROM: Ryan Piche, County Manager

DATE: January 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Health & Human Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Health & Human Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 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 November 15, 2022 committee minutes if no amendments.

Presentations / Discussion Items:

1. Veterans Service Agency update – David Pavey, Veterans Service Agency Director (10 minutes)

Draft Resolutions:

1. Authorizing agreement between Lewis County Department of Social Services and Lewis County Opportunities, Inc. for services outlined in the Safe Harbour budget from NYS Office of Children and Family Services for a fee of \$31,350.00.
AYE ____ NAY ____
2. Authorizing agreements between Department of Social Services and New York State Office of Children and Family Services and with Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. for registration and inspection of child care providers.
AYE ____ NAY ____

Motions:

1. Move to adopt the 2023 proposed Health & Human Services Committee Goals.

Executive Session:

1. Potential litigation matters

Informational Items:

1. Monthly Department reports aren't required this month because the 2022 Annual Reports are due at the end of this month.

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

Social Services
Veterans Service Agency
Public Health

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
AND LEWIS COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES, INC.
UNDER NY SAFE HARBOUR PROJECT**

Introduced by Legislator Lisa Virkler, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Safe Harbour for Exploited Children Act of 2008 provides protections for children who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation and provides for the ability to access specialized services; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services implemented the Safe Harbour: NY Project. This program supports counties in developing their capacity to identify youth who have been trafficked, sexually exploited, or are at risk of victimization and to meet identified service needs of these youth by providing the County with state funds to provide appropriate services under the program. 2023 will be year four (4) of Safe Harbour funding from NYSOCF with LCDSS to administrate; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County Opportunities, Inc. ("LCOI") is a well established not-for-profit agency licensed or otherwise authorized by the New York State Department of Social Services to provide domestic violence services. They have a long-standing history of working with victims of abuse, including trafficked and sexually exploited children and youth in Lewis County and have the ability to provide the services under the Safe Harbour Project; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Department of Social Services desires to enter into an agreement with LCOI to provide intensive case planning to meet the needs of sexually exploited youth related to child trafficking and exploitation in Lewis County; to provide safe long and short term housing, including the use of respite when appropriate; to provide guidance and oversight to programs that respond to trafficked and exploited youth; to promote community awareness on exploited and trafficked children, all as outlined in the Safe Harbour: NY Project, at a cost of \$31,350.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to enter into this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Agreement between the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Department of Social Services Lewis County Opportunities, Inc. to provide the

described identified support and outreach services under the Safe Harbour: NY Project program.

Section 2. That this agreement is for the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023. The funds are provided by New York State Office of Children and Family Services to Lewis County Department of Social Services under the Safe Harbour: NY Project. The agreement shall provide for LCDSS to compensate Lewis County Opportunities, Inc. for the sum of \$31,350.00 for the services outlined in the Safe Harbour budget from NYSOCFS.

Section 3. That the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, 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. __ - 2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND
NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND
WITH COMMUNITY ACTION PLANNING COUNCIL
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INC.**

Introduced by Legislator Lisa Virkler, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services of Lewis County is an authorized Social Services official responsible and designated by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, insofar as funds are available for that purpose, to register and inspect family day care and school aged child care providers in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, the Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. ("CAPC") is qualified by its present established base in the community and is disposed to fulfill the required responsibilities of the Local Commissioner in fulfilling the obligation to inspect and register daycare providers. The Commissioner of Lewis County Department of Social Services ("DSS") desires to enter into an Agreement with CAPC to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize said agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes Agreements between the County of Lewis, by and through the Department of Social Services with:

A. New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the purpose of providing federal funding to the Lewis County Department of Social Services in the amount of \$8,400.00 quarterly (Maximum Funding Amount of \$33,600.00), for an acceptable level of compliance and performance as specified by the Division of Child Care Services for registration and inspection of child care providers.

and

B. Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. for the purpose of conducting registration and inspection of family day care and school aged child care providers in Lewis County, at an annual cost not to exceed \$31,920.00, payable in quarterly installments of \$7,980.00 upon receipt of a completed Quarterly Registration Review Report from the DCCS Regional Office.

Section 2. That the term of these Agreements shall be from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The cost of these services are 100% federally funded.

Section 3. That the Lewis County Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver the New York State Office of Children and Family Services agreement and any extensions thereto, pending review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 4. That the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver the Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. Agreement, and any extensions thereto provided the amount remains the same, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

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