

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: M. Walker, S. Erdle, I. Davis, M. Falk, D. Wester, D. LeFeber, D. Mahus, I. Coyle, A. Ellis, B. Mann, S. Hillier

Human Services Chair Merilee Walker asked Conesus Supervisor Don Wester to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Per State and Federal bans on large gatherings and pursuant to Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 202.1 issued on March 12, 2020, including all subsequent extensions, “suspending law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar service,” the meeting today will be conducted in a hybrid manner both in person and remotely using Zoom teleconferencing. The public has been provided with the ability to hear today’s Board of Supervisor meeting through Zoom and a transcript will be provided upon request. This meeting has been duly noticed by the Clerk of the Board and there is a quorum present. We have fulfilled our legal notice requirements by posting Notice on the County’s home page of its website. Those in attendance today need to speak directly into their microphones so that they can be heard by the Zoom attendees. I ask that all attendees mute their phones until such time as they are asked to respond or present.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – RYAN SNYDER

Action Item to Be Reported

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/YOUTH BUREAU: CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY, GENESEO PARISH OUTREACH CENTER, INC., PARTYMAN CATERING & RENTAL, GENESEE COUNTY

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contracts for the Livingston County Office of Workforce Development/Youth Bureau, and any future amendments to said contracts, according to the terms designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Catholic Charities of Livingston County 34 East State Street Mt. Morris, NY 14510 For: Emergency services to income eligible residents	4/1/2021-9/30/2022	\$75,000.00

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
Community Service Block Grant (CARES Act)	\$0	Yes

Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, Inc. 4520 Genesee Street Geneseo, NY 14454 For: Medical services to income eligible residents	4/1/2021-9/30/2022	\$75,000.00
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<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
Community Service Block Grant (CARES Act)	\$0	Yes

Partyman Catering & Rental 1515 West Henrietta Road Avon, NY 14414 For: Teen Recognition Dinner	5/26/21 (event date)	Up to \$6,500.00
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<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
Ticket sales and local share	\$5,000 (credit)	Yes

Genesee County 7 Main Street Batavia, NY 14020	2/1/2021-1/31/26	\$11,383.08/year
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For: Lease for WDB Board Offices

Funding Source	Local Share	Budgeted?
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act	\$0	Yes

Mr. Snyder reviewed the contracts for approval.

Motion: Mr. Wester moved and Mr. Falk seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

2. REAPPOINTING MEMBER TO THE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES COUNCIL: CHARLES DIPASQUALE

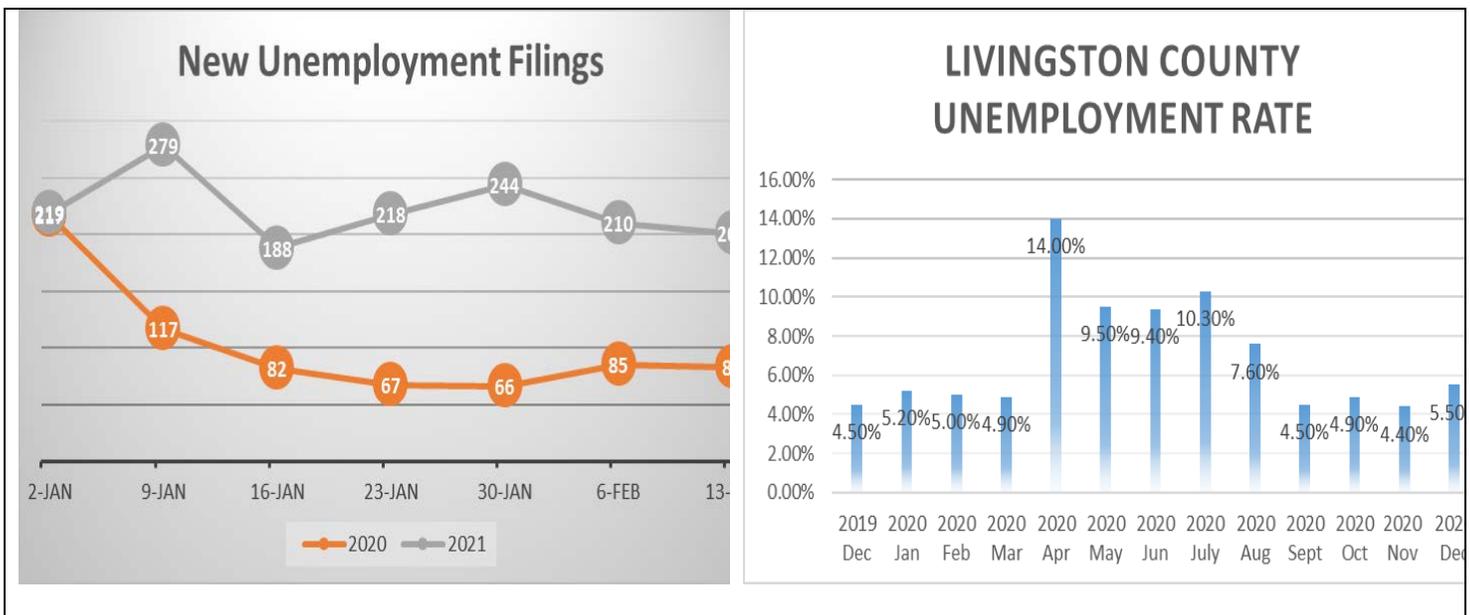
RESOLVED, that the following member is hereby reappointed to the Community Initiatives Council for the term designated:

Community Initiatives Council			
Name	Address	Rep/Title	Term
Charles DiPasquale	103 Main Street, Mt. Morris, NY 14510	Public Official	1/1/21-12/31/23

Motion: Mr. LeFeber moved and Mr. Wester seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

Livingston County New Unemployment Filings



New Unemployment Filings for Livingston County over the first seven weeks of 2021 are up 117% over the same period in 2020. **12,236** new filings have occurred since 3/28/20. The Unemployment Rate for December 2020 is 5.5% up from 4.5% in the same period in the prior year.

Department Activity Report (Feb data not yet available)

Activity	Jan 2021
Office Contacts	206
Job Openings Posted with NYSDOL	257
Zoom Workshop Attendees	12
Individual Appointments	44
Adults/Youth in Training	38
Pre-Hire Assessments	11
Youth in Paid Work Experience	4
WIOA Youth Enrolled in Services (30 by 6/30/20)	25
WIOA Adults Trained (32 by 6/30/20)	27

Program Report

- CNA Program – Recruitment for the next Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program ends on 2/26 with the class scheduled to start on 3/29. Class has capacity for 16 students
- Clinic Support – We are utilizing CSBG funds to hire a temporary employee to coordinate the volunteer staff at the Vaccine Clinic
- Youth Bureau – We received 77 nominations for the Teen Recognition Event scheduled for May 26th at the Vintage Drive In
- Zoom Workshops – Jobseeker workshops continue to be offered weekly on Zoom. All employment services are available remotely.
- Unemployment Fraud – Victims of Unemployment Fraud should immediately file notice with NYSDOI at the link below and should also follow up with local law enforcement.
<https://webapps.labor.ny.gov/dews/ui/fraud/report-fraud.shtm>

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – DIANE DEANE

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Livingston County believes all children need safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities to foster their healthy growth and development; and that child abuse and neglect result in physical and psychological trauma that survivors carry with them for the rest of their lives; and prevention through practical measures and programs mitigate the factors contributing to abuse and neglect; and strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, social service agencies, schools, faith based organizations, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and that communities that make every effort to promote preventive programs that benefit children and their families; and provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources to help them cope with stress make a strong commitment to reducing child abuse and ensuring all children grow to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Everyone in the community needs to be more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and recognize April as the month to bring awareness to the role that Communities play to help reduce child abuse and neglect; by working together as a community, we can all play a part in strengthening families and promoting children's well-being; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim **April 2021** as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and during this month and throughout the year, Livingston County is dedicated to supporting families through prevention efforts thereby reducing the risk of child abuse and neglect in the communities in which we live.

Ms. Deane reported that this is an annual resolution and that they are doing mostly online and internal activities this year.

Motion: Mrs. Erdle moved and Mr. Mahus seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

2. PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, The County of Livingston recognizes April 7, 2021 as the fifty-third anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS, Every American has the right to Fair Housing, the right to live where they choose, to raise a family, to own a home in dignity and without fear of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the County of Livingston hereby provides assurance and proclaims its dedication to the goal of Fair Housing Opportunities for all members of the community without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sexuality, disabilities, age, family status or gender identity and expression; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 2021 as Fair Housing Month, and during this month and throughout the year, Livingston County is dedicated to raising awareness and supporting the Fair Housing Law.

Ms. Deane explained that as the fair housing officer this is one of the requirements acknowledging the fair housing issues during their homeless and housing task force meeting.

Motion: Mr. Falk moved and Mrs. Erdle seconded to approve the foregoing resolution.....Carried.

Ms. Deane reported that the state has announced that they are giving us 15% of the 20% withhold for a lot of their revenue sources they will be refunding 15% of that back to us. Ms. Deane also reported that she has received a resignation from DSS Attorney Scott Cannon effective 3/11/21. There was discussion on the indigent burials to date for 2021.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

1. Statistics (Monthly) (January)

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>% Change from Jan 1</u>
Temporary Assistance Cases (TA):		
Family Assistance	158	-3.07%
Safety Net	204	-1.45%
Total	362	-2.16%
Medicaid Cases (MA):		
Community	1989	1.38%
Chronic Care	232	-4.53%
Foster Care	159	-3.64%
SSI	1255	-1.18%
Total	3635	-0.14%
Livingston County Citizens receiving some form of Medicaid service:		
Cases In Transit	0	
NYSOH		
Livingston County DSS	4800	
Total	4800	
Food Stamp Only Cases:	2315	-1.95%
SSI Food Stamp Cases:	745	0.00%
Child Care Cases:	74	-33.33%
Indigent Burials:		
Approved	1	
Denied	0	
Fraud:		
Front End Detection (FEDS) - During Applicant Status	0	
Fraud Referrals Received - Anonymous/Other	5	
Fraud Referrals Received - Internal/DSS	0	
Referrals sent to Sheriff & DA	0	
Pending with DA/Awaiting Disposition	7	
Clients thru the lobby (Unduplicated #):	308	
Total # of individuals served by reception staff:	427	
Housing - Homeless Caseload:		
Diversions	6	
Housed	12	
Total	18	

Total Nights	472	
Singles	441	
2 Adults	0	
Families	31	
Total Clients in Temp. Housing at end of month	13	
Clients entering Temp. Housing & remaining in the month	5	
Code Blue - Below 32 Degrees		
Cases	3	
Nights	8	
Section 8 Vouchers Leased Up:	497	
Child Support:		
Caseload Count	2,803	-0.88%
Dollars Collected	\$628,858	
Child Protective Services (CPS): Ongoing		
New Primary Investigation Assignments	55	
Secondary Assignments from Other Counties	7	
Petitions Filed	3	
1034 Court Ordered Investigations Completed	9	
422 Summaries to Court	0	
CPS Ongoing Case Management/Preventive Services:		
Case Total	29	
Article 10 Supervision Cases (Youth Remaining in Home)	29	
*Distinct Children	74	
Non-Court Ordered (Article 10)-CPS indicate & Open Mandated Preventive	0	
*Distinct Children	0	
Supervision Cases on Behalf of Another County-Secondary	0	
*Distinct Children	0	
School Based Consults:	139	
Dansville Central School	77	
Livonia Central School	62	
Family Services Unit:		
Foster Children - DSS Custody Distinct # of Children	37	-5.13%
Levels of Care for DSS Custody Cases:		
Foster Boarding Home	26	
Approved Relative Foster Home	4	
Institution	4	
Group Home	1	
Supervised Independent Living	0	
Other	2	
Foster Child Admissions - New	0	
Foster Child Discharges Including Trial Discharge	2	
Children Trial Discharge to Parents or Other Resource (Remain in	2	

DSS Custody)		
Children Discharged (Final) to Parent or Other Resource	0	
Adoptions Finalized as Discharges	0	
KinGap Discharges	0	
Other Discharges (i.e. APLA)	0	
Distinct Youth Remaining in DSS Custody on Trial Discharge	7	
OCFS State Custody	3	
Article 10 Direct Custody Placement/Non-DSS Cases:		
Cases	21	
*Distinct Children	26	
Probation Based Diversionary Programming:		
Cases	12	
*Distinct Children	12	
Cases Closed *Distinct Children	7	
Cases Open in Connections FSS-Mandated Preventive	1	
Non-Mandated Preventive Services:		
Cases	5	
*Distinct Children	10	
Other Case Processing - # of Distinct Children:	20	
ICPC Requests	2	
Supervision - Post Discharged - Court Ordered	12	
Supervision on Behalf of Another County	6	
Aftercare Services	0	
TASA (Case Management for Pregnant/Parenting Teens):		
Active Case	0	
New Referrals Received	3	
Cases Closed	0	
Protective Services for Adults (PSA):		
Active Cases	36	-5.26%
PSA Referrals Received	8	
Active Financial Mgmt. Cases	40	
Active Home Mgmt. Cases	39	
Personal Care Aide Cases Total	33	
Level I	3	
Level II	26	
Level I pending	4	
Cases waiting for an assigned Aide	4	
Guardianship Cases	3	
Awaiting discharge	6	
Pending	0	
Assessment Contacts	59	

2. Employees were hired, resigned or retired in February – No changes.
3. The Livingston County Homelessness and Housing Task Force met on February 1, 2021. Primary discussions were regarding Emergency Solutions Grant money provided to the county to be used for citizens whose housing has been affected by Coronavirus. The eviction moratorium currently in place precludes the use of this money for rental arrearage assistance.

VETERAN'S SERVICES AGENCY – JASON SKINNER

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. PROCLAIMING MARCH 29, 2021 AS VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, countless brave Americans have answered the call to patriotic duty, including Vietnam veterans who endured unspeakable hardships and risked their lives fighting for the ideals of democracy; and

WHEREAS, American involvement in the Vietnam War was one of the longest military conflicts in America's history that escalated to staggering statistics: over 3.4 million deployed to Southeast Asia; 2.7 million served in the designated war zone; over 58,000 were killed in theater of operation; and 153,000 were non-mortally wounded; and

WHEREAS, the last 2,500 American combat troops were withdrawn from the battlefields of Vietnam on March 29, 1973; and

WHEREAS, 4,120 of the names listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in our nation's capital are those of courageous young New Yorkers who went off to fight half way around the world, never to return; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 amended title 4 United States Code, Section 6(d) to include National Vietnam War Veterans Day as an important occasion on which the flag should be raised; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Board of Supervisors solemnly commemorates the anniversary of this day and reflect upon its significance for past, present, and future generations for we have not forgotten, nor will we ever forget, all of the men and women who served so honorably in the Vietnam War; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 29, 2021 as "Vietnam War Veterans Day" in Livingston County.

Mr. Skinner explained that this is an annual resolution.

Motion: Mr. Mahus moved and Mr. Wester seconded to approve the foregoing resolution.....Carried.

2. RESOLUTION SEEKING FUNDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY VETERANS OUTDOOR RX PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Veteran Service Agency is seeking to establish an Outdoor RX Program to serve all of Livingston County Veterans; and

WHEREAS, The Veteran Outdoor RX Program is a non-clinical program that provides safe opportunities to learn about wellness and self-care activities; and

WHEREAS, Outdoor RX has 3 levels of programing, self-guided, facilitated, and certified recreational therapy and;

WHEREAS, Livingston County will focus on facilitation that will lead to increased self-guided activities and;

WHEREAS, the free and confidential program is available to all veterans, members of the Armed Forces, Guard and Reserves regardless of service dates, discharge status; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of physical activity reduces obesity, prevents diabetes, reduces stress are well documented; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Outdoor RX program will consist of providers within its borders that will connect participants to activities: and

WHEREAS, Activities include but not limited to fishing, kayaking, canoeing, hiking, equine therapy; and

WHEREAS, providers will participate in annual training with the Livingston County Suicide Prevention Taskforce; and

WHEREAS, state funding will build and a network of providers that may someday be part of a Park Prescription program; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Board of Supervisors recognizes the honorable services and sacrifices of Livingston County veterans and their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors hereby Establish the first of its kind in New York

State the Livingston County Outdoor RX program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors hereby invests \$15,000. Of local share to establish the Livingston County Veterans Outdoor RX network; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors hereby requests Outdoor RX Program funding be placed in the New York State budget and provided to Livingston County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board of Supervisors shall forward this resolution to Senator George Borrello, Senator Patrick Gallivan, Assemblywoman Marjorie Byrnes, and all others deemed necessary and appropriate.

Ms. Skinner reviewed the program to be established and state funding request. The County funds are already budgeted and will be used for the program regardless on whether additional state funds are received. Mr. Skinner reviewed the provider RFP and outreach to get the program information out to veterans.

Motion: Mr. Wester moved and Mr. Falk seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

New York State Budget update, Aid to Localities and Dwyer Funds: Livingston County State Legislators all preemptively banded together to ask for Dyer funds on our behalf. Mr. Skinner is hopeful this will work out. Mr. Skinner was recently named the Legislative Chair for the New York State County Service Officer Association. Mr. Skinner has found that there are areas in the budget that could be better and reviewed how the veteran program budget works. There are many budget lines that are never used and are being reappropriated each year due to the lack of oversight.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

We hired a new full time Veteran Service Officer Leeann Pike. Leeann is an Airforce Veteran who has a degree as a paralegal. Leeann has worked for the Livingston County Probation Department for 10 years. Leeann was selected from those who past the Civil Service Test. Her first day was February 22nd training will start on day one with VA online training modules.

Outdoor RX program:

We hold an informational conference to educate interested parties about the RFP process. The RFP will be posted in the second week of March. Our aim is to have contracts in place for providers for the April Human Services meeting. Our target for programing is to start before Memorial Day.

Office Statistics:

Our first quarter every year is often filled with an increase in Veterans Tax Exemptions. Because these are due on March first we are prioritizing these appointments. We have also done many of these requests electronically via email. We welcome referrals from our Assessors this gives us an opportunity to introduce ourselves to veterans. We also like to take that time to educate them to benefits they might not be aware of. One reason why we are the “best in class” in respect to other counties is our full service process. Every time we meet a veteran or widow we talk about all of the things they may be eligible for. Most county offices have to focus on a specific benefit due to the event the brought them to their office. This is generally because of staffing. The electronic email based tasks don’t allow for the time to flesh out what other needs may be appropriately addressed by our office. We are hoping for a time when we can sit down one to one again. Each first time appointment, usually takes an hour or longer to complete. The tasks that need to be completed to apply for the benefit extend far beyond that hour.

2019 numbers versus 2020 shows that we had increased efficiency.

We had 1293 people inquire about services in 2019 and 1910 people in 2020. In 2019 it took 5231 types of contact that include incoming and out-going phone calls, faxes, email, and regular mail to serve the 1293 people. In 2020 we had 1910 with less mail and faxes due to the digital methods. This not only saves 75% on mail costs, it cut the amount of needed communications down to 2455. This is about half. I would say personally, I don’t like all of these new methods. There are some things you can’t explain without a face to face visit. We will focus on quality in 2021 with more letters going out to veterans and widows. We can always

improve customer service. National data results in veteran's benefits will not be released until May.

The National Personnel Records Center has a back log of 30,000 requests for discharge form requests (DD-214s). This back log is not likely to be addressed until the Covid crisis is completely over with.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: JAMES MCGUINNESS & ASSOCIATES, INC., PUBLIC HEALTH SOLUTIONS, S2AY RURAL HEALTH NETWORK, INC. & WYOMING PROPERTIES, LLC

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contract for the Livingston County Department of Health, and any future amendments to said contract, according to the term designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

James McGuinness & Associates, Inc.	9/1/20-8/31/23	\$12,750.00/year x 3 years =
1482 Erie Boulevard		\$38,250.00
Schenectady, NY 12305		+ \$125.00/hour for additional support, if required

For: Pre-K Software

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
Livingston County and NYS Education	Based on Pre-K Administration Cost Report	Yes X No

Director's Comments: This is a renewal of a contract for Pre-K software that expired August 2020. The contract includes Maintenance, CPSE Portal and Medicaid Service Bureau.

Public Health Solution	11/1/20-9/29/21	\$10,462.00
40 Worth Street, 5 th Floor		
New York, New York 10013		

For: Conduct Research that will lead to feasible and effective strategies to increase access to quality Title X Family Planning services among hard to reach populations.

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
Public Health Solutions	0%	Yes X No

Director's Comments: This contract will enable us to conduct research that will lead to feasible and effective strategies to increase access to quality Title X Family Planning services among hard to reach populations.

S2AY Rural Health Network, Inc.	7/1/20-6/30/21	\$2,000.00
P.O. Box 390		
Canandaigua, NY 14424		

For: Emergency Planning Services

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
PHEP Grant	0%	Yes X No

Director's Comments: This contract allows for emergency mutual aid services in the event of a public health emergency.

Wyoming Properties, LLC	3/1/21-2/28/22	\$500.00/month
2071 Crittenden Road		\$6,000.00/year
Alden, NY 14004		

For: Warsaw WIC Clinic Lease Agreement

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
NYS WIC Grant	0%	Yes X No

Director's Comments: This is a lease agreement for the WIC program clinic Warsaw site.

Ms. Rodriguez reviewed the contracts for approval.

Motion: Mrs. Erdle moved and Mr. LeFeber seconded to approve the foregoing resolution.....Carried.

2. AUTHORIZING THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING: U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Department of Health is hereby authorized to enter into the following agreement for the Livingston County Department of Health, and any future amendments to said contract, according to the term designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
U.S. Geological Survey	2/1/21-7/31/21	\$5,200.00 to be paid by USGS to LCDOH
30 Brown Road		
Ithaca, NY 14850		
For: Environmental Lab Testing		

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
US Geological Survey	0%	Yes X No

Director's Comments: Agreement with USGS to perform well water testing. USGS will pay LCDOH the sum of \$5,200 to perform water sampling and laboratory testing at residences in the Town of Caledonia over the period of March 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021 in connection with a study or karst bedrock formation being performed by USGS.

Motion: Mr. Wester moved and Mr. Falk seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

3. AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING GRANT AWARD CONTRACTS FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following grant award contract for the Livingston County Department of Health and any future amendments to said contract, according to the terms designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
New York State Department of Health	6/5/20-6/30/21	\$14,037.38
Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza		
Albany, NY 12237		
For: Flu and COVID 19 Response		

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
NYS Flu and COVID 19 Response Award	0%	Yes X No

Director's Comments: Supplemental funding to Local Health Department's Immunization Action plan to expand and enhance Local Health Department's influenza vaccine outreach, promotion and mass vaccination.

Motion: Mr. Falk moved and Mr. Mahus seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

4. APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD: MERILEE WALKER & GILLIAN CONDE

RESOLVED, that the following members are hereby appointed to the Livingston County Community Services Board for the term designated:

Livingston County Community Services Board			
Name	Address	Rep./Title	Term Expires
Merilee Walker	75 North State Street, Nunda, NY 14517	Legislative Member	12/31/23
Gillian Conde	23 River Road, Scottsville, NY 14546	Chairperson	12/31/23

Motion: Mr. Wester moved and Mr. Mahus seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

5. PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021 AS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the County of Livingston joins to support observances that raise awareness of health issues

that affect people across our state, nation, and the world, such as the various types of cancer, including colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is a leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men and women in the United States; each year in New York State, more than 9,000 people develop colorectal cancer and more than 3,000 New Yorkers die from this disease; it is estimated that one in twenty people will develop colorectal cancer during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer occurs most often in older people; approximately 60% of people newly diagnosed with colon cancer are age 65 and older, and 90% of all colorectal cancers are diagnosed after age 50; and

WHEREAS, of the majority of colorectal cancer occurs in people who have no known risk factors; while the causes of colorectal cancer are not well understood, scientists agree that the following factors increase a person's risk of developing this disease: age, family history and hereditary conditions, personal health history, obesity, physical inactivity, diet, and other lifestyle factors such as cigarette smoking and excessive alcohol use; and

WHEREAS, those with a personal or family history of colon polyps, colorectal cancer, or a personal history of inflammatory bowel disease are at higher risk for developing colorectal cancer and should talk to their doctors about when to begin screening and how often to be screened; and

WHEREAS, men and women of any age with blood in their stool, unexplained weight loss, or a change in bowel habits including persistent aches and pains should talk to their doctor; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer often can be prevented through regular screenings that can detect small growths, called polyps, which can be removed before they develop into cancer; screening for colorectal cancer is a covered benefit through Medicaid as well as health plans participating in the New York State of Health, and the New York State Cancer Services Program offers colorectal cancer screening to eligible uninsured individuals in every county and New York City borough; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of Livingston County achieving the national goal to screen 80% of adults, aged 50 and older, being regularly screened for colorectal cancer in 2019; and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers and people everywhere are called upon to raise their awareness of colorectal cancer and take preventive steps to safeguard their health and that of loved ones from this disease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month March 2021 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Livingston County.

There will be more of a virtual kickoff this year.

Motion: Mr. Falk moved and Mrs. Erdle seconded to approve the foregoing resolution.....Carried.

Ms. Rodriguez gave a brief vaccine and clinic report. We have not received the one thousand doses ordered for this week. You cannot schedule a clinic until the doses have been received. 1,800 doses were given last week, not including Saturday's clinic. While we will still receive Moderna to have regular clinics, in about two weeks we should receive the Jansen vaccine. We received permission to target seniors 65 and up so health departments can vaccinate anyone who meets one of the priority lists except restaurant workers, which was a local decision. They are also working in partnership with CNR on rapid testing for visitors so folks can see their families. Mr. Coyle reported that we continue to advocate for the County to make sure we get the per capita rural vs. urban basis for vaccines.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

- *Be Well in Livingston* (Mt. Morris)- to meet with Mt. Morris Mayor regarding summary of the community assessment priorities include year round physical activity, healthy food retail options and programs to educate regarding wellness practices; worksite assessment completed by Kircher to meet to discuss priorities and policy/practice changes
- CHIP Update -CHA/CHIP update sent to CHA Leadership Team
- Weekly HCP update regarding flu data, LCDOH services and initiatives.
- Submitted New York State Aid application, program questions and Zika Action Plan.

- CASA-Trinity, in partnership with Livingston County Mental Health, received a federal grant to focus on mental and substance use disorder services; treatment of co-occurring disorders; and physical healthcare in one single location, for clients in Livingston, Steuben and Chemung counties.

CENTER FOR NURSING & REHABILITATION – STEPHEN WOODRUFF

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY CENTER FOR NURSING AND REHABILITATION: FUSION MEDICAL STAFFING, LLC

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contract for the Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation and any future amendments to said contract, according to the term designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fusion Medical Staffing, LLC 11808 Grant Street Omaha, NE 68164	4/1/2021-3/31/2022	Fee Schedule

For: Supplemental Staffing Contract – RN, LPN & CNA

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Local Share</u>	<u>Budgeted?</u>
Operating Budget	N/A	X Yes No

Director’s Comments: Staffing agencies have had limited personnel available and are experiencing the same recruiting difficulties as the CNR and other providers. This contract will enable the select and limited use of agency personnel to meet staffing needs.

Mr. Woodruff reviewed the contract for approval. This is the annual contract renewal.

Motion: Mr. Mahus moved and Mr. Davis seconded to approve the foregoing resolutionCarried.

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

FINANCIAL/OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

- a) Report on Post Audit – Financial Meetings and Activities. They are scheduled to begin their 2020 audit with Bonadio on 3/22.
- b) Occupancy – As of February 22, 2021 occupancy was 64.32% for the month, year to date 64.73%.
Cash Flow - The CNR's Cash Flow Report as of February 22, 2021, \$12,770,919 in Reserves. Budget Variance – The December 2020 budget variance report will be distributed and discussed at the committee meeting. Mr. Woodruff reviewed the budget numbers for February. IGT monies received in 2020 were \$6,754,390. They anticipate IGT monies this week for 2020-21 period in the amount of \$2,467,481.

Mr. Woodruff reported that the facility is open for visitation today. There is also resumption of compassionate care visits. Mr. Woodruff reviewed the expansive qualifiers for compassionate care visits. Notification was received this morning for facilities that wish, and are participating providers in the NY vaccination program, of which we are, to enable partnerships with their public health departments for vaccination clinics for residents. There was discussion on vaccine availability logistics for new residents and residents being discharged that may still need the second vaccine.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

- 1) Reports - Absenteeism, Mandation, FMLA, Payroll Performance, Work Related Injuries, Report Card
- 2) Current FT Nursing Assistant vacancies are: Night Shift 19, Evening Shift 28, Day Shift 29
- 3) Nurse Recruitment – The CNR is actively recruiting qualified applicants.
 - a) There are currently 1 Full Time Day Shift LPN, 10 Full Time and 4 Part Time Evening shift LPN and 5 Full Time and 3 Part Time LPN Night Shift vacancies.
 - b) There are currently 4 Full Time day shift RN, 3 Full Time Evening Shift RN, & 2 Full Time Night Shift RN vacancies.
 - c) There are currently 3 Part Time Day Shift, & 2 Part Time Evening Shift PCA vacancies at this time.

- d) There are currently 3 Part Time Day Shift, 1 Part Time Evening Shift, & 1 Part Time Night Shift Uncertified Nursing Assistant vacancies at this time.
- 4) Beacon Solutions Monthly Report – to be distributed.
- 5) CNR COVID-19:

Pursuant to Executive Order 202.95, issued on February 22, 2021, the Center continues to complete weekly testing of all employees, contract and medical staff, through March 24, 2021

The Center suspended visitation on November 2nd, 2020, pursuant to notification that a contractor had tested positive for COVID-19. Visitation remains suspended until the facility staff or residents for a period of at least 14 days since the most recent positive result. Testing will continue among staff, patients or residents for a period of at least 14 days since the most recent positive result.

The Center resumed window visits on 02/17/21. The window visitation area has been moved to the GOL ADHC courtyard, utilizing the Administrative Conference Room.

The Center received a Dear Administrator Letter (DAL) from the NYS-DOH on 02/22/21, titled “Health Advisory: Revised Skilled Nursing Facility Visitation.” The Key provisions include the following:

- Visitation may take place only if there has been *no new onset of COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days* and the facility is not currently conducting outbreak testing as reported on daily HERDS submissions.
- Visitation must be “paused” if the COVID-19 county positivity rate, based on the [CMS COVID-19 Nursing Home Data site](#), is high (>10%), except in compassionate care situations. Visitor testing **is required** if the county positivity rate is 5% or higher. Specifically, the guidance provides the following directions for each positivity rate band:
- Low (<5%) = Visitation should occur according to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and facility policies (beyond compassionate care visits). Visitor testing is strongly encouraged; facilities may utilize rapid testing.
- Medium (5% – 10%) = Visitation should occur according to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and facility policies (beyond compassionate care visits). Visitor testing is required. Visitors must either: present a negative COVID-19 test result from within the past 72 hours, or facilities may utilize rapid testing to meet the testing requirement. Additionally, all visitors must adhere to all infection control practices.
- High (>10%) = Visitation must only occur for compassionate care situations according to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and facility policies. Facilities should offer rapid testing whenever possible.
- The number of visitors to the nursing home must not exceed 20% of the resident census at any time.
- Visitors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
- Current COVID-19-positive residents, residents with COVID-19 signs or symptoms, and residents in a 14-day quarantine or observation period remain ineligible for in-person visits.
- All visits should be held outdoors whenever practicable. Aside from weather considerations (e.g., inclement weather, excessively hot or cold temperatures, poor air quality), an individual resident’s health status (e.g., medical condition(s), COVID-19 status), or a facility’s outbreak status, outdoor visitation should be facilitated routinely.
- Facilities should accommodate and support indoor visitation, but limit movement in the facility. Visits may take place in resident rooms, except in shared rooms, unless the roommates are spouses. For situations where there is a roommate and the health status of the resident prevents leaving the room, facilities should attempt to enable in-room visitation while adhering to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention.
- Compassionate care visits are permitted, when visitation may not otherwise be permitted.
- Core principles of infection control and prevention must be followed, and facility staff must monitor visitor adherence. The facility must have an easily accessible visitation plan which includes space(s) to be used for visitation (outdoors and indoors) including the number of

- visitors and residents which could be safely socially distanced within the space(s). The plan must reference relevant infection control policies for visitors.
- Visitation policies must be adopted and widely communicated to residents, staff, and visitors that limit the number of visitors per resident at one time and limit the total number of visitors in the facility at one time (based on the size of the building and physical space).
 - Facilities may now allow for students and trainees enrolled in programs to become licensed, registered, certified, board eligible, or otherwise to complete a program for health care professionals to receive training and otherwise participate in duties relevant to their program.
- 6) COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic - The LCCNR has completed the third and final Federal COVID-19 vaccination clinics on February 17, 2021. The confirmed number of residents / patients that received the vaccination was 96% and the total number of employee acceptance rate is 50%. The LCCNR will be partnering with the LCDOH, to assist with future vaccinations for Residents and Employees, on an as needed basis.
 - 7) Central Services Personnel continue to complete repairs secondary to the 01/12/21 water damage incident.
 - 8) The Adult Day Health Care Program services remain suspended until further notice. The GOL Program Coordinator continues to connect telephonically on a weekly basis with program Registrants in the community.
 - 9) NYS-DOH reporting continues on a daily basis, 7 days per week, via the HERDS survey in the Health Commerce System.
 - 10) The CNR reports survey data to the CDC, via the National Healthcare Safety Network, twice per week.
 - 11) The CNR's PPE supplies remain above the minimal requisite 60-day supply. The CNR maintains a 90-day supply on hand.
 - 12) The Center continues to communicate with Residents / Families weekly via telephone calls, electronic communication(s) and letters.
 - 13) The Center continues to participate on a weekly basis in the AHRQ ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network, to continue to review and identify industry wide best practices in response to the pandemic.
 - 14) Dialysis Extension Clinic: Clinic pending C.O.N. approval, secondary to architectural revisions required by the Bureau of Architectural and Engineering. Pending revisions / construction will occur, in collaboration with Livingston County Central Services Personnel, while WCCHS will provide construction management and procurement of all supplies.
 - 15) Cooling Tower – The cooling tower replacement project started November 17, 2020. Awaiting installation of the VFD (Variable Frequency Drive), and final project punch list / close outs.
 - 16) Northeast Sidewalk Modification – The sidewalk modification is complete.
 - 17) The LCCNR received notification that the 2020-2021 Nursing Home Upper Payment Limit (UPL), installment #2, is scheduled to receive IGT monies in the amount of \$2,467,481.00, post receipt of the non-federal share of the nursing home UPL payment.

Mr. Coyle reported that we are looking at other vaccine sites in the county to maybe branch out/off of the Building 1 conference center in Mt. Morris. Mr. Coyle videoed the annual disabilities proclamation and he is working on getting that sent to Arc. Mr. Wester reported that community feedback from his town is that the Saturday clinic went very well. Mr. Snyder reported on the CNA orientation going on right now. 21 applications were received, 20 showed up and 4 were already pre-approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mahus moved and Mr. Wester seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING – SUE CARLOCK

Informational Item(s) Written Only

Served Client Summary

Livingston

Service Type Summary

Service Type	Total Units January 2021
Case Management (hours)	132
Home Delivered Meals (meals)	5,715
Information and Assistance (calls)	310
In Home Contact & Support (contacts) well check calls, deliveries	909
Nutrition Education (contacts)	325
Personal Care (hours)	449
PERS (service months)	396

Program Updates:

March for Meals:

On March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older. For nearly 50 years, these critical programs – commonly referred to as Meals on Wheels – have delivered more than just nutritious meals to homebound seniors in virtually every community across the country. And, the dedicated staff and volunteers who deliver these meals each week provide a vital lifeline and connection to the community. Every March we highlight the value of these programs. We often invite officials to participate; due to COVID-19 we are not doing that this year. This year we have virtual events for participants and driver appreciation plans for March for Meals.

AAA Approaches to Modified Service Delivery During Pandemic Response – Livingston County

Change in AAA Service Approach	Activities supported by Livingston County Office for the Aging during COVID-19 response
Service Creation	Creation of wellness call programs to address social isolation
	Purchase, donation coordination, and delivery of hygiene supplies
	Delivery of groceries
	Delivery of emergency food
	Mask distribution
	Dissemination of animatronic pets to address social isolation
	Advertisement of resource toll-free number for older adults
	Purchase and delivery of tablets and provision of tech support
	Information and assistance regarding community services and supports for food and medication access
	Distribution of in-home craft kits through grant and volunteers
Service modification	Transition of caregiver support groups from in-person to phone/virtual format
	Transition of health promotion, education and social programming to online format
	Transition to remote benefits counseling and case management (with some availability for socially distanced in-person service)
	Modification of home-delivered meal delivery practices to minimize exposure risk and address increased capacity demands – never missed a delivery day
	Provision of shelf-stable meal supply to allow for potential two-week kitchen closure
	Transition of congregate meals to home-delivered meals or take-out meals

	Modification of transportation program availability and seating protocols - subcontracted
	Provision of creative activities, games, and brain stimulation – puzzles, books, etc.
	Modification of farmers’ market coupon delivery procedure
	Temporary elimination of in-home assessment requirements for home-delivered meal recipients
	Lunch on the Lawn program near congregate sites as weather permitted
	Outdoor Tai Chi as weather permitted
Service expansion	Home delivered meals, In-Home Contact and Support, Nutrition Education, Information
	Increase in staff time spent providing informal social support during interaction with clients – well check calls/conference calls
Service cancellation	Cancellation of group activities, in-person public hearing
	Closure of congregate meal sites and community centers

Adapted from Area Agencies on Aging Provide Crucial Support for Older New Yorkers During COVID-19, Claire Pendergast, Syracuse University Lerner Center for Public Health

State Association Advocacy Priorities:

- **ADD \$27 MILLION IN FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE GROWING WAITING LISTS IDENTIFIED BY AREA AGENCIES ON AGING AND THEIR COMMUNITY BASED PARTNERS**
EXECUTIVE PROPOSED 2021-2022 FUNDING - \$15 MILLION
ADDITIONAL NEED 2021-2022 FUNDING - \$27 MILLION

The Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) have reported that there are older adults waiting for 11,000 different types of services in the following categories: personal care levels I & II, home delivered meals, case management, nutrition counseling, transportation, legal assistance, personal emergency response systems, home modifications and minor home repairs.

After reviewing more than 2,000 individual case files of those older adults who were awaiting services but were not receiving them from 2017-2019, 10% went directly to a skilled nursing facility and 6% went to community Medicaid/MLTC. Due to the incomes of this population along with their functional limitations, most, if not all, would spend-down to Medicaid almost immediately, costing the state hundreds of millions of dollars.

The continued investment in addressing unmet needs therefore has significant cost savings for the state Medicaid program while assuring a policy that doesn’t require individuals to impoverish themselves in order to get the care they need.

Given the exorbitant strain COVID-19 has placed on the older adult population, the prospect of adding further strain on the lives of older New Yorkers by forcing them to wait for critical services is untenable and must be redressed through a significant investment. By investing in these supports, New York will not only be ensuring an improved quality of life to those in need, but will inevitably help balance the State’s budget by reducing Medicaid expenditures.

Findings indicate that for every 1% increase in home-delivered meal service to the older adult population, there is a significant savings to Medicaid through the reduction of higher cost care. More specifically, findings indicate that in New York, savings from just a 1% increase in meal service would lead to \$11,427,143 Medicaid savings—proving that waiting lists for such services actually cost more than the cost of the meal service itself. The cost of the 10% of those on a waitlist that could enter a skilled nursing facility without services would cost Medicaid \$65 million.

- **INVEST IN TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR OLDER NEW YORKERS - \$5 MILLION**

COVID-19 has shown the vast digital divide in the older population. The most vulnerable older residents have been without interaction for months, and having the ability to create and implement a robust virtual platform for our clients is paramount. There needs to be a substantial investment to purchase and implement technology to bridge the gap in social isolation and loneliness. Our network stands prepared

to implement a variety of programs



Shelf stable meal boxes will be distributed again to all meal recipients in case of program closure. No closures to date.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele R. Rees, IIMC-CMC
Clerk of the Board