

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mrs. Walker requested a moment of silence in honor of our wonderful friend and fellow Supervisor Bill Carman, who passed away. We are going to miss him.

Human Services Chair Merilee Walker asked County Attorney Shannon Hillier to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OFFICE FOR THE AGING – SUE CARLOCK**

**Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported**

Department Updates – Aide Shortages; Congregate Sites Reopening Plan-Ms. Carlock reviewed her ideas and plans for reopening the congregate meals sites on June 23. Ms. Carlock reviewed the negotiations that took place with our main aide contractors to give aides themselves an additional rate for working on Livingston County basis. Aides do not get raises through their agency and it has not kept up with the minimum wage increases so OFA is in danger of losing some of their aides through those agency contracts. There is an ongoing waiting list for non-medical personal care aides due to the lack of personnel not the lack of dollars. With the NYS OFA encouragement some OFA offices in other counties are looking at hiring their own aides. Orleans County has always hired its own aides. Ms. Carlock explained that she would not need more local funding but would be redistributing between the subcontractors and doing it directly. Some initial cost analysis has shown we can do this for the same amount we pay the subcontractors. Ms. Carlock explained that she is looking to put out an RFP and outsourcing the HICAP program. It has become increasingly complicated to evaluate the different health care insurance needs. There was discussion on the qualification needs would be for an HICAP.

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**Informational Item(s) Written Only**

Service Type Summary




Service Type	Total Units January – April 2021
Case Management (hours)	527
Home Delivered Meals (meals)	26,037
Information and Assistance (calls)	2,407
In Home Contact & Support (contacts) well check calls, deliveries	3,792
Nutrition Education (contacts)	2,925
Personal Care (hours)	1,886
PERS (service months)	1,718

**Program Updates:**

New Partnership Brings Live Virtual Classes To Older Adults For Free  
50,000 Online Classes are Now Available to Older New Yorkers Across the State



- New York State Office for The Aging and the Association on Aging in New York are proud to offer free, online classes to older adults, in partnership with GetSetUp.
- New Yorkers now have access to 50,000 free classes, featuring more than 300 different course options all taught online by older adults on GetSetUp in a small group setting.
- GetSetUp is a virtual community where older adults learn with their peers, have fun and meet new people in a supportive and non-judgmental environment. It's a safe way for older adults to interact with their friends and discover new passions.
- Learn how to use Zoom, learn more about your mobile phone, get moving together with a fitness class or take a class on staying positive! Classes are offered around the clock and every class is free.

 <p>Class Free!</p> <p><b>Get Started with Zoom for Beginners</b></p> <p>Book</p>	 <p>Class Free!</p> <p><b>Morning Fitness - Balance &amp; Flexibility</b></p> <p>Book</p>	 <p>Class Free!</p> <p><b>Heart Healthy Cooking</b></p> <p>Book</p>
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- All classes can be taken from <https://www.getsetup.org/partner/NYSTATE>. Use the coupon code: NYSTATE while booking to access your FREE classes.
- A great place to start is with our free orientation for new members where we will explain how to take a class, navigate the website and show you everything you need to know to get started.
- And, we have a friendly learner support team that is here to help you. If you have questions or want help registering for a class, please give us a call at 1-888-559-1614 or email [help@getsetup.io](mailto:help@getsetup.io).

**WELCOME TO MEDICARE VIRTUAL FAIR**

**JUNE 23, 2021 | OPEN FROM 3:00 PM TO 7:00 PM ET**

Learn about signing up for Medicare! Go to [www.shiphelp.org](http://www.shiphelp.org) for more details, to see the agenda, and to register.

This fair is for people turning 65 or joining Medicare because of a disability. Learn about Medicare – and all its parts - to assist you in your initial enrollment decisions. **There is no cost to attend.** Join us online for any length of time!

Get [trusted, unbiased Medicare education](#) to help you make Medicare choices that best meet your needs. There will be [national expert presenters](#) on Medicare eligibility, enrollment, and coverage options. Chat with exhibitors from your state health insurance assistance programs (SHIP) for [answers to your individual questions](#).

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – DIANE DEANE**

**Action Item(s) To Be Reported**

**1. AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES: ENCOMPASS RESOURCES FOR LEARNING, HILLSIDE CHILDREN’S CENTER & VARIOUS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTERS**

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contracts for the Livingston County Department of Social Services, 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>
<b>EnCompass Resources for Learning</b> 275 Pinnacle Rd. Rochester NY 14623	7/1/21-6/30/22	\$143,928.00

For: Educational Support Preventive Services Program – Dansville & Wayland-Cohocton School Dist.

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

<b>Hillside Children’s Center</b> 1183 Monroe Ave. Rochester NY 14620	6/1/21-5/31/22	\$27,500.00
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For: Youth Court Preventive Services Program

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

<b>Various Residential Treatment Centers</b>	7/1/21-6/30/22	Various Rates
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For: Specialized level of care placement for children in the custody of the Commissioner.

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
State Foster Care Block Grant, Fed IV-E if Eligible	24%	Yes X No

Ms. Deane reviewed the contracts for approval.

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

**2. AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS: DONATED FUNDS AGREEMENTS**

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to sign the following contracts for the Livingston County Department of Social Services, 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>
<b>Donated Funds Agreement</b>	N/A	\$54,142.00

For: Agreement authorizing DSS to accept donated funds from private sources to provide the local share of Preventive Services.

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
Education Success Foundation	0%	Yes X No

<b>Donated Funds Agreement</b>	N/A	\$11,000.00
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For: Agreement authorizing DSS to accept donated funds from private sources to provide the local share of Preventive Services.

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
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Hillside Children's Foundation	0%	Yes	X	No
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Ms. Deane reviewed the donations to be received.

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

Ms. Deane reviewed the aides program for fiscal intermediaries. A request has come from the Chamber for how many CDPAC receivers there were in the County. Ms. Deane explained how she is unable to determine the number of receivers in the County and the limitations to the program process. Ms. Deane reported that the ERAP portal (Emergency Rental Assistance Program) is open today for tenants to apply for anyone that has some rental arrears. The tenants need to apply in the portal and the landlords confirm the arrears in the portal. This is federal dollars. Mrs. Walker thanked Ms. Deane for her volunteer service at teen recognition.

**Informational Item(s) Written Only**

1. Statistics (Monthly) (April)

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>% Change from Jan 1</u>
<b>Temporary Assistance Cases (TA):</b>		
Family Assistance	146	-10.43%
Safety Net	174	-15.94%
<b>Total</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>-13.51%</b>
<b>Applications Registered</b>		
<b>Medicaid Cases (MA):</b>		
Community	2025	3.21%
Chronic Care	213	-12.35%
Foster Care	153	-7.27%
SSI	1261	-0.71%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3652</b>	<b>0.33%</b>
<b>Livingston County Citizens receiving some form of Medicaid service:</b>		
Cases In Transit	0	
NYSOH		
Livingston County DSS	4756	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4756</b>	
<b>Food Stamp Only Cases:</b>	2311	-2.12%
<b>SSI Food Stamp Cases:</b>	726	-2.55%
<b>Child Care Cases:</b>	61	-45.05%
<b>Indigent Burials:</b>		
Approved	4	
Denied	0	
<b>Fraud:</b>		
Front End Detection (FEDS) - During Applicant Status	0	
Fraud Referrals Received - Anonymous/Other	4	
Fraud Referrals Received - Internal/DSS	1	
Referrals sent to Sheriff & DA	0	
Pending with DA/Awaiting Disposition	7	
<b>Clients thru the lobby (Unduplicated #):</b>	309	
<b>Total # of individuals served by reception staff:</b>	427	
<b>Housing - Homeless Caseload:</b>		
Diversions	7	
Housed	11	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>Total Nights</b>	<b>191</b>	

Singles	191	
2 Adults	0	
Families	0	
Total Clients in Temp. Housing at end of month	11	
Clients entering Temp. Housing & remaining in the month	10	
Code Blue - Below 32 Degrees		
Cases	3	
Nights	9	
<b>Section 8:</b>		
Vouchers Leased Up	486	
Voucher Holders seeking Apartments	8	
Active/Pending (Could return - Port Outs, NH, Rehab, Moving, etc.)	7	
Active/Pending Will Not Return (Declined, Accepted o/Subsidy, Lease Violation, etc.)	8	
Call-ins Pending Eligibility/Voucher Issuance	32	
<b>Child Support:</b>		
Caseload Count	2,743	-3.01%
Dollars Collected	\$764,790	
<b>Child Protective Services (CPS): Ongoing</b>		
New Primary Investigation Assignments	58	
Secondary Assignments from Other Counties	12	
Petitions Filed	8	
1034 Court Ordered Investigations Completed (# included in Primary Inv.)	7	
422 Summaries to Court	0	
<b>CPS Ongoing Case Management/Preventive Services:</b>		
Case Total	38	
Article 10 Supervision Cases (Youth Remaining in Home)	31	
*Distinct Children	76	
Non-Court Ordered (Article 10)-CPS indicated & Open Mandated Preventive	7	
*Distinct Children	13	
Supervision Cases on Behalf of Another County-Secondary	0	
*Distinct Children	0	
<b>School Based Consults:</b>	<b>181</b>	
Dansville Central School	76	
Livonia Central School	105	
<b>Article 10 Direct Custody Placement/Non-DSS Cases:</b>		
*Distinct Children	28	
<b>Family Services/Permanency Unit:</b>		
Foster Children - DSS Custody Distinct # of Children	<b>35</b>	-22.22%
Distinct Youth Remaining in DSS Custody on Trial Discharge	8	
<b>Levels of Care for DSS Custody Cases:</b>		
Foster Boarding Home	21	
Approved Relative Foster Home	3	
Institution	1	
Group Home	2	
Supervised Independent Living	0	
Other	0	
<b>Foster Child Admissions - New</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Types of Foster Child Discharges During the Month</b>		
Children Trial Discharged to Parents or Other Resource (Remain in DSS Custody)	3	
Children Discharged (Final) to Parent or Other Resource	4	

Adoptions Finalized as Discharges	0	
KinGap Discharges	0	
Other Discharges (i.e., APLA-Another Planned Living Arrangement)	0	
<b>OCFS State Custody</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Probation Based Diversionary Programming (Probation Based Referrals):</b>		
Cases	14	
*Distinct Children	14	
Cases Closed *Distinct Children	3	
Cases Open in Connections FSS-Mandated Preventive	5	
<b>Non-Mandated Preventive Services:</b>		
Cases	2	
*Distinct Children	7	
<b>Other Case Processing - # of Distinct Children:</b>	<b>16</b>	
ICPC Requests	2	
Supervision - Post Discharged - Court Ordered	8	
Supervision on Behalf of Another County	5	
Aftercare Services	1	
<b>TASA (Case Management for Pregnant/Parenting Teens):</b>		
Active Case	0	
New Referrals Received	0	
Cases Closed	0	
<b>Protective Services for Adults (PSA):</b>		
Active Cases	31	-18.42%
PSA Referrals Received	15	
Active Financial Mgmt. Cases	37	
Active Home Mgmt. Cases	37	
Personal Care Aide Cases Total	<b>32</b>	
Level I	3	
Level II	26	
Level I pending	3	
Cases waiting for an assigned Aide	1	
Guardianship Cases	3	
Awaiting discharge	6	
Pending	0	
Assessment Contacts	81	

2. Employees were hired, resigned or retired in May:

Brandy Chapman	Resignation	Caseworker	5/7/21	Dansville
Deborah Beardsley	Retirement	Princ. Social Welfare Exam.	5/21/21	Leicester
Marissa Draper	Resignation	Social Welfare Examiner	5/21/21	Dansville
Barbara Knights	Promoted	Sr. Social Welfare Exam.	5/23/21	Springwater
Wendy Fuller	Hired (From Clerk's Office)	Sr. Account Clerk	5/23/21	Geneseo
Abigail Plano	Hired	Clerk/Typist	5/24/21	Dansville
Heather White	Hired	Summer Camp Worker	5/24/21	Mt. Morris

3. United Way Dress Down fundraiser raised \$1,970 from DSS alone. Wonderful contribution to an important fund-raising goal.
4. Caseloads for temporary assistance continue to decline, however applications continue to come in for eligibility determination. All applications must have their eligibility determined. Only those determined eligible are opened, which are the numbers reflected in the monthly data.
5. SNAP caseload is down 2%, but applications have increased in excess of 50% in the last year.

6. The OTDA ERAP portal has not yet opened but we continue to do outreach to identify anyone who may be eligible in order to assist immediately once the portal opens.

## **CENTER FOR NURSING & REHABILITATION – STEPHEN WOODRUFF**

### **Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported**

FINANCIAL/OPERATIONAL UPDATES: Mr. Woodruff updated the Committee on the Center's occupancy, current cash flow and budget variance. Currently, there is only one resident left that has chosen not to receive the COVID-19 vaccination within the Center. Mr. Woodruff reviewed the results of the Center's Medicaid Integrity Audit rating. Mr. Woodruff provided an overview of the newly legislated regulations that was recently passed regarding the 70/40 Minimum Spending Ratio, that requires minimum percentages of nursing home revenue to be spent on direct resident care and resident-facing staffing – 70 percent on direct resident care and 40 percent on resident-facing staffing. Mr. Woodruff reviewed the Minimum Hours requirement that all nursing homes in New York State will need to meet an average daily minimum nurse and nurse aide staffing levels beginning in January 2022 of 3.5 hours per resident day, of which 2.2 hours must be provided by a nurse aide (certified or aide trainee) and 1.1 must be provided by a nurse. Mr. Woodruff further discussed the anticipated discontinuation of certain elements in the 1135 waiver program in July, 2021. Mr. Woodruff conveyed that the Center received a grant last month to purchase another visitation tent to continue visitation in case of an outbreak. Mr. Woodruff discussed the successful completion of CNA class, facilitated through the collective efforts of BOCES and Workforce Development, and there is another class slated to begin in July, 2021. There was discussion on what steps are being undertaken to further improve staff retention and to help staff morale, and variances the Center experienced associated with early retirement incentives and inter-departmental transfers within the Center. Mr. Woodruff reported that the Nursing Home week celebrations and staff appreciation efforts were well received.

- a. Occupancy – As of May 24, 2021 occupancy was 64.10% for the month, year to date 64.33%.
- b. Cash Flow - The CNR's Cash Flow Report as of May 21, 2021, \$11,826,358 in Reserves. Budget Variance – The March 2021 budget variance report will be distributed and discussed at the committee meeting.
- c. LCCNR 2020 Annual Audit Presentation – Kelley DeMonte, CPA, Partner, The Bonadio Group-Ms. DeMonte introduced Richard Leicht, Principal, who took a part in the audit this year. Ms. DeMonte presented the 2020 audit report including required communications, significant estimates, financial highlights and benchmarks, current developments and the management letter issued to the County. The financial statements are considered in their final draft form with an unmodified opinion, which is a clean audit opinion to be issued upon approval. Bonadio did not encounter any significant issues when performing the audit this year. At end of audit there were no new material weaknesses or significant deficiencies to report this year, demonstrating a marked improvement in these areas, in both accuracy and preparedness. Mr. Leicht reviewed the significant estimates enclosed in the report. There were significant changes to the OPEB requirements that resulted in both budgetary reduction and additional expenses to the pension, secondary to the fund loss that occurred at the start of the pandemic declaration. Mr. Leicht reviewed the financial statement adjustments. Adjustments were down from seventeen last year to five this year. Ms. DeMonte reviewed financial highlights and benchmarks compared to 2019 and provided an overview of what affected the operating expense amount last year, associated with the pandemic. Ms. DeMonte reviewed the 70/40 spending rules for facilities which are separate from the minimum staffing rule. There was discussion on what the staffing size should be for our facility. Mr. Coyle discussed determining the base number for certified beds when reconstructed to accommodate COVID-19 related challenges. Mr. Leicht reviewed the areas of recommendations and prior year recommendations that were successfully implemented in the third quarter of 2020, post presentation of the 2019 audited financials. Mr. Leicht recommended that further resident account consolidation within the Center's financial institution is recommended for 2021. Mr. Coyle expressed thanks and acknowledged the collective efforts of Mr. Woodruff, Mrs. Rauber, and the Fiscal Services Department for the successful implementation of furthering best practices associated with previous recommendations from the prior year.

### **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 29, Day Shift 30
- 3) Nurse Recruitment – The CNR is actively recruiting qualified applicants.
  - a) There are currently 4 Full Time Day and 2 Part Time Day Shift LPN, 10 Full Time and 3 Part Time Evening shift LPN and 6 Full Time and 2 Part Time LPN Night Shift vacancies.
  - b) There are currently 5 Full Time day shift RN, 2 Full Time and 1 Part Time Evening Shift RN, & 2 Full Time Night Shift RN vacancies.
  - c) There are currently 5 Part Time Day Shift, & 7 Part Time Evening Shift PCA vacancies at this time.
  - d) There are currently 3 Part Time Day Shift, 1 Part Time Evening Shift, and 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 202.108, issued on May 17, 2021, the Center continues to complete weekly testing of all employees, contract and medical staff, through June 16, 2021.

The Center suspended indoor visitation on April 22, 2021 and was subsequently resumed within the Center on April 24, 2021, upon completion of COVID-19 testing, resulting in negative test results of all residents.

On 04/26/2021, the LCCNR received notification that the previously released revised Skilled Nursing Facility Visitation guidelines released on 03/25/21, supersedes and replaced previously issued guidance and recommendations regarding general nursing home visitation and is consistent with CMS QSO-20-39-NH and CDC guidelines.

The revised visitation guidelines include the following:

*Outdoor Visitation*- permitted for any resident not on quarantine or isolation. (preferred even when resident and visitor are fully vaccinated when weather permits)

*Compassionate Care* visits permitted at all times

Indoor Visitation allowed at all times for all residents except for these exceptions:

  - Unvaccinated residents, if the nursing home's COVID-19 county positivity rate is >10% and <70% of residents in the facility are fully vaccinated;
  - Residents with confirmed COVID-19 infection, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated until they have met the criteria to discontinue Transmission-Based Precautions; or
  - Residents in quarantine, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, until they have met criteria for release from quarantine.

*Indoor Visitation during an Outbreak*- Note: outdoor visitation is NOT suspended. See CMS QSO-20-39-NH page 4 for detailed directions.
- 6) COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic - The LCCNR continues to partner with the LCDOH, to assist with both ongoing and future vaccinations for Residents and Employees, on an as needed basis. Vaccinations are also available through the Center’s contracted pharmacy provider.
- 7) The LCCNR received Emergency regulation notifications requiring Nursing Homes to facilitate access to vaccinations for residents and staff, with an effective date of 4/15/21 that require the following:
  - Within 14 days (04/29/21), Nursing Homes must offer vaccine to all existing consenting residents and staff. Within 14 days of a new hire or admission, Nursing Homes must provide opportunity to be vaccinated.
  - Nursing Homes must post signage notifying residents and staff of the opportunity to get vaccinated.
  - The Nursing Home must maintain documentation regarding those who declined and facilitate access if they change their mind.
  - The Nursing Home must certify compliance with the aforementioned requirements on a weekly basis.

The Center is in compliance with these emergency regulations notification requirements, to date, there are 3 residents within the Center that have been educated, and have subsequently declined the vaccination.
- 8) Garden of Life (G.O.L.) Adult Day Health Care Program – The Center received guidance on March 25, 2021 the NYSDOH issued guidance specific to re-opening ADHC programs across areas of the state. Phase #2 of these guidelines address ADHC programs co-located on the grounds or immediately adjacent the sponsoring nursing home and the nursing home meets the eligibility criteria for visitation. Post review of



the 6' social distancing guidelines and a review of the Life Safety Code requirements of the program, the ADHC GOL program maximum occupancy cannot safely exceed an anticipated number of 11 registrants. The Center will continue to evaluate the requisite logistical and operational parameters required, to include registrant new external transportation vendor infection prevention guidelines, prior to submitting the re-opening plans. The Center's Social Workers continue to communicate with Registrants on a weekly basis, established post suspension of the program in March 2020.

- 9) Nursing Home Staffing Bill: A.7119 (Gunther) / S.6346 (Rivera)
  - a) 70/40 Minimum Spending Ratios: Requires minimum percentages of nursing home revenue to be spent on direct resident care and resident-facing staffing – 70 percent on direct resident care and 40 percent on resident-facing staffing. Spending on contract nurses and CNAs is discounted by 15 percent. Direct resident care does not include administrative or capital costs among other costs. Revenue is operating revenue from or on behalf of nursing home residents. In addition to the minimum spending percentages, the statute caps operating revenue in excess of operating and non-operating expenses at 5 percent. Excess revenue must be remitted to the State in the following year. These ratios apply to spending on and after Jan. 1, 2022. The overage, if any, is to be remitted by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> in the following year.
  - b) Minimum Hours: Requires nursing homes to meet average daily minimum nurse and nurse aide staffing levels beginning in January 2022 of 3.5 hours per resident day, of which 2.2 hours must be provided by a nurse aide (certified or aide trainee) and 1.1 must be provided by a nurse. Beginning in January 2023, 2.2 hours must be provided by a *certified* nurse aide and 1.1 by a nurse. DOH is required to establish a range of civil penalties for non-compliance, which may be imposed after April 1, 2022. When imposing penalties, DOH may consider mitigating factors, including the regional labor shortages and the existence of a public health emergency; however, the current pandemic emergency is not a qualifying mitigating factor.
- 10) NYS-DOH reporting continues on a daily basis, 7 days per week, via the HERDS survey in the Health Commerce System.
- 11) The CNR reports survey data to the CDC, via the National Healthcare Safety Network, twice per week.
- 12) The CNR initiated reporting weekly vaccination data to the CDC, via the National Healthcare Safety Network,
- 13) The CNR's PPE supplies remain above the minimal requisite 60-day supply. The CNR maintains a 90-day supply on hand.
- 14) The Center continues to communicate with Residents / Families weekly via telephone calls, electronic communication(s) and letters.
- 15) 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.
- 16) Dialysis Extension Clinic (D.E.C.): 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 WCHS will provide construction management and procurement of all supplies. Initiation of this construction project is pending NYSDOH BAE approval.
- 17) Cooling Tower – The cooling tower replacement project started November 17, 2020. Awaiting completion of final project punch list items/ close outs.

## **VETERAN'S SERVICES AGENCY – JASON SKINNER**

### **Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported**

1. Flag Day ceremony-Mr. Skinner reported that the NYS veteran population has gone down 44%, many due to retirements. NYS veteran support/investment is significantly lower than veteran support in other states. There have been several outreach efforts from agencies to participate in our Flag Day event.
  2. The Livingston County Veterans Discount App-Mr. Skinner explained that there will be three layers to the Thank a Vet 2.0 App through the County Clerk and the Chamber of Commerce for businesses to sign up online by category to offer discounts, veteran owned businesses and where veteran clubs and organizations are located.
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- The pledge led by Veterans will start up again in June and will continue based on the comfort level of veterans with the Covid situation at the respective time.
- A very moving video is in the final stages of production for the Veterans Monument. We are very lucky to have such wonderful people to donate their time and talents.
- A United States Department of Veterans Affairs population report was recently published. It shows population data from 2000 to 2020. It shows Massachusetts had seen the largest decline in its veteran’s population. New York State is second with 44% of its veterans no longer residing here. Among the many reasons are climate, Second Amendment concerns, and high taxes.
- Our county has seen an influx of Retires from military service. These are veterans that have completed 20 plus years of service.
- The Afghanistan War troop draw down in September will create a projected increase of new retirees as it has been ongoing for 20 years.
- An acquaintance of mine has proposed we restart an effort that was popular a few years ago. Presenting information on the Finger lakes region to veterans that will be discharging out of service at Fort Drum.
- Many of our planed programs are geared toward how veteran oriented our county is. We hope to be the first choice for veterans wishing to stay in New York.
- Many Veterans who retire are around the age of 40 and reinvent themselves. This often leads to starting small businesses.

**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: NAZARETH COLLEGE OF ROCHESTER**

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:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Nazareth College of Rochester</b> 4245 East Avenue Rochester, NY 14618 For: Public Health Internship	6/14/21- 60-day notice by either party	\$0

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
N/A	0%	N/A

Director’s Comments: This contract will provide for internship opportunities for Nazareth students at the Livingston County Department of Health.

Ms. Rodriguez reviewed the contract for approval.

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

Ms. Rodriguez reviewed the continuing vaccine clinic efforts.

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- EI (Early Intervention) numbers are increasing for referrals from physicians’ offices.
- Increased number of children getting tested for lead. We are still seeing some with numbers greater than five (5).
- Staff are attending training sessions to go live with McGuinness CPSE Portal (providers to enter own patient and billing data) with Livingston/Wyoming Arc May 202; rest of providers targeted for July 2021.
- WIC (Women Infant Children) show rate for the month of March was 86% and we saw 496 appointments. We are currently at 91.95% of our target enrollment with 1354 participants enrolled in the program.

- Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. This program runs from June 1 - September 30. All participants 6 months older are eligible to receive five \$4 checks to use to purchase locally grown fruits and vegetables at participating farmers' markets through this program
- Total Hospice days January-April 2020 = 2787 (778 of those were at SNF)
- Total Hospice days January-April 2021 = 2119 (326 of those were at SNF). According to HPCANYS many hospices across the state are currently experiencing low census and admissions with short length of stays
- Bereavement Support Groups to hopefully restart in July or August at St. Timothy's in Geneseo.
- New Hospice Software, MatrixCare, contract signed and set up beginning with a go live date goal of September 1, 2021. Current software is over 20 years old so anticipate a more up to date system that will promote compliance within the conditions of participation. Nurses will be doing point of care documentation on ipads.
- We are still providing individual appointments for vaccinations based on community members calling the Health Department (4-5 per month).
- We are seeing increase in annual Communicable Disease investigations; salmonella, campy.
- Immunization/COVID: as of 5/10/21 billed over 600 immunization/covid claims -\$32,250 – received \$8,998.
- Working to get new Immunization Billing software contract with Transact RX.
- MICHC (Maternal Infant Child Health Collaborative) Grant will be returning for one (1) year, October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, then a five (5) year RFA,
- Public Water Supply, PH Emergency Preparedness, and WIC Grant budgets for 2021-2022.
- Strategic Plan completed - in Department review.
- 2020 CHIP Performance report updated.
- Continuing COVID/Vaccine communication plan, community outreach work.

Mr. Coyle reported that we are looking at a possible CDBG grant application for mental health for office expansion and telehealth technology improvements. Reminder-there will be a strategic planning discussion at the end of the Public Services meeting tomorrow.

Mrs. Walker thanked Ryan Snyder for the successful teen recognition event last week.

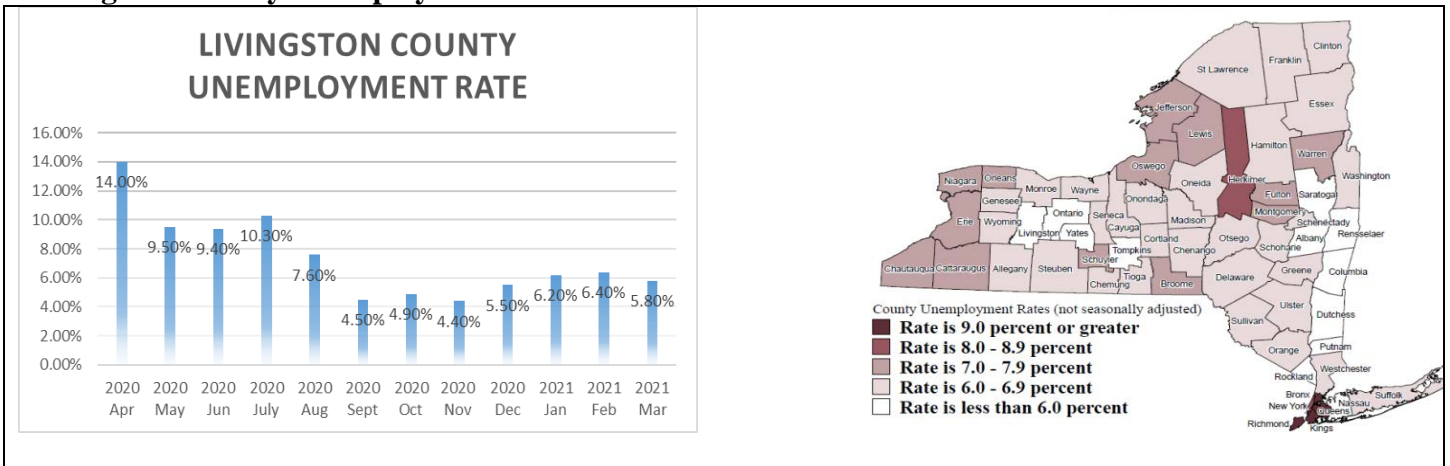
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Wester moved and Mr. Falk seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – RYAN SNYDER**

**Informational Item(s) Written Only**

**Livingston County Unemployment**



**NYS has not updated unemployment rates since the May committee agenda was provided.**

**Department Activity Report**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>April 2021</b>
Job Openings Posted with NYSDOL	176
Zoom Workshop Attendees	12
Individual Appointments	28
Adults/Youth in Training	26
Pre-Hire Assessments	10
WIOA Youth Enrolled in Services (27 by 6/30/20)	30
WIOA Adults Trained (34 by 6/30/20)	41

**Program Report**

- CNA Program – Applications are being accepted for the next CNA program that will take place on July 19<sup>th</sup> at the LC auditorium. The program is free for all students selected.
- Childcare Training – Income eligible youth are able to complete online babysitter training classes through the American Red Cross.
- FB Page – OWD developed a Facebook page to post resources for jobseekers.
- Youth Bureau – Teen Recognition Dinner is Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Vintage Drive In.
- Summer Employment – More than 60 low income youth have applied for the TANF summer youth employment program which runs from 7/5 to 8/13.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Clerk of the Board