

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022
10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: M. Walker, S. Erdle, G. Horr, D. Wester, D. LeFeber, D. Pangrazio, M. Falk, I. Coyle, B. Mann, S. Hillier
ABSENT: I. Davis

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

NEPRIS/LCEA UPDATE – LAURA LANE CHAMBER PRESIDENT

Ms. Lane gave a brief update of the statistics and data for the Nepris/Pathful Connect program platform. Ms. Lane explained that Angela Grouse will be presenting at that December Committee meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – TRACY MCCAUGHEY

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. AMENDING THE 2022 LIVINGSTON COUNTY SALARY SCHEDULE: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND REFERRING THIS MATTER TO THE WAY AND MEANS COMMITTEE
RESOLVED, that the 2022 Hourly Employee Salary Schedule is amended as follows:

Social Services

- Create one full-time (1) Eligibility Clerk position at Wage Grade 9, CSEA Contract effective immediately.

For: To facilitate routine administrative processing of applications and recertifications.

Ms. McCaughey reviewed the position for creation and the current workflow structure. This position will help with the intake process. Mr. Coyle reviewed the present wage rate for that position.

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

2. PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH
WHEREAS, Livingston County recognizes the compassionate tradition Adoptive families exhibit by opening their hearts to children in need of a permanent home; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County recognizes that providing children with a nurturing and stable home provides a strong foundation for a healthy and productive life; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County recognizes it is important to focus on all children who are waiting to be adopted by a forever family and to assist with finding permanent homes for these children throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County recognizes the role that foster parents play in providing nurturing and stable homes for children in transition; and

WHEREAS, this special observance reminds us that we can offer the hope of a better tomorrow to many children through adoption, and as families and communities across our County, State and Nation gather to celebrate and give thanks for our many blessings, it is the goal of all of us that every child awaiting adoption find a permanent and loving family; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim November 2022 as Adoption Awareness Month in Livingston County.

This is an annual resolution. Ms. McCaughey reviewed the adoptions for 2021 and the upcoming activities.

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

Informational Item(s) Written Only

1. Statistics (Monthly) (August)

Aug [%
Change
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Temporary Assistance Cases (TA):

Family Assistance	134	0.75%
Safety Net	171	-6.56%
Total	305	-3.48%

TA Applications Processed 170

Medicaid Cases (MA):

Community	2261	4.34%
Chronic Care	231	-1.70%
Foster Care	122	-12.23%
SSI	1218	-1.85%
Total	3832	1.32%

Livingston County Citizens receiving some form of Medicaid service:

Cases In Transit	0
NYSOH	
Livingston County DSS	4906
Total	4906

Food Stamp Only Cases:	2492	10.12%
SSI Food Stamp Cases:	645	-5.29%
Child Care Cases:	114	90.00%

Indigent Burials:

Approved	3
Veterans (# included in the Approved #)	0
Denied	0
Withdrawn	0
Approved Year to Date	23

Fraud:

Front End Detection (FEDS) - During Applicant Status	1
Fraud Referrals Received - Anonymous/Other	2
Fraud Referrals Received - Internal/DSS	1
Referrals sent to Sheriff & DA	2
Pending with DA/Awaiting Disposition	13

Clients thru the lobby (Unduplicated #): 658
Total # of individuals served by reception staff: 1069

Housing - Homeless Caseload:

Diversions	11
Housed	23
Total	34

Total Nights	474
Singles	408
2 Adults	0
Families	66

Total Clients in Temp. Housing at end of month	22	
Clients entering Temp. Housing & remaining in the month	15	
Code Blue - Below 32 Degrees		
Cases	0	
Nights	0	
Section 8:		
Vouchers Leased Up	427	
Voucher Holders seeking Apartments	10	
Active/Pending (Could return - Port Outs, NH, Rehab, moving, etc.)	3	
Active/Pending Will Not Return (Declined, Accepted o/Subsidy, Lease Violation, etc.)	13	
Call-ins Pending Eligibility/Voucher Issuance	0	
Child Support:		
Caseload Count	2,526	-3.70%
Dollars Collected	\$574,802	
Child Protective Services (CPS): Ongoing		
New Primary Investigation Assignments	54	
Secondary Assignments from Other Counties	15	
Petitions Filed	0	
1034 Court Ordered Investigations Completed (# included in Primary Inv.)	8	
422 Summaries to Court	1	
CPS Ongoing Case Management/Preventive Services:		
Case Total	24	
Article 10 Supervision Cases (Youth Remaining in Home)	22	
*Distinct Children	45	
Non-Court Ordered (Article 10)-CPS indicated & Open Mandated Preventive	2	
*Distinct Children	4	
Supervision Cases on Behalf of Another County-Secondary	0	
*Distinct Children	0	
School Based Consults:		
Livonia Central School	0	
Article 10 Direct Custody Placement/Non-DSS Cases:		
Cases	5	-61.54%
*Distinct Children	10	-50.00%
Family Services/Permanency Unit:		
Foster Children - DSS Custody Distinct # of Children	20	-31.03%
Distinct Youth Remaining in DSS Custody on Trial Discharge	0	
Levels of Care for DSS Custody Cases:		
Foster Boarding Home	11	
Approved Relative Foster Home	3	
Institution	2	
Group Home	0	
Supervised Independent Living	2	
Other	2	

Foster Child Admissions - New	2	
Types of Foster Child Discharges During the Month		
Children Trial Discharged to Parents or Other Resource (Remain in DSS Custody)	0	
Children Discharged (Final) to Parent or Other Resource	1	
Adoptions Finalized as Discharges	0	
KinGap Discharges	0	
Other Discharges (i.e. APLA-Another Planned Living Arrangement)	0	
OCFS State Custody	2	
Probation Based Diversionary Programming (Probation Based Referrals):		
Cases/Referrals New this Month	2	
*Distinct Children	2	
Referrals under assessment or referred and receiving diversion services i.e. skillbuilding:	7	
Case Referral Closed *Distinct Children	4	
Cases Open in Connections FSS-Mandated Preventive	2	
Non-Mandated Preventive Services:		
Cases	0	
*Distinct Children	0	
Mandated Preventive - Community Based referrals that meet criteria		
Cases	1	
*Distinct Children	5	
Other Case Processing - # of Distinct Children: 18		
ICPC Requests	0	
Supervision - Post Discharged - Court Ordered	3	
Supervision on Behalf of Another County	13	
Aftercare Services	2	
TASA (Case Management for Pregnant/Parenting Teens):		
Active Case	0	
New Referrals Received	0	
Cases Closed	0	
Protective Services for Adults (PSA):		
Active Cases	28	-3.45%
PSA Referrals Received	15	
Active Financial Mgmt. Cases	32	
Active Home Mgmt. Cases	31	
Personal Care Aide Cases Total	30	
Level I	2	
Level II	28	
Level I pending	0	
Cases waiting for an assigned Aide	0	
Guardianship Cases	3	
Awaiting discharge	6	
Pending	0	
Assessment Contacts	94	

2. Employees hired, resigned or retired in September:

Colleen O’Leary	Promotion	Housing Assistance Rep.	Dansville	9/6/22
Karen Meeker	Resigned	Housing Assistance Rep.	Piffard	9/16/22
Deb Beardsley	Reinstated – Temp. PT	Social Welfare Exam.	Leicester	9/27/22

3. Work Happy/Play Happy (WH/PH) Committee held a Fall Potluck lunch for staff on September 21. Food, games and a 50/50 raffle took place.

VETERAN’S SERVICES AGENCY – DAVID TERRY

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS IN TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE (VETERAN STATUS)

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually and there is expected to be an estimated 20% increase in service members that will be transitioning to civilian life in the near future; and

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

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Board of Supervisors appreciates the sacrifices our United States military personnel make while defending freedom and believes specific recognition should be accorded them in appreciation of their service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby declares Livingston County a Green Light for Military Service County from October 12, 2022, through November 13, 2022. This is a time to salute and honor our men and women in uniform making the transition from active service to civilian life by switching one lightbulb to green to show visible support for veterans; and be it further

RESOLVED, that as a Green Light for Military Service County, the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby pledges to support the Expiration Term of Service Peer Mentorship Program (ETS-SP) that connects mentors to new veteran residents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light for Military Service, the Livingston County Board of Supervisors encourages its citizens to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to help to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence. Green is the color of hope, renewal and well-being. The simple action of changing one light to green can spark meaningful conversation regarding the recognition of veterans and help “green light” them forward as valued members of our communities.

Mr. Terry reviewed the Operation Greenlight initiative. As we started Operation Greenlight Mr. Terry would like to recognize it for a longer period in Livingston County. Operation Greenlight will be recognized November 7-13 by counties across the country.

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

Mr. Terry reported that they have already started some Outdoor Rx activities.

Informational items only

- The Livingston County PFC Joseph P. Dwyer and Veteran’s Outdoor Rx Programs have officially started. September 14, 2022 the office had an official meet-and-greet with veterans at Al Lorenz Park introducing them to Bob Wolter, the Veteran One-Stop Center of Western New York (VOCWNY) Livingston County Peer Support Specialist. The event was successful with engaging conversation and the opportunity to share our vision and future plans. Afterwards we traveled to the American Legion county meeting with information sharing and introductions to representatives of all posts present.
- Our first scheduled event was a veteran raft fishing trip scheduled at Letchworth State Park with Adventure Calls Outfitters on September 24, 2022. A dozen veterans were scheduled to attend but due to recent rainfall and rising water levels the event had to be cancelled. However, the resiliency of veterans was that they still wanted to get together. Five veterans in total gathered at the Region Eight New York

State Department of Environmental Conservation Headquarters fishing their ponds on the recognized day where a New York State fishing license was not required and ended the afternoon with an impromptu lunch at Tom Wahls in Avon.

- On September 20, 2022 Director Terry was present at the New York State Association of Counties 2022 Fall Seminar in Buffalo where panelists discussed among the veteran services group of state benefits and how counties are putting their PFC Joseph P. Dwyer funds into action.
- The Veteran One-Stop Center of Western New York (VOCWNY) has been awarded \$750,000 for the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program (SSG Fox SPGP) with the purpose of reducing veteran suicide by expanding suicide prevention programs for veterans through the award of suicide prevention services grants to eligible entities to provide or coordinate the provision of suicide prevention services to eligible individuals and their families. Suicide prevention services covered by this part are those services that address the needs of eligible individuals and their families and are necessary for improving the mental health status and wellbeing and reducing the suicide risk of eligible individuals and their families. The VOCWNY will cover several counties including Livingston with services.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2022 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed form of cancer for women in the United States and remains the second leading cause of cancer death among American women; and

WHEREAS, mammography, an “x-ray of the breast”, is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt. Early detection and improved treatment is believed to have significantly reduced the number of deaths caused by breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, researchers, scientists and numerous nonprofit organizations are dedicated to discovering the cure for breast cancer. During the month of October, we acknowledge the extraordinary commitment and effort invested in this cause; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that over two and a half million Americans are breast cancer survivors which gives us hope of a better future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby extends its support to those who continue to cope with breast cancer, as well as to survivors and those advocating for prevention and a cure, and in so doing hereby proclaims October 2022 as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” in Livingston County.

Ms. Rodriguez reported that we will be doing the mobile mammography services this month.

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

2. PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2-8, 2022 AS MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, mental health is part of overall health; and

WHEREAS, one in five adults experience a mental health problem in any given year; and

WHEREAS, approximately one-half of chronic mental illness begins by the age of 14 and three-quarters by the age of 24; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States and the second leading cause among young adults and according to interviews with family, friends and medical professionals 90% of people who die by suicide have shown symptoms of a mental health condition; and

WHEREAS, long delays, sometimes decades, often occur between the time symptoms first appear and when individuals actually seek help. Early identification and treatment can make a difference in successful management of mental illness and recovery; and

WHEREAS, it is important to maintain mental health and learn the symptoms of mental illness in order to get help when it is needed; and

WHEREAS, every citizen and community can make a difference in helping end the silence and stigma that for too long has surrounded mental illness and discouraged people from getting help; and

WHEREAS, public education and civic activities can encourage mental health treatment and help improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims October 2 – 8, 2022 as Mental Illness Awareness Week in Livingston County in order to shine a light on mental illness, fight stigma, provide support, educate the public, and advocate for equal care.

The suicide vigil was held last month with 40 attendees and 152 online.

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

3. PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 23-29, 2022 AS NATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, lead exposure to children can occur from a multitude of sources and can cause irreversible and life-long health effects; and

WHEREAS, lead is especially dangerous to children under the age of 6; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning is preventable. The key is to keep children from coming into contact with lead. There are also simple steps that can be taken to protect all family members from lead based-paint hazards in the home; and

WHEREAS, education and awareness about the dangers of lead can help protect the lives of children living in Livingston County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Supervisor's hereby proclaims October 23-29, 2022, as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. Residents and local government officials shall observe this week with appropriate programs and activities designed to enhance public awareness of lead poisoning prevention and the ways children and families can be protected from lead poisoning.

We just received a large federal and state grant to expand these services. There was discussion on a recent article about a rental property spreadsheet that have lead paint.

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

There will be weekly drive through clinics on Fridays with Saturday in October for Covid and flu simultaneously. A Board of Health member passed away last Saturday so they will be seeking a replacement.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

- Focus is on Covid bivalent booster vaccination clinics; we are still only offering individual immunization appointments.
- Mental Health Tech upgrades including new laptops, monitors, telehealth equipment, conference room upgrades, have been ordered/received – waiting for IT to set up new equipment.
- Working with CASA and community on program ideas for opioid funding, CASA to present proposal – probable start in 2023.
- Working on Suicide Prevention media campaign. Working with Halley Torres (County Admin Fellow).
- Established new “Therapist Trainee” position due to enforcement of licensure regulations.
- 37 food service establishment site visits resulted in 39 non critical and 4 critical violations. 5 temp food operations were inspected. Out of 25 permitted facilities, only 1 was delinquent with their permit renewals.
- The rabies program investigated 30 animal bite reports and had 7 animal specimens sent for rabies testing with zero testing positive for the virus. Eight post exposure treatments were approved. One rabies clinic was held and saw about 200 serviced in two hours.
- EH staff assisted the NYSDEC with a complaint for an effluent discharge to a creek coming from Kraft in Avon. (The DEC has taken over the complaint).
- Septic system permit data shows there are about 20 fewer repairs through August of 2022 compared to both the 2020 and 2021 numbers. The local septic industry saw a dramatic increase in activity during the pandemic. This data may be interpreted as additional proof of a “return to normal”.
- SUNY CSHW (Center for Sexual Health and Wellness) clinics have resumed.
- Received an additional funding award letter from NYSDOH to increase and extend your Comprehensive Family Planning Program (CFPP2) contract for the period of 01/01/2022 - 12/31/2026. The annual award

will be \$405,405, which is a huge relief, as clinic was running at a deficit. The previous annual award was around \$265,000

- In August, Hospice served 34 individuals; three (3) at Teresa House and one (1) at Suzanne's Place in Perry, five (5) CNR patients and the remainder were in their homes.
- Hospice “Celebration of Remembrance” was held on Thursday, September 15.

CENTER FOR NURSING & REHABILITATION – ERIC TOWNSEND

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: MOBILE DYSPHAGIA DIAGNOSTICS SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES, P.C.

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>
Mobile Dysphagia Diagnostics Speech Language Pathology Services, P.C. 3500 Main Street Suite 130 P.O. Box 112 Amherst, NY 14226	1 year from effective date, automatically renewing thereafter. May be cancelled by either party at any time upon 90 days written notice.	Fee Schedule

For: Flexible Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing Procedures, Evaluations and Treatments

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

Mr. Townsend reviewed the contract for approval.

Motion: Mr. Pangrazio moved and Mr. Horr seconded to approve the foregoing resolution.... Carried.

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

FINANCIAL/OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

- Report on Post Audit – Financial Meetings and Activities
- Occupancy – As of September 27, 2022 occupancy was 69.2% for the month, year to date 63.75%,
- Cash Flow - The CNR's Cash Flow Report as of September 27, 2022, \$2,205,667 in Reserves.
- Budget Variance – The July 2022 budget variance report will be distributed and discussed at the committee meeting.

Mr. Townsend reviewed the monthly census and budget numbers for September. There was a small uptick in Covid cases last week. Of the nine people in the TNA to CNA training, five that passed the CNA certification, three are retaking the test tomorrow and one dropped out. 98.4% residents are vaccinated and 99.8% of staff are fully vaccinated. State reporting continues. October 17 is the target date to open the additional three service days Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday for dialysis. There was discussion on whether there is anyone on the waiting list that need dialysis services. Negotiations continue on agency contracts and insurance provider contracts. Mr. Townsend reviewed the case mix index. Mr. Coyle gave an update to the Committee on the VAP AP application process. Mr. Mann reviewed the recent MOAs negotiated with the union. There are several initiatives beginning in January. Every ten(ish) beds could produce revenue in the range of \$100,000/month. Mr. Mann reviewed the succession plan for the upcoming Director of Nursing retirement. There was discussion on the extending more lab time and testing efforts to those PCA that did not pass the exam. There was discussion on the progress for a potential child care offering.

Informational Item(s) Written Only

- 1) Reports - Absenteeism, Mandation, FMLA, Payroll Performance, Work Related Injuries, Report Card

- 2) Current FT Nursing Assistant vacancies as of 08/29/2022 are: Night Shift 17, Evening Shift 27, Day Shift 37
- 3) Nurse Recruitment – The CNR is actively recruiting qualified applicants.
 - a) There are currently 5 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 3 Part Time LPN Night Shift vacancies.
 - b) There are currently 6 Full Time Day shift RN, 2 Full Time and 1 Part Time Evening Shift RN, & 1 Full Time Night Shift RN vacancies.
 - c) There are currently 11 Part Time Day Shift, & 13 Part Time Evening Shift PCA vacancies.
 - d) There are currently 0 Part Time Day Shift and 0 Part Time Evening Shift Uncertified Nursing Assistant vacancies. (UNA positions end Oct 5, 2022 per NYSDOH regulation).
- 4) Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers (1135) For Various Provider-Types Ending 60 Days from Publication of this Memorandum: Ending June 6, 2022.
 -Training and Certification of Nurse Aides for SNF/NFs - 42 CFR §483.35(d) (Modification and Conditional Termination). CMS waived the requirements which require that a SNF and NF may not employ anyone for longer than four months unless they met the training and certification requirements under §483.35(d). CMS previously provided information related to Page 5 of 6 nurse aides working under this blanket waiver in CMS memorandum QSO-21-17- NH. This memo provides additional information as well on the modification of this waiver below. We remind states that all nurse aides, including those hired under the above blanket waiver at 42 CFR §483.35(d), must complete a state approved Nurse Aide Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP) to become a certified nurse aide. State approved NATCEPs must have a curriculum that includes training in the areas defined at 42 CFR §483.152(b), such as respecting residents' rights, basic nursing skills, personal care skills, and caring of cognitively impaired residents. Additionally, the requirements at 42 CFR §483.154(b)(i) and (ii) requires these nurse aides pass a written or oral exam, and demonstrate skills learned. Lastly, we note that CMS did not waive the requirement that the individual employed as a nurse aide be competent to provide nursing and nursing related services at 42 CFR §483.35(d)(1)(i), and that requirement must continue to be met.
- 5) On May 17, 2022 the CNR was approved by the NYSDOH to implement a Temporary Nurse Aide (TNA) to CNA Training Program at our facility. The CNR had 9 individuals in the TNA program. 5 passed the CNA certification test, 3 are retaking the test, 1 individual dropped out of program. TNA/UNA will no longer be able to work in SNF after Oct 5, 2022
- 6) Staff Vaccination status per CMS- expects all providers' and suppliers' staff to have received the appropriate number of doses by the timeframes specified in the QSO-22-07 unless exempted as required by law, or delayed as recommended by CDC. Facility staff vaccination rates under 100% constitute noncompliance under the rule. Non-compliance does not necessarily lead to termination, and facilities will generally be given opportunities to return to compliance.
- 7) On August 28, 2022, Governor Hochul issued Executive order No. 4.12, continuing the “Declaring a Disaster Emergency in the State of New York” through September 27, 2022. It is anticipated to be renewed by the end of September.
- 8) COVID-19 Vaccination Booster Clinic - The Center continues to facilitate weekly booster clinics, as needed, with the Center's contracted pharmacy for the eligible Residents / Patients and Employees. The COVID- 19 Bivalent Vaccination will be offered on September 27, 2022 at the CNR. Vaccination boosters are offered and available to residents and staff on weekly basis. As of 09/26/22 *The resident vaccination acceptance rate is 98.4 The first booster rate is 89.7%. The current staff number that are fully vaccinated is 99.3% and the booster rate is 64.4%.*
- 9) Garden of Life (G.O.L.) Adult Day Health Care Program – The program remains suspended at this time. Potential programs for the G.O.L. space is being assessed. They include reopening of G.O.L., or a potential child care service that could be beneficial in the recruitment of staff to the CNR. A needs-based survey has been completed and is currently being analyzed.
- 10) NYS-DOH reporting continues via the HERDS survey in the Health Commerce System. Reporting has been reduced to 5 days per week (M-F).
- 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 Center continues to communicate with Residents / Families weekly via telephone calls, electronic communication(s) and letters. The focus of this communication has surrounded positive COVID reporting as well as visitation policy.
- 14) Dialysis Extension Clinic (D.E.C.): The Dialysis Extension Clinic is currently open Mon-Wed-Fri, on Day and Evening shifts. WCCHS is currently recruiting for additional staff in order to increase volume and open the clinic on October 17, 2022 for the Tue-Thur-Sat schedule.
- 15) The LCCNR lost back up emergency power to the fire pump due to transfer switch controller malfunction on August 3. LCCNR staff were on fire watch from August 3rd through August 26th, 2022. Fire Watch will be reinstated if facility goes on generator power. NYSDOH Principal Sanitarian notified. Parts for repair are on backorder for 12 weeks.
- 16) Agency nursing contracts being renegotiated at this time.
- 17) Insurance Contracts in contract phase include: Independent Health, WellCare. Aetna, United Health Care and Elderplan contracts are in rate negotiation prior to final contract submission.
- 18) Flexible scheduling is being investigated and survey is being completed with LCCNR staff.
- 19) Job Fair at the LCCNR was coordinated with the assistance of HR Dept and ITS Dept on September 20th was a success. We had 9 applicants. 7 applicants were hired (5 PCA's, 1 per diem CNA, and 1 PT RN) The LCCNR is planning another Job Fair for end of October.
- 20) HR Dept, ITS Dept, and LCCNR continue to meet to review and address solutions for payroll issues.
- 21) LCCNR application to be submitted to the NYSDOH for a CNA training program on site.
- 22) LCCNR/Central Services/ITS met to discuss access points for Wi-Fi and connectivity to support LCCNR needs. Access points ordered. Computer upgrades in process.
- 23) Budget review initiated with LCCNR Dept heads to determine cost savings through the end of the year and to initiate budget process for 2023.
- 24) Case mix index has improved from .88 on June 3rd, 2022 to .93 on Sept 22, 2022. This will determine the Medicaid rate for Jan. 1st - June 30th 2023. We have until Sept 30th, 2022 to impact this and we anticipate this improving.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – RYAN SNYDER

Action Item to Be Reported

1. APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES COUNCIL: PHYLLIS WICKERHAM

RESOLVED, that the following member be hereby appointed to the Community Initiatives Council for the term designated:

Community Initiatives Council			
Name	Address	Rep/Title	Term
Phyllis Wickerham	105 Biondo Court, Rush NY 14543	Public Official	10/12/22 – 12/31/23

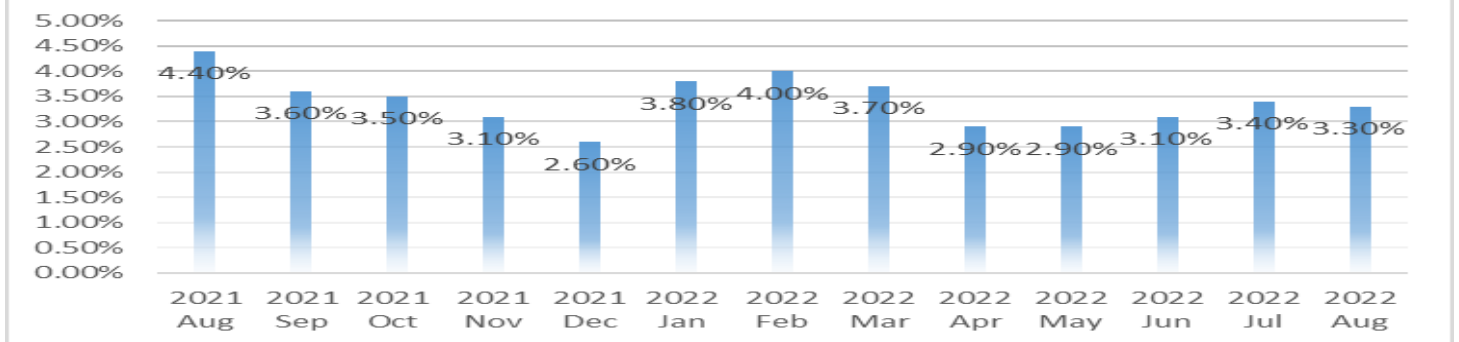
Mr. Snyder reviewed the vacancy for elected official. Phyllis is the Chief of Staff to Senator Gallivan.

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

Informational Item(s) Written Only

1. Livingston County Unemployment Rate.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



Livingston County's Unemployment Rate for August 2022 was 3.3%, down from 4.4% during the same period in the prior year. The rate continues to remain far below the statewide average of 4.9%.

Department Activity Report

3. Activity	4. August 2022
5. Job Openings Posted with NYSDOL	6. 441
7. Unique Office Visits	8. 45
9. Individual Appointments	10. 46
11. Workshop Attendees	12. 5
13. Adults/Youth in Training	14. 22
15. Employer Pre-Hire Assessments	16. 0
17. WIOA Youth Enrolled in Services (34 by 6/30/23)	18. 5 (15% of goal)
19. WIOA Adults Trained (35 by 6/30/23)	20. 22 (63% of goal)

Program Report

- GLOW With Your Hands – Nearly 1,000 students attended the 3rd annual hands on careers event on 9/27.
- NYS Recruitment Event – A recruitment event for NYS agencies will be held in the Govt Center on 9/29.
- CNR Hiring Event – 9 Jobseekers attended the CNR hiring event on 9/20 with most being hired on the spot.
- Job Fair – The next mini job fair will be held 10/18 at the Government Center from 4 to 6pm
- Youth Sports Funding – Only 2 proposal totaling \$2,500 were received for the youth sports funding RFP.
- NYSAC – Ian and Ryan presented at the annual NYSAC conference in Buffalo on Innovative Strategies for Workforce Development in the public and private sector.

Mr. Coyle reported that he will have something for the budget workshop at the next Ways and Means meeting. Some of the good news items like insurance flat-lining and retirement better than budget. The rate is going to go down ~\$1.00 but the levy will be up with the higher assessed values.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pangrazio moved and Mr. Horr seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING – SUE CARLOCK

Informational Item(s) Written Only

Program Statistics:

Served Client Summary

Livingston

1/01/2022 and 8/31/2022

Service Type	Total Units January -August 2022
Case Management (hours)	1,315
Meals (Home Delivered 30,528 Congregate 13,170)	43,698
Information and Assistance (calls)	2,467
Legal Services hours (Jan – June)	115
Personal Care (hours)	2,986
Transportation (one-way rides)	3,731
Personal Emergency Response System (service months)	3,085

Program Updates:

Medicare Advantage Plan Open Enrollment Period 10/15/22 – 12/7/22:

Medicare 2022 Update Lunch and Learns will be offered at meal sites:

10/20/22 - Avon 585-226-6353

10/27/22 - Mt. Morris 585-658-4513

11/10/22 - Dansville 585-335-8130

Open to Livingston County residents 60 and older. All presentations will start at 12:30 pm. RSVP requested one week in advance for lunch.

LCOFA subcontracts for free, unbiased counseling for Medicare beneficiaries. Lifespan provides help with Medicare plan choices, Medicare Savings Programs, Prescription Drug coverage options, and applying for Medicare. Call 585-498-4034.

Home Away from Home Respite Program:

In May 2022 we were informed that SUNY Geneseo would no longer take the lead for the Home Away from Home Program, employing the Program Coordinator. This program has been a highly successful collaboration between SUNY Geneseo, Noyes Hospital, and LCOFA; it started through a VISTA grant in 2015. SUNY Geneseo will still identify students to volunteer for the program. The Interfaith Center is still very interested in hosting the program and Livingston Cares has some funding for the site rental and materials. LCOFA will increase the funding for UR Med/Noyes Health and the Caregiver Coordinator will oversee the program. She has been involved since the beginning, and is the one who does the assessments prior to participants enrolling in the program. For approximately \$15,000, 10 individuals can participate in the program 2 times week for 4

hours during the school year, providing 240 hours of respite that caregivers need. In fact, this is the number one need expressed by caregivers. If we were paying for individual respite in the home, this service would cost close to \$72,000. **UPDATE: The program will kick off September 27, 2022.**

Falls Prevention Awareness Month

September is Falls Prevention Month and the National Council on Aging's Falls Prevention Week is the first full week of Fall – September 18th – 24th, 2022. Our Fall Prevention Event was held on September 16, 2022. It was the 7th annual (but not consecutive due to the pandemic) event. The event is a collaborative effort of many: LCOFA and Health Dept, Cornell Cooperative Extension, UR Med/Noyes Health and the Wilmot Cancer Institute, Genesee Valley Health Partnership and Wegmans. The event included vendors with fall prevention programs and resources, and 4 speakers (Paul Kreher, Physical Therapist, UR Med/Noyes Health, Kirsten Galliford, Wegman's Pharmacist, Lucille Tang, CCE Dietician, and Dr. Brooke Donaher, Optometrist). Car Fit appointments were offered (a program that maximizes driver safety for older adults). There was also a demonstration of Tai Chi, a fall prevention program. We continue to focus on fall prevention due to the negative impact of falls for the individual and for the community in terms of costs:

- More than one out of every four older adults falls each year.
- One out of every five falls causes an injury such as broken bones or head injuries
- More than 95% of hip fractures are caused by falling

Update: The event was attended by nearly 60 older adults and feedback was very positive:

- **98% of survey respondents indicated that they gained knowledge about the importance of fall prevention;**
- **95% indicated that they definitely learned skills and strategies to prevent falls in the home; and**
- **97% indicated that they gained knowledge of local vendors and resources.**

Health Promotion/Activities:

LCOFA is geared up for a very busy Fall with 5 Tai Chi for Arthritis classes, an Aging Mastery Class, and a yoga class. Update: **Over 100 older adults are signed up for classes.**

The Livingston County Office for the Aging is seeking feedback on existing services and input about critical needs from older adults, caregivers, professionals, and county residents. The 2022 plan summary and latest annual reports are available by calling the Office (585.243.7520) or online at www.livingstoncounty.us/133.

In person: October 18, 2022 - 10 AM

Building 1 Conference Center, Murray Hill Drive, Mt. Morris NY

Please call 243-7520 to RSVP.

Transportation may be able to be arranged if needed.

Anyone who cannot attend the in-person event but is interested in providing feedback/input may submit questions or comments through November 30th:

By mail: Livingston County Office for the Aging

3 Murray Hill Drive

Mt. Morris, NY 14510

Attn: Public Hearing

By email: ofta@co.livingston.ny.us - Subject: Public Hearing

By fax: 585.243.7516 - Subject: Public Hearing

By phone: 585.243.7520 – Ask to speak with the Director of the Office

All questions and comments will be gratefully accepted and could include answers to one or more of the following questions:

- 1. What services would you like to see provided by the Office for the Aging?**
- 2. What should the Office for the Aging focus on to assist older adults to stay as healthy and**

independent as possible?

3. *Are there new or increasing needs that you think should be addressed?*

Anyone interested in participating in a Public Hearing Videoconference or Conference Call, please call the Office for the Aging at 585.243.7520.

Please let us know if you need interpretation or accommodations to participate.

Input, comments, suggestions, questions and answers will be compiled and available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Rees, IIMC-CMC

Clerk of the Board