



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, April 7, 2025, Time: 10:00 AM
Committee Room 213, 2nd floor, 74 Ontario Street,
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Committee Members

Dan Marshall, Chair
Frederick Wille, VC
James Kennedy
Frederick Stresing
William Wellman
Nancy Yacci

1. Call To Order:

The Health and Human Services Committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on April 7, 2025 by Chair Dan Marshall.

Members Present: Supervisor(s) Daniel Marshall, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. Absent: . Necessarily Absent: Supervisor(s) James Kennedy. A quorum was present.

Others present in addition to committee members:

Jared Simpson, Chair of the Board
Chris DeBolt, County Administrator
Alissa Bub, Deputy County Administrator
Barry McFadden, First Assistant County Attorney
Matt Turetsky, Assistant County Attorney
Phil Personale, Commissioner, DSS
Kathy Bailey, Sr. Workforce Development Counselor
Triciajean Jones, Director, Office for the Aging
Susan Smith, Director, Veterans Services Agency
Jessica Mitchell, Director, Mental Health, via WebEx
Marsha Foote, Director, Youth Bureau

Mary Gates, Director, Finance, via WebEx
Rochelle Gray, Sr. Fiscal Manager, DSS Accounting, via WebEx
Gwen Van Laeken, Exec. Dir., The Partnership of OC
Kyvaughn Henry, KMPH Consulting, Research Lead
Kate Ott, Director, Public Health
Christy Richards, Public Health Educator
Rachel Jagger, NYS Public Health Fellow
Chrystin Black, student
Sharon Decker, Grants Coordinator, via WebEx
Peter Ingalsbe, Supervisor, T. of Farmington, via WebEx
Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board

2. Approval Of Minutes:

Supervisor Nancy Yacci motioned to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2025 Health And Human Services Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Frederick Stresing. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

3. Public Health:

Kate Ott, presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Contract with Frederick Ferris Thompson Health for 2025-2027".

Supervisor Nancy Yacci motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Wellman. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Kate Ott, presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Amend Contract with Transpo Bus Services, LLC".

Supervisor Nancy Yacci motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Frederick Stresing. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Kate Ott provided the Performance Management and Quality Improvement (PMQI) Report for the 4th Quarter of 2024.

Supervisor William Wellman motioned to approve the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Frederick Stresing. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Kate Ott provided their Policy Manual Updates for the committee.

Supervisor Nancy Yacci motioned to approve the policy manual updates. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Frederick Wille. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Kate Ott introduced Christy Richards and Rachel Jagger. She went on to say they have been revamping the Maternal Child Health Program.

Christy Richards and Rachel Jagger gave an in-depth PowerPoint presentation about Public Health's Maternal Child Health (MCH) Program.

Kate Ott reported the MCH program is facing challenges with sustainability due to federal funding cuts. All their Public Health Fellows, including other counties, will be going by May 30th.

4. Mental Health Services:

Jessica Mitchell presented the following resolutions entitled:

- Appointment of Phillip Personale to the Ontario County Community Services Board
- Appointment of Mary VanVechten to the Ontario County Community Services Board
- Reappointments of Rev. Dr. Richard McCaughey and Janet Starr to the Ontario County Community Services Board

Supervisor William Wellman motioned to approve these resolutions, as presented as a block. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Frederick Wille. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Jessica Mitchell presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Contract with Mental Health Association of Rochester-Monroe County, Inc".

Supervisor Nancy Yacci motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Frederick Stresing. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Jessica Mitchell said there will be some cuts to the NYS SAPT (Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment) grants which will affect FLACRA (Finger Lakes Area Counseling and Recovery Agency). Half of their funding was for transitional housing units, which OASAS (Office of Addiction Services and Supports) is planning on providing funding for through state aid dollars. She said it is not clear, but there does not seem to be a huge impact on her department, but may be on the not-for-profits.

5. Office For The Aging:

Triciajean Jones presented a resolution entitled, "Proclamation - Ontario County Proclaiming May 2025 as Older Americans Month".

Supervisor William Wellman motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Frederick Stresing. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Ms. Jones said *Older Americans* month is celebrated in New York. There is a celebration in May in Albany, and they have put forth two nominees for that. She said they also have their volunteer celebration on May 2nd in Canandaigua, at *the Loft* at the *Other Half*. They have nine nominees from the county.

Triciajean Jones presented a resolution entitled, "Reappointment of Kathleen S. Riesenberger to the Office for the Aging Advisory Council".

Supervisor Nancy Yacci motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Wellman. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Triciajean Jones presented a resolution entitled, "Acceptance of the Elder Abuse Education and Outreach Program 2025 Mini-Grant".

Supervisor William Wellman motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Triciajean Jones gave the following updates:

- She was in DC last weekend for the US Aging Board, representing NY. They followed that with their Policy and Capitol Hill meeting. This was three days after the Health and Human Services Committee and the Federal Government disbanded the ACL (Administration for Community Living). She said they were originally given the message from Mary Lazar, the acting director of ACL and now moving into Health and Human Services, that those programs under the Older Americans Act were the same mission, same services, the same program, just different wording. Two days later, half of her team was laid off. Some of the concerns are that the ten regional administrators were fired. What this means is, anytime they want to put through a new service they use federal funding for, they will give them guidelines, interpret federal regulations, give guidance on the Older Americans Act, give technical assistance, and help with HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program). They also laid off the budget and grant experts. They believe they may fall under the Child and Family Services and that group will be named something else.

Ms. Jones noted the things that could happen if they don't get funded are: cuts to NYSOFA staffing, nutrition program transportation, case management, caregiver services, legal assistance, information and assistance. She said, based on their 2023 data, it would affect or eliminate services for 883 individuals.

- Governor Hochul sent a press release and said they would not make up that federal funding.
- She met with the staff of Senator Schumer and Senator Gillibrand's staff, as well as Joe Morelle. They discussed caregiver services and increasing Title 3E. They discussed gaps in Medicaid and Medicare in those home health aids, reducing institutionalization, and having Medicaid and Medicare programs at home, connecting with healthcare systems, and wrapping social care into the medical model of care. She said both sides of the party lines are really supporting older adults.

6. Youth Bureau:

Marsha Foote presented the following resolutions entitled:

- Appointment of Theodore Bonshak to the Ontario County Youth Board
- Reappointment of Cameron Johnson to the Ontario County Youth Board

Supervisor Nancy Yacci motioned to approve these resolutions, as presented as a block. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Wellman. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Marsha Foote gave the following updates:

- She said Theodore Bonshak, the young man that was just voted on was asked about issues he saw at school. He said that kids now have permission to hate, and then said they have permission to hate because DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) is being removed. She said it is sad that their young people are now facing bullying that they have worked so hard to remove from their schools.
- She is meeting with Senator Helming on April 16th and is taking representatives from the Department of Social Services, Family Counseling, Safe Harbors, and the Child Advocacy Center with her.
- She is concerned about their resources and the funding cuts that would make it challenging.
- She has completed a manual for the person who will replace her.

7. Department Of Social Services:

Phil Personale introduced Kathy Bailey as their Workforce Counselor.

Phill Personale gave the following updates:

- They are currently accepting applications for the deputy commissioner position.
- They have a new trend, where they are seeing more people coming in who need more help than beyond what they are used to providing.
- The NYS Corrections is reducing its population, leading to more individuals being released and needing assistance.
- Regionally, there are concerns about childcare and funding. He said they are doing well in Ontario County, but regionally and across the state, there is not enough money to take care of the mandate given.
- They are rolling out the workplace conduct policy, reminding it's everyone's responsibility to create the environment they will want to work in.

8. Workforce Development:

Phillip Personale presented a resolution entitled, "Addendum to the Contract with the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, Inc. for WIOA Title I Adult and Dislocated Workers".

Supervisor William Wellman motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Phill Personale gave the following updates:

- They are interviewing for the next workforce development counselor position.
- They are collecting applications for the human services worker position
- They are ramping up summer youth employment, having many new sites.

9. Veterans Service Agency:

Susan Smith presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization For Contract With Compeer Rochester Inc.".

Supervisor Frederick Stresing motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Wellman. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

10. County Administrator:

Alissa Bub introduced Kyvaughn Henry and Gwen Van Laeken to present the Community Liaison Team, the work they have been doing with the Campbell Commission.

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Gwen Van Laeken and Kyvaughn Henry presented a PowerPoint presentation on the update of the Community Liaison Team. Ms. Henry reviewed the Charge by the Campbell Commission, Deliverables, the Research Process, the steps in the timeline in year 1 and in year 2. This presentation was to prepare the committee for the draft report to the committee in May and then the full report to the Board in June.

Gwen Van Laeken shared that the Youth Club houses will not be affected by cuts this year.

11. Addendum:

Nancy Yacci presented a resolution entitled, "Alerting United States Congressional Delegation of the Consequences of Funding Cuts on Ontario County and Calling for its Restoration".

Supervisor William Wellman motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Frederick Stresing. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Supervisor Stresing said it would be advantageous for someone to look at numbers and what it would affect. Mary Gates replied she had already begun pulling together dollar amounts that would be at risk of federal funding cuts. Chair Marshall asked that she send her findings to all the Supervisors.

12. Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business to come before the committee.

13. Next Meeting Date And Time:

April 28, 2025 at 10:00 am in Committee Room 213 at 74 Ontario Street

14. Adjournment:

On a motion of Supervisor Nancy Yacci, seconded by Supervisor Frederick Stresing, the Health and Human Services Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane R. Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board