



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, June 9, 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 June 9, 2025 by Chair Dan Marshall

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

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
Marsha Foote, Director, Youth Bureau
Kate Ott, Director, Public Health
Jessica Mitchell, Director, Mental Health

Triciajean Jones, Director, Office for the Aging
Susan Smith, Director, Veterans Services Agency
Mary Gates, Director, Finance, via WebEx
Shelly Gray, Sr. Fiscal Manager, DSS Accounting via WebEx
Missy White, Fiscal Manager, via WebEx
Heather Kinslow, Sr. Medical Billing Clerk
Gwen Van Laeken, Exec.Dir., The Partnership for OC
Amy Jacobs, Summer Intern for OFA
Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk of the Board

2. Approval Of Minutes:

Supervisor Frederick Wille motioned to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2025 Health And Human Services Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Frederick Stresing. The motion passed.

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

3. Public Health:

Kate Ott gave the following update:

- ~ The Fellows Program that had been canceled, has resumed because of the injunction.
- ~ They met as a Disaster Mental Health Team last week. They are looking at options for responding when they respond to a widespread emergency; how do they weave mental health care into that?
- ~ They will be starting budget planning with their fiscal manager.
- ~ They met with Senator Schumer's office and Congresswoman Tenney's office last week to clarify what programs may be affected by the federal budget. They plan to meet with the state representatives in August.

4. Mental Health Services:

Kate Winslow presented a resolution entitled, "Authority to Cancel Uncollectible Debts for Ontario County Mental Health -1st Qtr 2025".

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

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

Jessica Mitchell presented a resolution entitled, "Agreement with Rochester Institute of Technology For Psychology Interns-Post Doc Fellows".

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

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

Jessica Mitchell gave the following updates regarding the clinic still facing staffing challenges, including an unfilled psychiatrist position, nurse practitioner position, peer positions, a medical assistant position, and a medical billing clerk position. A supervising social worker position was accepted by an offer.

5. Office For The Aging:

Triciajean Jones gave the following updates:

- ~ She introduced Amy Jacobs as their summer intern, who is also interning in Public Health as well.
- ~ Recent federal budget updates indicate no cuts to Older Americans Act funding.
- ~ Their programming will be kept together under the new branch called the Administration of Children, Families, and Community Services.
- ~ No cuts to HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program), Nutrition, Caregiving, and APS (Adult Protective Services).
- ~ They are still advocating for things around Medicaid and SNAP Cuts.
- ~ There are proposed eliminations of Section 8 housing for older adults, centers of excellence around people with disabilities, chronic disease, and self-management.
- ~ They had a successful ride in the Memorial Day Parade.
- ~ They have two bike events this month, which are posted on the website and social media.
- ~ She met with the Town Clerks and said it was nice seeing their advocacy for their communities and their passion for those they serve.
- ~ She recently graduated from the Leadership Ontario Cohort 3 program and shared that it was a positive experience and had valuable insights. She appreciated learning more about the County and its rich history.

6. Youth Bureau:

Marsha Foote presented a resolution entitled, "Reappointment of Theodore Bonshak to the Ontario County Youth Board".

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

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

Marsha Foote gave the following updates:

- ~ She has attended six award ceremonies in the school districts in the county. She has four more to go.
- ~ One of the youths on the Youth Board will do the presentation by herself in Naples.
- ~ She submitted her letter of retirement.

7. Department Of Social Services:

Phil Personale gave the following updates:

- ~ The missing foster child mentioned in the last cycle has been found and is healthy.
- ~ They are currently, in conjunction with Dr. Mitchell, and with Thompson Hospital to help a client who requires dialysis and has other legal issues to connect with OPWDD (Office for People with Developmental Disabilities). They hope to find a place for the client that is a little more permanent and provide assistance that is needed.
- ~ They have two employees retiring from the child support division. They are working hard to create templates for their jobs and share their information. They are in the process of hiring replacements.
- ~ In temporary assistance, they had a SNAP audit by the state. Their error rate in their timeliness is at 87%; they would like it to be at 90%. They will be considering some changes that they've recommended seeing if it is possible to get to 90%.
- ~ In the renovation, they are now looking to September for a move.

8. Workforce Development:

Phillip Personale presented the following two resolutions entitled:

- ~ Reappointment of Andrew Dohse, Private Sector, to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board for the term of July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027
- ~ Reappointment of Michael Kauffman, Private Sector, to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board for the term of July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027

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

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

Phillip Personale presented the following two resolutions entitled:

- ~ Authorization for Contract with the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, Inc. for WIOA Title 1 Adult and Dislocated Workers for the term of July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026
- ~ Authorization for Contract with the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, Inc. for WIOA Youth Programs for the term of July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026

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

Yes: Supervisor(s): Daniel Marshall, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William

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Wellman. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Phil Personale gave the following updates:

~ The summer youth programs are up and running and going well.

~ They completed a WIOA audit. They did well and should be processing that at the exit conference on June 12th.

9. Unfinished Business:

Chris DeBolt said one of the things on his list to watch is the proposed changes to the SNAP program. He said in the past, SNAP has always been 100% funded. They have proposed coming out of the house a graduated local share of SNAP, based on your compliance rate. States with an error rate of less than 5% will pay X amount. States with a greater than 10% error rate in the SNAP program are proposed to pay 25% of the total program costs. He said NY, IL, and CA are all above 10% in their error rate in the SNAP program. His concern with the pop-up SNAP audit with DSS, it is likely NYS will be on the hook for 25% of the total SNAP program costs, which the state budget can't absorb. We administer eligibility for the SNAP program at the county level; if the proposal from the federal government goes through, the state may come back and say, because the county administers the eligibility, they are responsible for the error rate. If the feds are holding the state responsible for the errors, the state will push that down to the counties.

Chairman Simpson said he was able to attend 2/3rds of the graduation for Leadership Ontario. Hearing the stories and seeing the growth of those who went through the program, he encouraged everyone to familiarize themselves with what Leadership Ontario does, the benefits of it, because that is one of the programs that they look at ways to help improve people and push them off for success.

10. Next Meeting Date And Time:

Monday, June 30, 2025, in Committee Room 213, at 74 Ontario Street, Canandaigua, NY

11. Adjournment:

On a motion of Supervisor James Kennedy, seconded by Supervisor Frederick Wille, the Health and Human Services Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:29 AM.

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