



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, November 3, 2025, Time: 10:00 AM
Committee Room 213, 2nd floor, 74 Ontario Street,
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Committee Members

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

1. Call To Order:

The Health and Human Services Committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on November 3, 2025 by Chair Dan Marshall

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

Others present in addition to committee members:

Jared Simpson, Chairman, BOS
Chris DeBolt, County Administrator
Alissa Bub, Deputy County Administrator
Matt Turetsky, Assistant County Attorney
Mike Sykes, Deputy Commissioner, DSS
Christine Williams, Deputy Commissioner, DSS
Holly Adams, County Attorney, via WebEx
Mary Gate, Dir., Finance, via WebEx
Missy White, Fiscal Manager, via WebEx
Rochelle Gray, Sr. Fiscal Manager, via WebEx

Susan Smith, Dir., Veterans Services Agency
Kate Ott, Dir., Public Health
Mike Megalo, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Triciajean Saxton, Dir. Office for the Aging
Marsha Foote, Dir., Youth Bureau
Jessica Mitchell, Dir., Mental Health
Gwen Van Laeken, Exec. Dir., The Partnership for Ontario County
Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board

2. Approval Of Minutes:

Supervisor James Kennedy motioned to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025 Health And Human Services Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci. The motion passed.

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

Chair Marshall granted Mr. John Messina, resident of Canandaigua, privilege of the floor. Mr. Messina provided pictures to pass around to view. Mr. Messina shared his personal experiences with Lyme disease and issues with diagnosis and treatment. He emphasized the inadequacy of current testing methods and the need for better education among doctors. Advocacy efforts led to the formation of a Lyme Support Group to help affected individuals. Mr. Messina highlighted the widespread misdiagnosis of Lyme disease as other conditions like rheumatoid arthritis. He called for federal changes to improve awareness and testing protocols for tick-borne diseases. Mr. Messina provided informational sites regarding Lyme support.

3. Public Health:

Kate Ott presented a resolution entitled, "Rates for Services Provided In Connection with Coroner Cases 2026-2027".

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

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

Kate Ott presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization for the Public Health Director to be the Signatory for Acceptance and Acknowledgment of the STOP-DWI HVEC Grant Funding".

Supervisor Frederick Wille 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, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Kate Ott presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Accept the STOP-DWI HVEC Grant Funding from the New York State STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc. - 2025-2026".

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

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

Kate Ott presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Enter into the Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY) Statewide Common Participation Agreement (SCPA)".

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, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Kate Ott presented the Venesky & Company 2024 Audit Report.

Kate Ott presented updates to the Public Health Policy Manual for approval/

Supervisor Nancy Yacci motioned to approve the Policy Manual updates 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, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Supervisor Kennedy asked Kate Ott whether they would consider actionable items related to Lyme disease based on Mr. Messina's testimony. Ms. Ott said she would need to take more time to think about it and gather more information on the specifics of Lyme disease testing and treatment protocols

for further discussion. She said when Lyme disease first came out, there were misdiagnosed or undiagnosed cases. Over the years, there has been a great amount of research on Lyme's disease. The testing has improved. Other testing that is not FDA approved, she can't speak to the specifics of those tests.

Kate Ott gave the following updates:

~ They had an SHO Public Health Leaders summit.

~ This is the week that SNAP cards will not be reloaded. They have been working with the Partnership and DSS to figure out a plan. They have between 9,000 and 10,000 residents on the program in Ontario County. They have worked to compile a list of food pantries in the County. This is related to the shutdown, not to the changes in SNAP.

Kate Ott explained why the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEP) exists.

Mike Megalo gave an in-depth PowerPoint presentation on the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEP).

Kate Ott said she wanted the Committee to understand the program and the position, because she wanted them to make an informed decision, that if, a year from now, she needs to request funds for his position, the committee would understand the importance of it.

4. Mental Health Services:

Jessica Mitchell presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Appropriate Mental Health Opioid Funds".

She explained that this is for the use of Credible Minds, which is split between the Office for the Aging and Public Health. She gave some statistics on those who have utilized it. She said that out of a platform of 4,243 users, 67% are women and 46% are aged 13-17, Depression remains the most researched topic, followed by anxiety and loneliness.

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, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Jessica Mitchell presented the following resolutions entitled:

~ Appointment of Molly McNear to the Ontario County Community Services Board

~ Appointment of Stacy Lambert to the Ontario County Community Services Board

Supervisor Frederick Stresing motioned to approve these 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 Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

5. Office For The Aging:

Triciajean Saxton gave the following updates on what their office is doing with SNAP and HEAP:

- ~ NY Connects is their resource phone line, and last week they received about 8 calls about SNAP benefits.
- ~ They are coordinating with DSS, so if people come in they can be redirected to their office.
- ~ They are coordinating with transportation services, outside of Uber and Lyft, to assist individuals in reaching food pantries.
- ~ They are following up with community partners regarding the SNAP program updates and requirements.
- ~ They are ensuring meal sites are adequately prepared for potential increased attendance and manage reservations.
- ~ They had five folks last week not be able to pay for their energy service. They have permission from NYSOFA to clean furnaces and are getting resources together for that.
- ~ They are working with the County Attorney's Office for a waiver for space heaters to be able to purchase, as a short-term solution.

6. Workforce Development:

Michael Sykes presented a resolution entitled, "Resolution for Approval of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act Local Plan for Program Years 2025-2029".
The plan outlines the use of WIOA funding.

Supervisor Nancy Yacci 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, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

7. County Administrator:

Alissa Bub presented a resolution entitled, "Appointment of Director of the Ontario County Youth Bureau - Patricia Bertino".

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, James Kennedy, Frederick Stresing, Frederick Wille, William Wellman, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Alissa Bub gave an update on quarter 3 of the ARPA status report. They anticipate working with their consultants in extending their contract in working with the recipients.

She announced they started their United Way Campaign today.

8. Unfinished Business:

Mike Sykes and Christine Williams gave additional information regarding SNAP:

- ~ The USDA may be required to use contingency funds to cover the SNAP funds for the month of November.
- ~ Roughly 9,000 residents receive SNAP benefits from roughly 5,000 households. In their system it will show benefits have been issued, but no deposit is actually taking place.
- ~ The issuance is based on cases ending in 1 or 2 that are issued on the 1st and 2nd of the month.
- ~ Able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) are a part of the SNAP program, and it is people who do not have medical limitations, who do not have small children to care for, in order for

them to continue receiving SNAP benefits. If they fall between the ages of 18 and 65, there may be work requirements that will have to be tracked, and they will have to prove their involvement in order for their benefits to continue.

~ Commissioners were notified that part of the court ruling out of Rhode Island, that the federal government cannot remove New York's waiver that was originally set to expire in February. This overturns what they were told a few weeks ago, that they did lose the waiver. They are prepared for this program to be reinstituted.

~ December 1st will be the first accountable month when they will have to start tracking people. This could potentially affect the number of SNAP cases.

~ Another concern is HEAP. Originally, this was given a start date of November 17th, which has been pushed back indefinitely. They are unaware of any further guidance regarding a specific date for the HEAP program.

~ Their biggest concerns are the loss of furnace replacements and the loss of the clean and tune program.

~ Another concern is the risk that folks are going to use heating options that maybe aren't safe. They are trying to coordinate with John Yannotti, to provide some education pieces to the caseworkers.

~ They have a large supply of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on hand to provide.

~ They are connecting with numerous agencies and the Partnership to assist with these issues.

~ They acknowledged the mental impact both on the staff and the case individuals. They are working with constituents on this.

~ Transportation to food pantries is being addressed and looking into contracting and volunteers.

~ They are discussing food drives with the departments.

Gwen Van Laeken discussed further addressing the response to the SNAP and HEAP concerns.

Susan Smith reminded the committee of the lighting ceremony tomorrow for Operation Green Light.

9. Next Meeting Date And Time:

November 24, 2025, at 10:00 am, in Committee Room 213, at 74 Ontario St., Canandaigua, NY

10. Adjournment:

On a motion of Supervisor James Kennedy, seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci, the Health and Human Services Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:36 AM.

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