



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, July 6, 2026, Time: 10:00 AM
Committee Room 213, 2nd floor, 74 Ontario Street,
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Committee Members

Frederick Wille, Chair
Michael Baker
Donald Cotter
James Kennedy
Tim Schiefen
Nancy Yacci

1. Call to Order:

The Health and Human Services Committee meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM on July 6, 2026 by Chair Fred Wille.

Members Present: Supervisor(s) Frederick Wille, Donald Cotter, James Kennedy, Tim Schiefen, Nancy Yacci. Necessarily Absent: Supervisor(s) Michael Baker until 10:07 am.

Others present in addition to committee members:

Chairman Bill Wellman	Gwen Van Laeken, Exec. Dir., Ontario Cares
Chris DeBolt, County Administrator	David Baker, Supervisor City of Canandaigua
Alissa Bub, Deputy County Administrator	Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk to the BOS
Holly Adams, County Attorney	<u>Attending Via WebEx:</u>
Matt Turetsky, Assist. County Attorney	Meghan Maslyn, Deputy County
Nate Thomas, Assist. County Attorney	Administrator
Mary Gates, Dir., Finance	Peter Guarino, Deputy Dir., Mental Health
Phil Personale, Commissioner, DSS	Patricia Bertino, Dir., Youth Bureau
Triciajean Saxton, Dir., Office for the Aging	Missy White, Fiscal Manager
Kate Ott, Dir., Public Health	Sharon Decker, Grants Coordinator
Susan Smith, Dir., Veterans Services Agency	Peter Ingalsber, Supervisor, Town of
John Rizzo, Sr. Fiscal Manager	Farmington

2. Approval of Minutes:

Supervisor James Kennedy motioned to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026 Health And Human Services Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Donald Cotter. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Frederick Wille, Donald Cotter, James Kennedy, Tim Schiefen, Nancy Yacci.

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

3. Public Health:

Kate Ott presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Accept Funds from Wilmot Cancer Institute for Public Health - 2026".

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

Yes: Supervisor(s): Frederick Wille, Donald Cotter, James Kennedy, Tim Schiefen, Nancy Yacci.

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

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Kate Ott presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Accept RFP 26059 and Contract with S2AY Rural Health Network dba Pivotal Public Health Partnership for Lead Hazard Reduction Capacity Building Grant Program".

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

Yes: Supervisor(s): Frederick Wille, Donald Cotter, James Kennedy, Tim Schiefen, Nancy Yacci.

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

Kate Ott presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Contract with Rachael Jagger for Maternal Child Health Related Services".

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

Yes: Supervisor(s): Frederick Wille, Donald Cotter, James Kennedy, Tim Schiefen, Nancy Yacci.

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

Kate Ott presented a resolution entitled, "Authorizing Approval of the Budget for the 2026 Lead Hazard Reduction Capacity Building Grant Program for Public Health".

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

Yes: Supervisor(s): Frederick Wille, Donald Cotter, James Kennedy, Tim Schiefen, Nancy Yacci.

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

Kate Ott presented the first quarter of 2026 Performance Management and Quality Improvement Report for approval. She highlighted the communicable disease related to Lyme disease and other illnesses. She said their coordinator is very active with this disease. The other topic she highlighted is SDI prevention.

Supervisor Tim Schiefen motioned to approve the Performance Management and Quality Improvement for Quarter 1 of 2026 report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Frederick Wille, Donald Cotter, James Kennedy, Tim Schiefen, Nancy Yacci.

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

There was additional discussion on ticks and tick-borne diseases, but no other updates.

4. Mental Health Services:

Peter Guarino presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Contract with Mental Health Association of Rochester/Monroe County, Inc."

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

Yes: Supervisor(s): Frederick Wille, Michael Baker, Donald Cotter, James Kennedy, Tim Schiefen, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Peter Guarino stated they were going to have a Disaster Mental Health Training both July 7th and 8th to train volunteers to help respond to any mental health emergencies in the community. However, the Office of Mental Health had to cancel due to illness, so the training will need to be rescheduled.

5. Office for the Aging:

Triciajean Saxton presented a resolution entitled, "Appointment of Robert Richardson to the Office for the Aging Advisory Council".

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

Yes: Supervisor(s): Frederick Wille, Michael Baker, Donald Cotter, James Kennedy, Tim Schiefen, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Triciajean Saxton gave the following updates:

- ~ She said she was reappointed to the US Aging Board for another three years, which is a national board that represents aging services. She is currently a Vice-chair of the membership committee.
- ~ She shared a success story with their contract with Connect Care MD, who was an ER physician. This physician is a patient advocate who goes to medical appointments with different clients and caregivers.

6. Veterans Service Agency:

Susan Smith gave the following updates:

- ~ She provided charts and graphs to the committee.
- ~ She explained the measurements in her handouts comparing contacts, outreach, and training from 2025 to 2026.
- ~ The financial awards are down substantially, more than half than in 2025 for the first six months.
- ~ There is a new program for Veterans Services which is called the FreshConnect Checks Program. These are coupons for use at eligible farmers markets.

It was suggested that a representative have a booth to give information and hand out the coupons at the farmers' market for the vet to be able to immediately use the coupon.

It was noted that the farmers may have to go through the training.

It was suggested to utilize the VFW posts to hand out these coupons.

It was suggested to put the information on the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection website.

Referring to the financial awards, the appeal rates have increased. The VA is denying many applications in the first round. Chair Wille said this is something to keep looking more into.

7. Ontario Cares (Partnership for Ontario County)

Gwen Van Laeken, Executive Director for Ontario Cares, presented a PowerPoint presentation as an update, noting that the County faithfully makes an investment in the organization and the

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community. The following is a summary of the highlights:

- ~ Ontario Cares rebranded to improve community perception, focusing on youth development, mental health, and food security. Their legal name is The Partnership for Ontario County. They are the Community Prevention Partner.
- ~ Volunteerism remains crucial for community support programs, but there is a decrease in volunteer hours reported.
- ~ The organization successfully transitioned to a permanent facility in Geneva for youth programs.
- ~ Over 60 members participate in the youth court program, with ongoing training and community engagement.
- ~ The partnership combines suicide prevention and substance misuse coalitions into a unified network for better support.
- ~ There is the Veterans Coalition, which is in the third year.
- ~ A got a new van which facilitates transportation for veterans to essential appointments, enhancing service delivery in the community.
- ~ Primarily, Ontario County provides funding to fill in the gap to help provide administrative funding.
- ~ The organization anticipates increased funding for expanded services for young people from ages 12–24.

8. Unfinished Business or Other Items to be Brought before the Committee:

Phil Personale, Commissioner of DSS gave the following update:

- ~ There will be a transfer of functions in DSS Accounting. Currently, there are eleven positions. Three are supervised through finance, the rest fall underneath the Commissioner. With extensive review with county administration, finance, and legal, it has been recommended that all the positions be transferred to the supervision of finance, except for child support. The finance position for child support will be transferred to Child Support and will still be supervised by the Commissioner of DSS and the Director of Child Support.

Holly Adams noted a decision was made by the Department of Appellate Division regarding child protective services regarding a specific family. There was a final action or decision regarding the termination of parental rights despite the fact of no adoption. She said this is a huge decision that could make a difference and may be referenced in future cases.

Mary Gates said John Rizzo has been promoted to Senior Fiscal Manager and will be replacing Shelly Gray's position in DSS.

9. County Administrator:

Supervisor Donald Cotter motioned to enter into executive session at 11:06 am regarding POL§105 (1) (f) - Discussions on the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.. Supervisor James Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Supervisor James Kennedy motioned to exit executive session at 11:22 am. Supervisor Nancy Yacci seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10. Next meeting date and time:

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Monday, August 10, 2026, at 10:00 am, in Committee Room 213, 74 Ontario Street, Canandaigua, NY

11. Adjournment:

On a motion of Supervisor James Kennedy, seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci, the Health and Human Services Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM.

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