

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**  
**1:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: P. Yendell, B. Donohue, L. Semmel, J. Merrick, W. Wadsworth, Other Supervisors, I. Coyle

ABSENT: I. Davis, G. Levey,

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - RYAN SNYDER**

**Action Item(s) To Be Reported**

1. **SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SYEP) REPORT** – Mr. Snyder explained that he had wanted to come back at the end of summer to discuss the changes that they made after the problems with last years' program and the difficulty with low completion and retention rates. A work readiness training program was required this year as a pre-condition for employment for all the youths. This was a week long, unpaid training that was used as a screening technique to make sure that the kids were committed to the program and had the necessary skills. At the same time, a number of the younger youths (16-under) who had been unsuccessful in the past and where it was felt that they needed a more structured approach, participated in a program for career exploration through a contract with Wyoming County Community Action and BOCES. This program allowed for those youth to receive a wage with a hands-on activity in a certain industry each week, to go on field trips and also exploration of high growth areas in the community. It is important to continue to serve the most high-needs low income kids. This year, 71% of the kids in the program had special education plans. There was a 96% completion rate of the work readiness training and a 94% retention rate over the entire summer. In the career camp, every one of the children completed the program. At the end of the summer 11% of the kids found continued employment on their own beginning in the fall. There were zero disciplinary reports filed this summer. Over 26 work sites were served in the County. The mobile work crew was able to partner with the National Guard on a very nice pedestrian bridge project in Conesus. The nursing home made a special request for 14 kids to come back and work at their carnival with the seniors. The first ever recognition event was held for this program. Mr. Snyder was very pleased with the success this year. Mr. Snyder has spoken with the Social Services Commissioner on possibly replicating the program for DSS clients. The curriculum was designed by Jean Angililli.

2. **AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS FOR THE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES COUNCIL: CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY, NICHOLAS NOYES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, CHANCES AND CHANGES, INC., GENESEO PARISH OUTREACH, INC.**

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contract(s) for the Community Initiatives Council, according to the term(s) designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Catholic Charities of Livingston County</b> 34 East State St. Mt. Morris, NY 14510	10/1/13-9/30/14	Up to \$56,521.00
<b>Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, Inc.</b> 4520 Genesee St. Geneseo, NY 14454	10/1/13-9/30/14	Up to \$38,625.00
<b>Chances and Changes, Inc.</b> P O Box 326 Geneseo, NY 14454	10/1/13-9/30/14	Up to \$25,000.00
<b>Nicholas Noyes Memorial Hospital</b> 111 Clara Barton Street	10/1/13-9/30/14	Up to \$12,000.00

For: The provision of services to income eligible County residents.

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
Community Services Block Grant	\$0	Yes X No

Director's Comments:

These amounts were approved at the July 30th meeting of the Community Initiatives Council. Final allocations may be reduced depending upon the federal budget process. Contracts are for one year, with the opportunity for two one-year extensions.

Mr. Snyder reviewed the recommendations for the above contracts for approval.

*Motion: Mrs. Donohue moved and Mrs. Semmel seconded to approve the foregoing resolution. Carried.*

**3. AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES COUNCIL:**

<b>Livingston County Community Initiatives Council</b>			
Name	Address	Rep/Title	Term
Pam O'Dell	12 Columbus Ave., Apt. 112, Mt. Morris, NY 14510	Low Income	1/1/13-12/31/15

Director's Comments:

Ms. O'Dell was unable to sign her oath of office within the deadline and therefore needs to be reappointed. Mr. Snyder explained that it is difficult to find a low income representative. Ms. O'Dell has shown that she is able to attend meetings in the past.

*Motion: Mrs. Donohue moved and Mr. Wadsworth seconded to approve the foregoing resolution. Carried.*

**Informational Item(s) Written Only:**

1. Livingston County Unemployment Rate:

Year	May	June	July	Annual
2013	7.1	7.1	6.8	
2012	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.3
2011	7.4	7.6	7.5	8.0

*The Unemployment Rate for Livingston County fell to a 23 month low of 6.8% in July. The number of unemployed county residents decreased from 2,300 in June to 2,200 in July of 2013.*

2. Workforce Investment Act Common Measures

Metric	Achieved Measure	Total Enrolled in Services	Actual %	Goal %
Adults Entering Employment (10/1/11 – 9/30/12)	796	1146	69%	57%
Adults Retaining Employment (4/1/11 – 3/31/12)	927	1134	82%	81%

Metric	Achieved Measure	Total Enrolled in Services	Actual %	Goal %
Dislocated Workers Entering Employment (10/1/11 – 9/30/12)	311	450	69%	53%
Dislocated Workers Retaining employment (4/1/11 – 3/31/12)	272	340	80%	81.5%

Metric	Achieved Measure	Total Enrolled in Services	Actual %	Goal %
Youth Placed in Employment or Education (10/1/11 – 9/30/12)	13	21	62%	66.5%
Youth Attaining Degree or Certification (10/1/11 – 6/30/12)	10	16	63%	59%
Youth Gaining Literacy or Numeracy (7/1/12 – 3/31/13)	2	8	25%	48%

*The US Department of Labor uses Common Measures across several different programs to evaluate performance. Failure to reach 80% of your negotiated standard could result in sanctions or reduction in future allocations.*

### 3. Office of Workforce Development Activity Report

Activity	July 2013
Counselor Assisted Appointments	89
UI Eligibility Reviews	266
Adults/Youth in Training	42
Credentials Earned	4
Employer Recruitment Events	1
Employer Job Postings	48
Job Referrals	162
Job Placements	6
Pre-Hire Assessments	0
Workshop Attendees	105

4. CSBG Program – During August, the NYS Department of State completed a fiscal, programmatic and operational audit of OWD in conjunction with recertification of the CSBG Program. The three-day review did not result in any findings or material weaknesses of the Organization. A final report will be issued later in the fall that will outline any recommendations for improvements to policies or procedures. OWD will enter into a new three year contract to operate the program beginning in October.
5. Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) – The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has requested a no-cost extension of the DEI program to continue through January 30<sup>th</sup> of 2014. The DEI Program provides employment services to individuals with disabilities by employing specialized staff with expertise in coordinating services. The program also provides funding for training and supportive services intended to allow the client to return to work.
6. CNA/HHA Training – The OWD recently conducted an orientation with FLCC for the dual certification training that will be held at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in October. The number of applicants for his program was down from prior classes, which we believe is in part due to the delays and eventual cancellation of the program by FLCC last spring. OWD and the CNR have worked cooperatively to repair any damage that may have been caused by FLCC’s inability to fulfill their commitment earlier in the year. OWD has also developed additional screening techniques to clearly outline the expectations of the program. This information may have discouraged some applicants from returning their paperwork.
7. Youth Bureau - The 2014 State budget included changes to the statutes and regulations governing the Youth Bureau which impacts the funding that historically has been awarded to Recreation Programs in the County. The amendments, which will take effect January 1, 2014, will streamline and consolidate

Youth Bureau funding by removing the entitlement to localities. The Youth Board is meeting in September to discuss options for ensuring that youth continue to have access to Recreation Programs in the County. One option being considered is a scholarship fund for the most in need.

Upcoming Events: LinkedIn Workshop (8/26), Aerotek Recruitment (8/28), Once Again Nut Butter Recruitment Event (8/29), Adecco Recruitment Event (9/4), Remedy Staffing Recruitment (9/5), Workforce Investment Board (9/17), Youth Board (9/17), COMPAK (9/23)

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ**

**Action Item(s) To Be Reported**

**1. AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR HOME CARE LICENSURE**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2013-278 authorized the transfer of the Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA) Operating Certificate to Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Western New York, Inc. and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to be either a Certified Home Health Agency or Licensed Home Care Services Agency for the conduction of general public health work, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Public Health Director is hereby authorized to submit an application for Home Care Licensure with the fee of \$2,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to the Public Health Director and the County Treasurer.

Ms. Rodriguez explained that this is necessary to upon the sale of our home care agency as we will still want to provide services for the maternal child health program and other home care services, including the WIC program. Part of the application process requires Board of Supervisors approval, so we actually have to send the meeting minutes with the application.

*Motion: Mr. Merrick moved and Mrs. Semmel seconded to approve the foregoing resolution. Carried.*

**AUHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT(S) FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: HOME AND HEALTH SERVICES INC., GLENN BAUGHMAN**

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contract(s) for the Livingston County Department of Health, according to the term(s) designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Home and Health Services, Inc.</b>	1/1/13-12/31/13	\$22.89/hr
Stephanie Conway		\$34.34/hr holiday
PO Box 250		\$22.89/visit not home
Hornell, NY 14843		

For: Amending contract for Home Health Aide Services for CHHA and Hospice Programs

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted ?</i>
Various 3 <sup>rd</sup> party payers	Varies by payer	Yes x No

Director's Comments: This contract allows for adequate home health aide services for patients in the CHHA and Hospice Programs. This is an amendment to the original contract (Resolution #2013-13) to incorporate new HIPAA rules issued by the US Department of Health and Human Services.

<b>Glenn Baughman</b>	8/1/13-7/31/15	\$62/visit all inclusive
3518 Pole Bridge Rd.		\$25/occurrence inservice, mtg, etc.
Geneseo, NY 14454		

For: Occupational Therapy Services for CHHA and Hospice Patients

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted ?</i>
Various 3 <sup>rd</sup> party payers	Varies by payer	Yes x No

Ms. Rodriguez reviewed the contracts for Committee approval.

*Motion: Mr. Donohue moved and Mr. Wadsworth seconded to approve the foregoing resolution. Carried.* Ms. Rodriguez updated the Committee on the first staff meeting last Friday afternoon. She will keep staff updated as much as possible. They have their first transition meeting scheduled on September 16. Ms. Rodriguez also reported that on Friday at 3pm they received notification that they received additional grant funding in the amount of \$600,00.

**Informational Item(s) Written Only**

1. Attached for your information are WIC Participant Survey results and results of the Perry WIC Site Visit.
2. Attached for your information is the Weekly Disposition of Dogs document.
3. The Vaccine Safety Grant is completed.
4. A breastfeeding awareness month activity was sponsored by WIC on 8/13 for the community.
5. The Department is proposing school- based community flu clinics throughout the county.
6. The final stages of the Community Health Assessment are being completed in partnership with Noyes Hospital.
7. The closure plan for Community Health Worker program is set.
8. We are working on a grant from the NYS Health Foundation to support health insurance enrollment in Livingston County. This would extend what is currently being done for an additional 18 months.
9. We are also working with Noyes regarding chronic disease prevention, which includes a Worksite Wellness component. Noyes is the lead in this grant, which is from the Greater Rochester Health Foundation.
10. Enviroscape was presented for the Town of Groveland’s 200-year anniversary at the Beachcomber on July 27th. The audience was children age 16 and under and their parents.
11. We distributed Chlamydia Tool Kits to medical providers in the County.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES- DIANE DEANE**

**Action Item(s) To Be Reported**

**1. AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE FOLLOWING: LIVINGSTON COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to sign the following contract(s) for the Livingston County Department of Social Services, according to the term(s) designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Livingston County Office for the Aging</b> Mt. Morris NY 14510	10/1/13-9/30/14	<b>\$30,000</b>
For: Home Energy Assistance Program for the Elderly (HEAP)		

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Local Share</u>	<u>Budgeted ?</u>		
100% Federal HEAP Admin.	0%	Yes	X	No

Ms. Deane reported that DSS will be contracting with OFA alternate certifier for HEAP again this year. There is a new way the Office for the Aging will interface using the process called MyWorkspace.org. Mybenefits.org, is a public portal that anyone in the community can access to see if they are potentially eligible for benefits. The employer portal is called MyWorkspace.org. Office for the Aging staff will be able to input the application information directly into MyWorkspace and then DSS can pull the applications when they come in to submit an application. There is no longer any furnace funding coming in from HEAP.

*Motion: Mrs. Semmel moved and Mrs. Donohue seconded to approve the foregoing resolution. Carried.*

**Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported** Approval from the County Administrator is necessary before submitting your Pre-approved Informational Item(s) to the Board office.

1. Status Update of Employment function performance in 2013 – Ms. Deane wanted to update the Committee

on this since giving this over to Ryan Snyder at Workforce and Tabitha Brewster at Catholic Charities the case management piece. The learning was higher and deeper than anticipated and staff learned a lot during the training with the community partners. The DSS employment Unit has not had a good understanding of all of the intricacies of the things they were responsible to do. All of the social welfare examiners needed to be trained. Ms. Deane talked about how she and Ryan Snyder are hoping to transition over from the summer youth employment program. There has always been a contract with Workforce and Catholic Charities but those have been made bigger giving them more funding. Using baseline numbers comparing July 2012 to July 2013 and four main performance measures (engagement rate, participation rate, completed assessments and entrance to employment. Of all of numbers we are at or exceeding where we were last year at this time with our new model except for one, entrance to employment. Ms. Deane reported that David Peck is trying to find a way to get consistency in reporting this number. Spending is approximately \$120,000 less than last year. The goal is to get more people into employment. Mr. Yendell questioned what is driving the partnering with the other groups. Mrs. Deane feels that everyone has a vested interest in the program succeeding.

**Informational Item(s) Written Only**

1. **Status Reports**

a. Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures & Balances (Monthly) (July)

b. Employment – Entries Into in Order of Hire (Monthly) (July)

<b>Name of Employer</b>	<b>Town or City</b>	<b># of Hires</b>	<b>Category &amp; Status</b>	<b>Hours per Wk.</b>	<b>Part-time Full-time</b>	<b>Hourly Wage</b>	<b>Job Title</b>
Bath VA	Bath	1	FA REC.	40	FT	9.80	Care Giver
Family Dollar	Mount Morris	1	FA REC.	25	PT	7.25	Clerk
Hubble Power Systems	LeRoy	1	FA REC.	40	FT	16.13	Technician
Kwik Fill	Mount Morris	1	FA REC.	18	PT	7.50	Clerk
The Hawg Trough	Fillmore	1	FA REC.	30	FT	5.00 + tips	Waitress
ARC	Mount Morris	1	FA APP.	37	FT	9.25	Aide
Hometown Thrift Store	Dansville	1	FA REC.	25	PT	7.25	Clerk
Sonrise Daycare	Avon	1	FA REC.	12	PT	8.00	Care Giver

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**Total Number of Clients**

	<b>FT</b>	<b>PT</b>	<b>Total</b>
SN Applicants	0	0	0
SN Recipients	0	0	0
FA Applicants	1	0	1
FA Recipients	3	4	7
<b>Total</b>	4	4	8

	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>
<b>Entries to Employment total</b>	12	12	14	15	24	14	8
<b>Recipients with Paid Employment</b>	56	58	73	70	85	73	84

c. Financial Assistance Program Statistics (Monthly) (July)

Temporary Assistance Cases **+9.8% since**

**January 2013:**

Family Assistance	403
Safety Net	346
<b>Total</b>	<b>749</b>

Medicaid Cases:

Community	3996
Chronic Care	250
Foster Care	143
SSI	1249
<b>Total</b>	<b>5638</b>

**Medicaid Individuals (Monthly Premium):**

These Individuals are in one of the above Temporary Assistance or Medicaid cases.

Managed Care	6046
Family Health Plus	1458
<b>Total</b>	<b>7504</b>

**Food Stamp Cases** 3332  
**Child Care Cases** 186

2. Employees hired, resigned or retired in August:

Marian Sackett	Hired	Caseworker	Mt. Morris	8/12/13
Matthew Turner	Layoff	Summer Campworker	Avon	8/20/13

**CENTER FOR NURSING & REHABILITATION – FRANK BASSETT**

**Action Item(s) To Be Reported**

**INCREASING THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY CENTER FOR NURSING AND REHABILITATION BASIC DAILY ROOM RATE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014**

The current daily rate of \$330 was implemented 1/1/11 and has been in place for three years. An increase in the private daily room and board rate of \$10.00 effective January 1, 2014 is proposed. Revenue associated with this increase (\$97,910) has been included in the CNR’s 2014 preliminary budget submission. With application of the 6.8% cash receipts assessment imposed by NYS the rate would be \$363.12. Patients are able to recover the Cash Receipts Assessment through a deduction in their NYS Income Taxes, subject to applicable restrictions or limitations. The room rate increase is based, in part, on 2012 actual per patient day costs of \$322.09 and a survey of peer facilities current 2013 rates.

Mr. Bassett reviewed that room rate increase history and the actual cost per resident day analysis received from Rotenberg.

*Motion: Mrs. Donohue moved and Mr. Wadsworth seconded to approve the foregoing resolution. Carried.*

**Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported** – Mr. Bassett reviewed the following items for the Committee.

1. Financial/Operational Updates:
  - a.) Occupancy- August occupancy as of 8/27 was 98.4%. YTD the Center occupancy has averaged 98.8%.
  - b.) Cash Flow – The CNR’s Cash Flow Report as of July 26, 2013 reflects \$9,271,844.
  - c.) Budget Variance and Census – The June 2013 budget variance reports are attached and will be discussed at the committee meeting.
  - d.) Resolution of OMIG LTC Payment Audit - OMIG revised the audit report as a result of inaccuracies identified by Barbara Keefe, Director of Fiscal Services. The amount owed has been reduced from \$28,727.04 to \$14,874.54. The audit period was 6/1/10 through 8/31/12. Payment was issued week of 8/5/13 and this matter is closed.
  - e.) IGT – No updates have been received regarding release of the 2012/13 payments.

**Informational Item(s) Written Only**

1. Reports - Absenteeism & Mandation, FMLA, Payroll Performance, Report Card
2. Electronic Health Record –The Computerized Physician Order Entry System (CPOE) and electronic Medication Administration Record (eMAR) are actively being planned for implementation. Reliable

Health System's schedule is constrained by other commitments resulting in delay of the CNR project. Implementation is now projected by February 2014. An on-site series of planning meetings with RHS are scheduled for September 12 & 13. The IT Department is heavily involved in support activities.

3. Time Warner Cable Contract – The contract expires in November. Talks will be initiated to preserve the current \$9.90 per bulk cable drop until a decision is reached regarding a new contract with Time Warner.
4. Laboratory Services Contract – An RFP was issued on August 30 to solicit proposals. Noyes Hospital is a recipient of the RFP document. The current contract is held by ACM and expires October 31.
5. VA Contract Closeout – The VA has decided to no longer contract with the CNR for placement and services to veterans. The basis for the decision is the fact that only one (1) veteran has been placed under the contract in the last 4 ½ years and the government can no longer justify the expense of a 5-member inspection team to conduct the required annual inspection. The Canandaigua and Bath VA's have agreed to continue recommending our services to veterans requiring Medicare covered services.
6. BOCES Nursing Assistant Training – BOCES training ended August 21, exams concluded August 28. Amy Krause, Director of Nursing Services met with the class on August 21 to discuss employment opportunities. Sixteen of the twenty-one participants expressed interest in CNR employment. Interviews will be scheduled once certification is confirmed and Personnel has qualified applications.

## **OFFICE FOR THE AGING – KAAREN SMITH**

### **Action Item(s) To Be Reported**

1. **AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING FINAL CHARITABLE SETTLEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$6,927.23) FROM THE ESTATE OF MARY J. TABAKIS ON BEHALF OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

#### **Director's Comments:**

Mrs. Tabakis was a Geneseo resident who was a participant of the Mt. Morris Senior Nutrition Program and a recipient of Home Delivered Meals. This charitable contribution to the Office for the Aging was given in appreciation of the services she received and to support the delivery of nutrition services to other seniors in need. A personal note to acknowledge the gratitude of the Livingston County Office for the Aging was sent to her sister, Frances Hall of Rochester, New York.

Mrs. Smith explained that she has been trying to let people know that the department is eligible for any donations and she has been working with families and funeral homes.

*Motion: Mrs. Donohue moved and Mrs. Semmel seconded to approve the foregoing resolution. Carried.*

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### **Informational Item(s) Written Only**

1. Program Summary Report for Fiscal Period 4/1/2013 – 8/26/2013
  - a. Total number of individuals service ( unduplicated county) = 1567

Age 60 - 75 yrs	= 717
Age 75+	= 548
Age 85 +	= 270
Under 60 caregivers	= 32
  - b. Poverty Level

100 % (\$11,490 annually or under)	= 182
150% (\$17,235 annually)	= 385
  - c. Frail / Disabled ( 2-3 activities of daily living that are difficult to perform) = 464
  - d. Live Alone = 402
2. Public Hearings were held at the Mt. Morris Senior Nutrition Site, Avon Senior Nutrition Site and Dansville Senior Nutrition Site on August 12, 13 and 14 respectively. A total of 45 residents attended to hear more about programs and services and were given and opportunity to comment on senior needs in the following areas:

- Health
- Housing
- Income
- Transportation
- HomeCare/Personal Care
- Nutrition

As a part of our process all attendees were given a survey to complete on site or mail in. All recipients of in-home services were given a copy of the survey to be sent in a confidential envelope. To date, we have received 146 responses from the 300 surveys distributed. The results will be analyzed and used to determine program needs and gaps in services. Public Hearings are a funding requirement of the Older Americans Act and New York State Office for the Aging. The agency has until October 30, 2013 to receive the surveys for analysis. A report of results of the public hearing comments will be provided to the Human Services Committee and included in the Annual Implementation Plan .

3. Western New York Area Agencies on Aging held their Region 8 Caucus meeting with Congressman Chris Collins on August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Genesee County Office for the Aging. The purpose of this meeting was to voice advocacy for the passage of the federal Older Americans Act ( the federal funding centerpiece for the long term care services offered through Offices for the Aging. Kaaren Smith was asked to represent area caregivers and families to advocate for the support of the restoration of the federally sequestered Title III funding that supports services to caregivers (respite services , counseling and support groups).
4. The sale of the St. John’s Episcopal Church and the Parish Center has been completed. The new owners are Lamplighter Ministries International from Waverly Pennsylvania. Kaaren Smith has received correspondence from Director of Finance, Linda Hopkins, which states they wish to continue the tenant relationship with the Senior Nutrition Program. Negotiations are underway to discuss the request for a rent increase from the current \$500 per month to \$750 per month as of September 1, 2013. Per direction of the County Administration, Ian Coyle, all possible options for rental space for the program is being investigated.

**MENTAL HEALTH – RODNEY CORRY**

**Action Item(s) To Be Reported**

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2013 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, suicide is the 11th leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the 3rd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15 to 24;

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person completes suicide every 15.2 minutes;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 4.6 million people in the United States are survivors of suicide (those who have lost a loved one to suicide);

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality works against suicide prevention by

discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide;

WHEREAS, a great many suicides are preventable;

WHEREAS, suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent;

WHEREAS, suicide awareness and prevention has been identified as a priority in the Livingston County Community Health Improvement Plan for 2011-2015;

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of suicide prevention does hereby proclaim the Month of September, 2013, as Suicide Prevention Month.

Director's Comments:

National Suicide Prevention Week is September 8-14, 2013 and Worldwide Suicide Prevention Day is September 10, 2013. In recognition, the Social and Emotional Wellness Subcommittee of Livingston County's Community Health Improvement Plan has coordinated a suicide and mental health awareness event for the community that will occur on September 11, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Geneseo United Methodist Church. The event is entitled "Shining Light on the Issues of Mental Illness and Suicide" and will feature a noted national speaker. This will be followed by other suicide prevention efforts throughout the coming months.

Mr. Corry explained that this resolution is in conjunction with a number of events his department will be doing over the next few months as part of the County's health improvement plan. There is a kick off event on September 11.

*Motion: Mr. Merrick moved and Mr. Wadsworth seconded to approve the foregoing resolution. Carried.*

**VETERAN'S SERVICES AGENCY – IAN COYLE**

**Action Item(s) To Be Reported**

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 20, 2013 AS NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**

WHEREAS, The Federal Government has designated September 20, 2013, as National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and

WHEREAS, numerous members of our armed Forces are still listed as POW/MIAs, and we demand an accurate accounting of those listed as POW/MIAs, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors and the citizens of Livingston County strongly support our Veterans, who sacrificed so much to insure our freedom, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim September 20, 2013, as National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to President Barrack H. Obama, U.S. Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Congressman Chris Collins and all others deemed appropriate and necessary.

*Motion: Mrs. Donohue moved and Mrs. Semmel seconded to approve the foregoing resolution. Carried.*

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**Informational Item(s) Written Only**

1. On August 4, 2013, during the Geneseo VFW/American Legion Summer Picnic, I presented two New York State medals to James Creagan of Geneseo, for his actions while serving as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. He has over seventeen awards and/or certificates for heroism during his tours in Vietnam.
2. The Veterans Advisory Council quarterly meeting, held at the Buffalo VAMC, discussed the loss of all the practitioners in the Dermatology Clinic. At present, the VA is paying for outside dermatology services until replacements can be hired. The Batavia VAMC is still interviewing for a physicians assistant or nurse practitioner.
3. On August 26, 2013, I attended a meeting at the Institute of Human Services in Bath, N.Y. The topic of this meeting was the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program. This program aims to "provide very low-income Veteran families with housing stability". They will provide eligible Veteran families with outreach, case management, and assistance in obtaining VA and other benefits, which may include: Health Care Services, daily living expenses, personal financial planning services, transportation services, fiduciary and payee services, legal services, child care services and housing counseling services. They may also provide time-limited payments to third parties (e.g., landlords, utility companies, moving companies, and licensed child care providers) if these payments help Veterans' families stay in or acquire permanent housing on a sustained basis.

4. The number of claims continue to rise and the VA, in their effort to decrease their backlog of claims, are adjudicating claims improperly/incorrectly and have to be scrutinized and Notice of Disagreements filed or Requests for Reconsideration filed in an attempt to correct the VA's errors.
5. This Service Officer is now a member of Livingston County's Housing Task Force. At today's meeting, I provided information to those present about VA programs such as Aid & Attendance or Improved Pension, which can assist veterans or dependents financially.
6. On Friday, September 6, 2013, the unclaimed remains of 12 United States Veterans will be escorted to the Bath National Cemetery by the Patriot Guard Riders for proper burial. The staging area for Livingston County will be at Hampton Corners, around 11:00/11:30.

## **CHANCES AND CHANGES REQUEST - IAN COYLE**

### **Action Item(s) To Be Reported**

#### **PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2013, AS DOMESTIC/FAMILY VIOLENCE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS MONTH FOR LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month across the U.S., and Purple has been designated as the domestic violence color marker, and

WHEREAS, the issue of domestic/family violence is a major societal problem that costs the County government and taxpayers thousands of dollars each year and will only yield in part to continual focus and exposure by the County government, its affiliates and committees, and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Domestic Violence Consortium and the Livingston County Domestic Violence Task Force fully support the implementation of this resolution in support of their collaborative efforts within the County, and

WHEREAS, the Education, Prevention and Awareness arm of Chances and Changes, Inc. demonstrates a partnership commitment to provide presentations and information to schools to educate kindergarten through college level students, many area public sector organizations, and emphasizes the need for exposure and training for County businesses, especially their managers and supervisors on this difficult topic, and

WHEREAS, events and programs are offered by the County domestic/family violence agency, Chances and Changes, Inc. during October of each year in acknowledgement of this National Awareness Month, and include programs with and for SUNY Geneseo and other County students, community residents recognized by Partners In Change awards and other County activities such as candlelight vigils and Friends and Family Information Sessions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of October, 2013 as Domestic/Family Violence Education and Awareness month for Livingston County.

*Motion: Mr. Wadsworth moved and Mrs. Donohue seconded to approve the foregoing resolution. Carried.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Merrick moved and Mr. Wadsworth seconded to adjourn the Human Services Committee meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Rees  
Clerk of the Board