

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2016

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Shay, LaPointe, Suprenant, Campbell, Pitts, Fedler, Moore

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

SUPERVISORS: Henke, Gang, O'Brien, Hogan, Armstrong

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Chris DeBolt, Assistant Co. Administrator

Al Nolette, Treasurer

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, OFA Director

Patty Hunt, Public Health Director

Tina McDougall, Fiscal Manager PH

Kathy McIntyre, Deputy Public Health Dir.

Sam Hall, Veterans Director

Andrew DePalo, Deputy Dir. Veterans

Karen Baker, Children Services Dir. DSS

Eileen Irwin, Assistance Programs Dir. – DSS

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AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1) Call to Order

2) Accept Minutes – January 27, 2016

3) Department Reports/Requests:

A. Public Health

1) 340B Program Authorizing Official

2) Child Passenger Safety Seat Annual Conference Travel Request

3) MWBE Update for WIC

4) Program Updates

5) Miscellaneous

B. ADRC/OFA

1) OFA Overview

2) 2016 Goals

3) Supervisors for Home Delivered Meals

4) Program Updates

4) Other Business

5) Adjournment

Chairman Shay called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2016 meeting was moved by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Moore and adopted.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Patty Hunt, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- 340B Program Authorizing Official – The State Health Department advised them that they had been participating in the 340B Program; they had been the authorizing official and had entered into the agreement but now want the locals to take this on. The County Attorney will review the information and the Chairman of the Board would be the authorizing signature on the agreement. This is a discounted drug program through the federal government. A motion to authorize Chairman of the Board to sign agreement, 340B Program, was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Moore and adopted.
- Child Passenger Safety Seat Annual Conference Travel Request – Public Health has a Child Passenger Safety Seat grant and a Health Educator, who is child passenger safety seat technician is requesting approval to attend the annual conference. The grant also covers Officer Tefft from the Cambridge Police Department who will also attend and for audit they will be putting through his registration. A motion to approve Health Educator and Cambridge Police Officer Tefft's attendance, registration and travel request to Child Passenger Safety Seat annual conference May 10 – 12, 2016 in Lake Placid was moved by Mr. Suprenant,

seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.

- MWBE Update for WIC – Public Health found out that they were provided with a waiver. Received this in writing from the Health Department and it will cover the entire five year grant program.
- Program Updates:
 - Winter Fest Update - Kathy McIntyre, Deputy Public Health Director, displayed pictures from Winter Fest. They had more offerings this year but not as good turnout due to the lack of snow. Attendance was 164. They plan to hold this event next year.
 - Rabies Plan Update - Colleen Townsend, Public Health Rabies Coordinator, has scheduled a Washington County Rabies Plan update on March 10th at 1:15 PM in the WIC conference room.
- Miscellaneous:
 - Unpaid Intern Request 50-55 hours over the course of a semester - The unpaid intern is a Washington County resident, Hudson Falls, attending SUNY Plattsburgh. A motion to approve unpaid internship in Public Health department was moved by Mr. Suprenant, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted. Report to follow when internship is finished. Reported out on a previous unpaid internship completed in the fall semester by a Hartford resident.
 - WIC has been notified by the State that they are freeing up their unallocated funding earlier this year; normally received late summer, early fall. The unallocated funding amount that WIC will be receiving totals \$47,000 and is to be used toward infrastructure and support of program. WIC is requesting to purchase a van. They did purchase a minivan three years ago but with the amount of materials, scales and staff, she would like a larger van. The current van will be returned to the County fleet. This purchase would be 100% funded. A motion to approve WIC van purchase was moved by Mr. LaPointe, seconded by Mr. Suprenant and adopted. The Treasurer stated a budget amendment will be needed; Finance Committee.
 - \$2000 from the Adirondack Health Institute for the Prevention Agenda Project – The Public Health Director had reported that the funding was being used for the development of the neonatal abstinence syndrome educational program. They were able to purchase some brochures and educational materials which were distributed to hospitals and some of our community partners. She stated what seems to be a gap is education on the issue; what is it, how does it affect families. Neonatal abstinence syndrome is when a child is born to a mother who has used heroin or other opioids and the newborn has to be weaned off the drug. With the remaining \$1100 in funding she plans to bring in representatives from the University of Vermont Children's Hospital for a workshop on March 30th and requesting to utilize up to that amount for a light lunch for the participants. They have room for up to 80 participants and will get the food through the Jail. A motion to approve use of funds not to exceed \$1100 for lunch was moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Messrs. Campbell and LaPointe and adopted.
 - Information on Zika virus distributed, attached.
 - Chairman Shay thanked Patty for her assistance providing him with contacts and phone numbers to State Agencies to address calls he was receiving relating to residents with wells in the area of the Hoosic River.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING (OFA)/Office for Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) – Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- OFA Services Overview – distributed and explained the attached handout.
- 2016 Goals – distributed and explained attached handout.
- Supervisors for Home Delivered Meals – Invitation for Supervisors to participate in home delivered meals program on March 17th and anyone interested should contact her office.

OTHER BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – Karen Baker, Director of Children Services, addressed the following items with the committee in the absence of Commissioner DeLorme at NYPWA:

- Program Updates:
 - Safe Harbor – New requirements of HR4980 which is the federal preventing sex trafficking and strengthening families' act. This law was passed in September 2014 which impacts various aspects of the work they do across the agency but particularly work in child protective services and foster care. Two primary purposes of the act are to protect and prevent at risk children from becoming victims of sex trafficking and also to include safety and wellbeing outcomes of youth who are involved in the child welfare system not just in foster care. Overall it requires a higher level of understanding of the risk and signs as well as the mandate to provide more documentation on every child that passes through their system. The offer from the Office of Children and Family Services to designate Washington County as a safe harbor county came at a good time. The Office of Children and Family Services is providing a day-long session prior to accepting any Safe Harbor dollars. The training is scheduled for March 2nd at the WIC meeting room. If we accept this five year funding, we must submit a plan on how we intend to use the money. A motion to accept five year Safe Harbor funding was moved by Mr. LaPointe, and seconded by Mrs. Fedler. Discussion. Mr. Pitts stated what happens when the program funds end. Ms. Baker stated the money is intended to educate the community, to begin talking about the services we have and how we might have to enhance services to be ready for identified victims. It is pretty much an education program not to hire people. Ms. Baker stated no approval needed at this time. Chairman Shay stated no action on the motion.
 - Contamination Containment – Staff has been exposed to flea infestation, bed bugs and other unsanitary situations while in the field on home visits. It is bad enough when the staff is contaminated but also contaminating the office space and cars. Working with the Buildings and Grounds Superintendent that have limited the exposure to the office using an exterminator and the vehicle will be detailed prior to re-entering service. DSS has developed a plan to allow staff to change and bathe prior to entering the work space. They have ordered a supply of scrub type pants and shirts and shower supplies. It is hoped the use is infrequent and upon return to the office. They wanted to make the committee aware that they made this plan and the voucher will be going through Audit.
- Medically Assisted Treatment Panel Discussion Relating to the Heroin Epidemic – Handout attached detailing a panel discussion planned for March 23, 2016 from 10 AM to noon in the Training room of Building B on the topic of medically assisted treatment; lunch will be provided.
- Commissioner DeLorme Reappointment – A motion to present a resolution in March to

reappoint Commissioner DeLorme for a five year term commencing June 1, 2016 and expiring May 31, 2021 was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. LaPointe and adopted.

VETERANS – Sam Hall, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- EOC Celebration for 50 Years of Operations scheduled for March 17th. A motion to present a resolution in recognition of EOC's 50 years of operations was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Moore and adopted.
- Introduced Andy DePalo, Deputy Director of Veterans Services – Mr. Hall plans to retire in April. He would like Mr. DePalo appointed at the March meeting to allow him time to make the appropriate contacts with agencies they work with for a smooth transition. A motion to recommend to the full Board in March the appointment of Andy DePalo to the position of Veterans Services Director was moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted. Mr. DePalo stated he was in the military, Army National Guard, for twenty-five years and retired in 2009. He worked in a federal program that supported soldiers and their families. Has worked in the Washington County Veterans Services Agency since January 2014.

The meeting adjourned 11:15 A.M.

*Respectfully submitted,
Debra Prehoda, Clerk
Washington County Board of Supervisors*

Zika Virus

Zika Information line

1 (888) 364-4723 Monday - Friday (9 am to 6 pm)

- [Health Advisory: Zika Virus Testing Process - February 9, 2016 \(PDF, 112KB\)](#)
- [Health Advisory: Zika Virus Testing Now Available to All Pregnant Women in New York State - February 4, 2016 \(PDF, 84KB\)](#)
- [Webinar: Zika Virus - What New York State Clinicians Need to Know - February 1, 2016 \(PDF, 900KB\)](#)
- [Informational Message: Interim Guidelines for Pregnant Women During A Zika Virus Outbreak - January 20, 2016 \(PDF, 446KB\)](#)
- [Health Advisory: Zika Virus - January 16, 2016 \(PDF, 778KB\)](#)

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Zika virus?

Zika is a flavivirus related to dengue, West Nile, yellow fever and Japanese encephalitis. It was first isolated in 1947 from a Rhesus monkey in the Zika region of Uganda and in 1968 from a human in Nigeria. Since that time, serologic evidence of human infections has been reported in several countries in tropical Africa and parts of Southeast Asia. In addition, Zika virus has been implicated as the cause of three mosquito-borne disease outbreaks outside of Africa and Asia, including Micronesia in 2007, French Polynesia in 2013, and the current outbreak in the Americas, which was first identified in May of 2015.

What are the symptoms of Zika virus?

Infection with Zika virus is usually mild. About one in five people develop symptoms; hospitalization is rare. If someone is going to have symptoms, they usually start between 2-7 days following the bite of an infected mosquito. The most common symptoms are:

- acute onset of fever
- maculopapular rash (a rash that is red with small bumps)
- joint pain
- conjunctivitis ("pink eye", inflammation or infection of the eye)

Other symptoms may include headache, muscle pain, pain behind the eyes, and vomiting. If present, symptoms typically last several days to a week.

There is no evidence that Zika virus can cause death. However, sporadic cases have been reported of more serious manifestations and complications in patients with preexisting diseases or conditions, causing death.

Is there a treatment for Zika virus infection? Is there a vaccine for Zika virus?

No vaccines or medications are available to prevent or treat Zika virus infections.

If someone is ill as a result of Zika virus, the symptoms should be treated. This includes getting plenty of rest, drinking fluids to prevent dehydration, and taking medicines, such as acetaminophen or paracetamol, to relieve fever and pain. Because other infections can look like Zika virus, aspirin and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), like ibuprofen and naproxen, should be avoided until other illnesses like dengue fever can be ruled out to reduce the risk of hemorrhage.

As always, if you are taking medicine for another medical condition, talk to your healthcare provider before taking additional medication.

Why is Zika virus significant for women who are pregnant, or are trying to become pregnant?

There have been reports in Brazil and other countries of microcephaly in babies of mothers who were infected with Zika virus while pregnant. While more studies are needed to learn more about the risks of Zika virus infection during pregnancy, public health authorities are recommending that pregnant women, women actively trying to become pregnant, or women of child-bearing age take special precautions to reduce their risk of exposure to Zika virus. Given the possible link between infection with Zika virus and microcephaly, pregnant women should be advised to consult with their OB/GYN to discuss further evaluation.

For more information on Zika and pregnancy:

- [Question and Answers: Zika virus infection \(Zika\) and pregnancy](#)
- [The Pan American Health Organization \(PAHO\)](#)

What are the recommendations for testing pregnant women returning from Zika virus affected areas?

- In New York State, Zika virus testing will be offered to pregnant women, who traveled to an area with active Zika virus transmission at any point during or immediately before pregnancy. Testing is being offered to pregnant women at any point during pregnancy.

CDC has issued [interim guidelines for testing pregnant women](#) returning from Zika virus affected areas.

What precautions should pregnant women take to be safe from infection with Zika Virus if their sexual partner has traveled to a country with ongoing Zika virus transmission?

CDC and NYSDOH recommend that until more is known, males who have traveled to or live in an area with active Zika virus transmission and are sexual partners of pregnant women, abstain from sex or consistently and correctly use latex condoms during each act of vaginal, anal, or oral sex for the duration of the pregnancy. Fact sheets on condoms and information on using condoms correctly are available from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and CDC at

<https://www.aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/prevention/reduce-your-risk/using-condoms/> and <http://www.cdc.gov/condomeffectiveness/brief.html#Condom>.

Are there recommendations for health care providers?

CDC has issued a health alert on recognizing, managing, and reporting Zika virus infections. That alert can be found here:

- [Recognizing, Managing, and Reporting Zika Virus Infections in Travelers Returning from Central America, South America, the Caribbean, and Mexico](#)

Have there been cases in New York, or in other parts of the United States?

There have been cases in travelers who have returned from areas where Zika virus is common.

Is there a risk of getting infected with Zika virus in New York?

In almost all cases, Zika virus is transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito. Once warmer weather arrives, mosquitoes become active, and there may be a small risk of locally acquired cases in parts of New York where a certain mosquito species, *Aedes albopictus*, is present. The distribution of this mosquito is currently limited to New York City and the following counties: Nassau, Putnam, Orange, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester.

NYSDOH has been tracking the distribution and abundance of this species of mosquito, and will continue to do so.

What is NYSDOH and its local health departments doing to protect New Yorkers from Zika virus?

NYSDOH is concerned about returning travelers, particularly pregnant women. Because New York is such a large travel destination with a cosmopolitan population, it is likely that there will be many travel-associated cases of people with Zika virus infection living in and seeking care in New York.

Laboratory testing is available at NYSDOH's Wadsworth Laboratories. Wadsworth is one of only a few state public health laboratories outside of the CDC that can test for Zika virus. We have reached out to medical providers via health advisories and informational messages to educate them on how to diagnose Zika virus, and how to submit samples for testing. This communication will continue as needed.

We are continuing to track the distribution of *Aedes albopictus* through enhanced mosquito surveillance. These webpages will continue to be updated to educate the public about Zika virus and reducing risk for mosquito bites when traveling.

County health departments will be investigating suspect cases of Zika virus, and should obtain the following information: symptom onset date, list of clinical signs and symptoms, travel history including dates and location, co-morbidities and pregnancy status, and relevant laboratory testing.

In the months when mosquitoes are active in New York, cases of Zika virus pose a risk of transmission during their first week of infection, when local mosquito populations in southeastern

areas of the state can obtain Zika virus from them and potentially pass it on to others. As such, during the spring, summer and fall, county health departments will be asked to investigate Zika virus cases in a timely manner and work with health care providers to counsel suspect cases on the importance of avoiding further mosquito exposure by staying indoors or wearing insect repellent during the first week of symptoms.

For Additional Information:

- [CDC's Zika Virus Home Page](#)
- [CDC Health Advisory for Providers](#)
- [CDC printable Fact Sheets and Posters](#)
- [Geographic Distribution of Zika Virus](#)
- [CDC's Zika and Pregnancy Page](#)
- [CDC Interim Guidelines for Pregnant Women](#)
- [CDC Zika virus Travel Health Notices](#)
- [Risk reduction steps for prevent mosquito bites](#)
- [Pan American Health Organization \(PAHO\) Zika Virus Home Page](#)
- [PAHO Printable Communication Materials](#)
- [WHO Zika virus fact sheet](#)
- [Surveillance and Control of *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* in the United States](#)

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Washington County Office for Aging and Disability Resource Center

Washington County Office for Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is a collaborative effort between the Department of Social Services and the Office for the Aging, providing unbiased information and access to home and community based services for aging and disabled populations under the NY Connects Program.

Services Offered

- * In-Home Personal Care Assistance for Non-Medicaid Individuals Over 60 (to include, but not limited to, light housekeeping, escort to appointments, meal preparation, shopping, dressing, bathing, personal care and other instrumental activities of daily living)
- * Consumer Directed Personal Care Assistance Program
- * Caregiver Support Services (to include: in-home personal care assistance (as described above), companionship, support group, social adult day care, personal emergency response services)
- * Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Assistance (HIICAP)
- * Home Delivered Meals
- * Senior Dining Program
- * Nutrition Counseling
- * Nutrition Education
- * Restaurant Dining Program
- * Transportation
- * Personal Emergency Response Services (Medical Alert)
- * Legal Assistance
- * Social Adult Day Care Services
- * Senior Center Recreation and Education
- * Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- * Emergency Planning
- * Farmer's Market Coupons
- * Senior of the Year Program
- * Senior Events (i.e. Picnic, High School Plays, Health Insurance Expo, Holiday Cookie Exchange, etc.)
- * NY Connects Services (Options Counseling and Information and Assistance for Long Term Care planning for those 18 and older)

Senior Dining Locations

- **Cambridge Senior Center**
(518) 677-8592
- **Hudson Falls/Ft Edward Senior Center**
(518) 747-9352
- **Salem - St. Paul's Rectory**
(518) 854-7294
- **Whitehall - American Legion**
(518) 499-2482

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Important Telephone Numbers

**Washington County Office for Aging and Disabilities
Resource Center**
518-746-2420 or 1-800-848-3303

NY Connects, Choices for Long Term Care
1-800-342-9871

Washington County

Adult Protective Services Hotline	844-697-3505
County Clerk	746-2170
EOC - Economic Oppor. Council	746-2390
Fraud Line for Wash. Co.	1-800-771-7755
Free Tax Assistance	1-800-211-5128
HEAP (Heating Assistance)	746-2236
Motor Vehicles	746-2162
Office for the Aging (ADRC)	746-2420
Public Health	746-2400
Real Property Tax Service	746-2130
SNAP (Food Stamps)	746-2300
Social Services	746-2300
Veteran's Services	746-2470
Wash. Co. Cornell Coop. Ext.	746-2560

Service Organizations

Alzheimer's Association	867-4999
American Red Cross	792-6545
Glens Falls Assoc. for the Blind	792-3421
High Peaks Hospice	743-1692
HUD - Sec 8 Housing	372-8846x16
Lifeline/GFH Medical Alert Serv.	409-8100
Mental Health/Community Serv.	792-7143
RSVP -Retired Senior & Vol. Prog.	743-9158
Saratoga Office for the Aging	884-4100
So. Adk. Independent Living	793-3537
The Conkling Center	793-1494
Tri-County United Way	793-3136
US Social Security - Queensbury Office	877-405-4875
Warren Co. Office for the Aging	761-6347

Senior Dining Sites

Salem Site	854-7294
Cambridge Site	677-8592
Hudson Falls Site	747-9352
Whitehall Site	499-2482

Senior Citizen Clubs

Max McDonnell, President 747-9352

Food Pantries

Argyle UP Church	638-8072
Loaves & Fishes	677-7008
Church of Messiah	792-1560
Cornerstone Soup Kitchen	747-9042
Cossayuna Mobile Food Pantry	538-3522
Family Serv. Assoc.	793-0797
Fort Edward Food Pantry	747-5939
Granville Ecumenical	642-1262
Greenwich Food Pantry	538-3522
Hartford Food Pantry	632-5805
Hoosick Area Church Assoc.	686-5163
Hudson Falls Bread of Life	747-2808
Moreau Comm. Ctr.	792-6007
Open Door Mission	792-5900
SAFER - Schuylerville	260-4779
Salem Food Pantry	854-9511
	854-4930
Salvation Army	792-1960
St. Mary's Church	792-0989 x110
Washington Cty. Social Serv.	793-2300
Washington Cty. EOC	746-2390
Whitehall Food Pantry	499-2039



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Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell
Executive Director

2016 Goals

- To continue to expand and enhance the current NY Connects information and referral services program by increasing the parameters of the “no wrong door” philosophy for the delivery of long term services and supports in our community.
- To continue to participate in community level collaborations built by the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program.
- To expand the safety net for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer’s Disease by recognizing and addressing the need for supports and stress reduction by working in partnership with the Center for Neurobehavioral Health (SUNY Plattsburgh) and The Alzheimer’s Association of Northeastern New York.

Medically Assisted Treatment

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Panel Discussion

March 23, 2016

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

383 Broadway, Fort Edward NY

Building B, Basement Training Rooms 1 & 2

LUNCH PROVIDED

Speakers:

Introduction by Patty Hunt, Director of Washington Co. Public Health

Information on Vivitrol (MAT option) by Michael Peluso

Overview of practice at Albany Co. Jail by Sheriff Craig Apple

Panel:

Questions regarding Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) will be addressed by a panel of experts:

Kellee Monahan, Warren Co. Felony Drug Treatment Court

Jennifer Neifeld, Baywood Center

Sue Roberts, Center for Recovery

Charlie Moak, Conifer Park

Wrap Up:

Mike Gray, Director of Alternative Sentencing/Youth Bureau

Target Audience:

Public Health; DSS; Parole
Alternatives to Incarceration; Sheriff's Office
Felony Drug Court Treatment Team
Treatment Providers; District Attorney Office
Probation; Family Treatment Court Team

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