

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2020

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Clary, Campbell, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Wilson

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Skellie

SUPERVISORS: Hall, Henke, Shaw, Hicks, O'Brien

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Al Nolette, County Treasurer

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Chris DeBolt, County Administrator

Patty Hunt, Director Public Health

Tina McDougall, PH Financial Manager

Tammy DeLorme, Commissioner DSS

Mike Gray, Director Youth Bureau

Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, OFA/ADRC Director

Rob York, Mental Health Director

Ken Winchell, Veterans Services Director

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AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1) Call to Order

2) Accept Minutes – November 20, 2019

3) Department Reports/Requests:

A. Public Health

1) Request for Budget Amendment – Carryover Grant Monies

2) Discuss 1% Medicaid Reduction

3) Annual Report & Community Health Assessment, Improvement Plan

4) Overnight Training/Conference Request – Lead Program

5) Purchase Request – Lead Program

6) Miscellaneous

B. Mental Health

1) Mental Health Program Updates

2) 2019 NYS Chargeback Expenses Report

C. DSS

1) Department Updates

2) Initial Reaction to Executive Budget

D. Youth Bureau

1) Department Updates

2) Approval for Refreshment Purchases

3) Request for Resolution – Accept Additional Community of Practice Funds

E. ADRC/OFA

1) Department Updates

2) MOU – Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley

3) Manchester Newspaper Agreement – Printing/Mailing of Senior Times

4) OFA Advisory Council Appointments

5) Request for Resolution – DSRIP Funding – Unmet Needs

4) Other Business

5) Adjournment

Chairwoman Clary called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

A motion to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson and adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/REQUESTS:

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

- Budget Amendment – Carryover Unspent Grant Monies:
 - DSRIP Funds - \$5,342.11- DSRIP funds received late in 2019.
 - DSRIP Funds - \$83,296

- Child Passenger Safety Grant - \$12,800
- Preparedness Grant - \$29,064
- Early Intervention - \$9,419

A motion to carry forward unspent grant funds from 2019 to the 2020 budget was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson and adopted.

- Discuss 1% Medicaid Reduction – Does not believe it will affect Public Health unless it impacts managed Medicaid contracts but to date no letters from managed Medicaid companies. Pre-school special education Medicaid reimbursement was carved out of this reduction.
- Annual Report & Community Health Assessment, Improvement Plan - Chairwoman Clary complimented the Public Health Director on the great job she did with the 2019-2021 Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement report. Supervisors were also previously provided with a copy of the 2018 Annual Report. The Annual Report is the best reflection of what they are doing; programs and numbers served, funding and how that funding is used. The biggest increases are usually in their pre-school education program and that is their largest expenditure. The number of children they serve has gone up about forty (40) to (50) children in the last three years; increasing by approximately twenty (20) children a year. Welcomed Supervisors to visit or call her office with any questions. Reports will be posted on the County's website.
- Overnight Training/Conference Request – Lead Poisoning and Prevention Program – Washington County is ranked number three in the State as far as lead poisoning in children and the primary reason for that is our older housing. The State lowered the level last year and have experienced a significant increase in the number of children seen. A regional meeting will be held in Poughkeepsie on February 11th and requesting the Lead Poisoning and Prevention nurses attend. The meeting starts at 8:30 A.M. and requesting an overnight stay on February 10th, associated tolls and meals – dinner Monday night, breakfast and dinner Tuesday – lunch provided, expenses covered by lead grant. A motion to approve overnight stay and related expenses for regional Lead Poisoning and Prevention Program training in Poughkeepsie on February 10th and 11th was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.
- Purchase Request – Lead Program – Requesting to purchase seed packets with information for community outreach at a cost of \$40.95. This same outreach with the seed packets was done last year and very successful. A motion to approve seed packet expense for Lead Program outreach was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.
- Miscellaneous:
 - Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Group – Public Health Supervising Nurse Theresa Roberts has chaired the committee and because of that work the NYS Health Department appealed to them for a planning grant – Health Department – rural pilot. The grant could be up to \$50,000 for the region and Washington County would be the lead agency. The work scope is fairly vague and looking at centralized services for women and children affected by addiction. NYS Health Department needs to know if we are interested in leading this planning grant and then they would move it forward to the Division of Budget. Permission to explore grant and move forward was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.

- EMS – Secured funding for local EMS to do simulation labs at SUNY Adirondack.
- Starting next round of Tai Chi for Arthritis. This helps prevent falls and injuries and they work in conjunction with the Office for the Aging. Classes will be held in Greenwich and Kingsbury, flyer attached.
- Request to apply through Adirondack Health Institute for prevention agenda project funding in the amount of \$1,000. This is annual funding they make available through the Rural Health Network. Last year they used this funding to purchase tick kits. This is funding they can use towards projects they have identified in their community health assessment and that does not have to come out of their budget. Permission to apply for the \$1,000 funding but no specific idea of the prevention agenda project at this time was moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.
- Novel Coronavirus - NYS has a total of 11 people under investigation; main source students returning to universities. The State lab is working on coming up to speed on testing; currently all testing done at the CDC. Urged everyone to get their flu shot.
- Effects of the Governor's budget unknown at this time. Article VI funding appears not to be changed but concern with linking it with Child Health Plus.
- Early Intervention – Governor has a provision in the budget to bill private providers first before it hits the county and state escrow accounts for Early Intervention services. County Administrator feels it will impact our billing. Public Health stated they are not responsible for the billing.

MENTAL HEALTH – Robert York, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Stigma for mental health issues – More is being done but it is still a problem. The contract agencies that they work with have become savvier with social media for outreach, counties are doing good for the employees through EAP and they are doing more, and agencies are promoting a program Mental Health First Aid - Mental Health 101 program and making it available to community organizations. They work with the Council of Prevention and they do a lot of work in the schools and coordinating a suicide prevention coalition. Society wide it is still a big problem.
- Program Updates:
 - Overview of Program – Presentation next month.
 - Transition of outpatient mental health services at GF Hospital – Mental Health worked closely with them and have been a great partner and another provider has been identified; Citizen Advocates. Working on transition plan and probably by summer. Still getting the same services just provided by Citizen Advocates. A new provider Northern Rivers is also coming into the area to provide much needed services because there are waiting lists.
 - Community Services Board Meetings – schedule of meetings included in handout.
- 2019 Forensic Psychiatric Expenses A.4390.4290 – This budget account pays for Family Court evaluations, Criminal Procedure Law evaluations – competency to stand trial and Office of Mental Health chargebacks. If someone is reprimanded to a state facility the cost is split 50/50 between the state and county. The County share is around \$500 per day. This account is currently over budget by \$48,643. Two individuals are still in the facility. A motion to amend 2019 budget for forensic psychiatric expenses in the amount of \$48,643

and forward to the Finance Committee for consideration was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson and adopted. He will bring reports quarterly.

- Highlights and achievements/Goals of Office of Community Services included in handout.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – Commissioner DeLorme addressed the following items:

- Information on the department will be provided to all Supervisors.
- Amend 2019 budget to cover shortfall due to a youth housed in a State detention facility – unexpected expense. – The 2020 budget was amended by \$166,000 to cover the expected costs in 2020 but there are also bills due from 2019 for November and December totaling \$27,146. Detention is a 50/50 split between the County and State. A motion to amend 2019 budget to cover shortfall due to detention in the amount of \$27,146 and forward to the Finance Committee for consideration was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson and adopted. Resolution No. 31 of 2020 amended the 2020 budget using an old rate of \$451. The State has since released a new rate that is higher making the 2020 amendment short and that person will be in detention for the entire year. The new rate for the County is \$530.71; 50% share of the cost with the State picking up the other 50%. Projected shortage of \$29,000 in 2020 budget – State Training line - due to this new rate. This does not have to be addressed right now but wanted to make the committee aware of shortage. The County Administrator agreed with waiting and address at the end of this fiscal year. The Treasurer would like to discuss the philosophical path forward for this Board regarding use of appropriated fund balance verses contingency.
- Initial Reaction to Executive Budget – Medicaid costs (federal program) and states can decide to offer other additional services through Medicaid. Medicaid in New York is a pretty nice program being referred to as a Cadillac version. The feds require us to pay for it because Medicaid administration is done by the Department of Social Services and the cost to the County appears in the Social Services budget and it is a cost to the County. The cap instituted in 2005 kept the program at a 3% growth. There has been growth in the cost of the program statewide. The Governor has commented that this is an unsigned check that is given to the counties that the State is paying and counties are giving away the service and that is simply not accurate. Because the State did attempt to take over Medicaid administration, they now do about 55% of the eligibility statewide. The remaining 45% which includes nursing home or in home receiving services, long term care and disability are the eligibility that DSS is determining within the county but still looking at the federal and state requirements for that. Stating the counties have control of this and that the program has accelerated because the counties have been bad is completely inaccurate. Unsure at this time where it is all headed. Mentioned has been a possible cap on the FMAP to counties – probably won't receive funding due from previous years, local governments must remain under the 2% property cap or risk benefits of staying under the Medicaid cap and if local governments exceed 3% of Medicaid growth, they will have to pay the amount over the 3% cap. The State has projected the growth rate will be about 8%. There is a Medicaid Redesign team that is being recommissioned. The County Administrator recommended possibly at the Finance Committee consider a resolution to have the

counties have a seat at the table on the Medicaid Redesign team because as of now we do not. The Governor is projecting \$150M in savings from this provision. The County Administrator is planning to make a presentation to the Finance Committee of the potential executive budget impacts on the County. This is another funding stream he is tying to the tax cap compliance. Other possible hits to DSS include the FFFS (Flexible Funds for Family Services) funding which is 100% TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families - federal) funding that is money the state holds and passes to the County which supposedly allows us to flexibly decide what we want to fund. There are a lot of mandates within that funding and it includes a child welfare threshold – they give us the money then they state this is the threshold you must meet before you can use the rest of the money for anything else. The funding for FFFS has been flat for several years but increasing the child welfare threshold. They are stating it is a \$25M funding decrease but it is because the child welfare threshold has been increased by \$40M. Unknown impact to County but hopeful for a relatively small amount. Legislative add ons are not in the budget and one of concern is the Safe Harbour program funding that DSS receives and forwards to Alternative Sentencing/Youth Bureau for program administration. Another issue: children in school districts with special education needs on occasion have to be placed residentially and then becomes funded through DSS – resident cost and schools pick up education part which is going to increase. Under raise the age, youths 16 and 17 will now be under the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and we pay for the custody and previously they were sent to DOCCS (Dept. of Corrections) custody. The County Administrator stated in the executive budget there are new requirements for the Homeless Plan that DSS has to submit regarding a veterans provision which will require state accreditation and also a kinship first firewall regarding foster care and placing a child with a relative as a first option which is what they already do now requiring documentation and a provision at the federal level for parental representation at Family Court – State will be looking for pilot program and he would like to participate; revenue for an expense we are already incurring.

YOUTH BUREAU – Mike Gray, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- State Budget – Safe Harbour not included in the executive budget and we are in last year of our current funding cycle. Also not included was the discretionary funding for the Youth Board.
- Youth Leadership Forum to State Capital – Five youths will be attending the Youth Leadership Forum at the State Capital and requesting permission to purchase lunch. A motion to approve lunch expense for youth attending Youth Leadership Forum in Albany was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted. This is a budgeted expense.
- Approval for Refreshment/Food Purchases – Requesting permission to purchase refreshments/food for various activities: spring cleanup for the parks, kids in juvenile justice program, foster care gathering/event and thinking for change classes - cognitive behavior class, and various other meetings for a total cost of \$500. A motion to approve refreshment/food purchases in the amount of \$500 was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson and adopted. This is a budgeted expense.

- Winter Fest is scheduled for Saturday, February 1st from 10AM to 3PM. This is a collaborate effort with other county departments. The event is free and about 350 people attend.
- Governor's Youth Council – This is an advisory council to the Governor on youth issues. He has forwarded the names of three youths to the Governor's Office and should know by mid-February.
- Safe Sitter class scheduled for February school break; 2/20 at Greenwich Youth Center from 9AM to 3PM.
- Resolution to Accept Additional Rural Community of Practice Funds – Last year received \$42,000 in funding for a Rural Community Practice grant that was a bi-county collaboration with Warren County and the funding was split. The State will give us an additional \$10,000 to be expended by 3/31. With this additional funding he is requesting to purchase items to further support the recreation programs: GaGa ball to loan out, vaping is huge in the schools and would like to purchase 250 online licenses to a curriculum which he would provide at no cost to the schools and probation/community organizations, for the foster care program when there are adoptions purchase books to give to the child/youth about other children/youths going through the same process estimating \$250, continuation to fund Mediation Matters – service provider at a cost of \$3,000 and any leftover funds would be used to buy items for recreation programs for the towns. Intended purchases are an estimated cost and actual cost might be different. A motion to accept additional Rural Community of Practice funds and related purchases was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson and adopted.
- Invited Supervisors to call or stop down to his department

OFA/ADRC – Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Department Updates:
 - Services Offered – handout attached. Annual report in March.
- MOU – Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley – NY Connects is a program to answer questions, information and referrals on long term care. In 2017 entered into an MOU with the Independent Living Center covering both regional and local center – Southern Adirondack Independent Living Center. The local center is no longer operating under the NY Connects program and need to engage in a new MOU with the regional Independent Living Center incorporating the Office of the Aging and Department of Social Services. With the partnership they have with NY Connects there is no money exchanged between OFA and the Independent Living Center; the State pays the Independent Living Center separately. The MOU is for a working partnership between the agencies to provide a well-balanced program. A motion to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the regional Independent Living Center was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson and adopted.
- Manchester Newspaper Agreement – Quarterly Printing/Mailing of Senior Times – OFA has a partnership arrangement with Manchester Newspaper for the printing and mailing of the Senior Times and OFA only pays for the postage under federal Title III B funds which has a 10% match. Manchester Newspapers under the new ownership will continue to compile the

articles submitted, design of newspaper and maintain sales with the businesses that advertise. Due to the new ownership of the newspaper requesting to enter into a new agreement with the same terms as with the prior owners. Under the Procurement Policy requesting this be considered a professional service and waive the bidding process. A motion to waive the bidding process under the Procurement Policy for professional services provided by Manchester Newspapers, still only paying for the postage, was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted. Last year the postage cost was \$3,744.97 and the 10% County match \$374.50.

- OFA Advisory Council Appointments – Town Supervisors nominate individuals to serve on the council; list attached. A motion to appoint and reappoint individuals to the OFA Advisory Council for a two-year term expiring December 2021 was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson and adopted.
- Resolution – DSRIP Funding – Unmet Needs – A motion to carry forward 2019 unspent DSRIP funding (Delivery System Reform Incentive Program) \$9,200 and Unmet Needs allocation \$40,000 and forward to the Finance Committee for consideration was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Veterans Services – Ken Winchell, Director, introduced himself to the new committee members and provided a brief overview of his office: advocate for veterans within the county and a lot of what they do is through the VA (federal) and provide resources on State and local level such as property tax exemptions, housing, and health care benefits through the VA. Welcomed Supervisors to stop down to the office.

A motion to adjourn was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted. The meeting adjourned at 12:37 P.M.

Debra Prehoda, Clerk
Washington County Board of Supervisors

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2020!

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Tai Chi for Arthritis is an evidenced based program that has been proven to help reduce the risk of falls by:

- Movement control
- Weight transference
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- ♦ Classes are Taught by Certified Tai Chi Instructors.
- ♦ Classes are held 2 times a week, for 8 weeks.
- ♦ You will be given handouts to support what is covered in class, to help with your practice at home.
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Community Services Board And Subcommittees Meeting Schedules

2020

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

(Unless otherwise noted, meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:00p.m.)

January	09	May	14	September	10
February	13	June	11	October	08
March	12	July	09	November	12
April	09	August (no meeting)		December	10

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Mental Health / Addiction Recovery:

On the following dates from 10 - 12 Noon:

January 10th; April 10th; July 10th; October 9th

Developmental Disabilities:

On the following dates from 1 - 3 PM:

January 7th; May 5th; September 1st

Children & Families:

On the following dates from 10 - 12 Noon:

January 15th, May 6th, September 09th

NOTE:

**Unless otherwise announced, all meetings will be held at the Office of Community Services, 230 Maple Street, Glens Falls. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed.*

Washington County
2019 Forensic Psychiatric Expenses

	2019 Budgeted	2019 Expenses
A4390.4290	\$35,000	

Expense Detail:

		#
Family Court Evals	\$5,042	7
CPL 730 Examinations	\$5,163	28
CPL 390.30 Examinations	\$75	1
OMH Chargebacks	\$73,363	144
	\$83,643	\$509/day

	2018 Budgeted	2018 Expenses
A4390.4290	\$35,000	
Reso 262/2018	\$20,000	
Reso 325/2018	\$180,000	
Total	\$235,000	

Expense Detail:

		#
Family Court Evals	\$8,381	12
CPL 730 Examinations	\$5,536	41
CPL 390.30 Examinations	\$0	
OMH Chargebacks	\$188,915	377 days
	\$202,832	\$501/day

	2017 Budgeted	2017 Expenses
A4390.4290	\$35,000	

Expense Detail:

		#
Family Court Evals	\$10,583	13
CPL 730 Examinations	\$2,200	22
CPL 390.30 Examinations	\$260	1
OMH Chargebacks	\$18,988	47 days
	\$32,031	\$404/day

	2016 Budgeted	2016 Expenses
A4390.4290	\$70,000	

Expense Detail:

		#
Family Court Evals	\$7,049	10
CPL 730 Examinations	\$2,800	28
CPL 390.30 Examinations	\$0	0
OMH Chargebacks	\$8,758	22 days
	\$18,607	\$398/day

2019 Highlights/Achievements - Office of Community Services

- Implemented residential substance abuse stabilization and rehabilitation services for women in the community through the opening of an 18-bed Women's Residential Rehabilitation facility in Queensbury, operated by the Addictions Care Center of Albany.
- Identified a provider of outpatient behavioral health services, Citizen Advocates, Inc., to assume the outpatient behavioral health services that Glens Falls Hospital currently operates, but plans to discontinue in 2020.
- Advanced processes for increasing access to outpatient mental health clinic services through identification of a new outpatient clinic provider, Northern Rivers, who will open a new OMH-certified mental health clinic in Glens Falls serving up to 500 children and 500 adults.
- Increased access to outpatient mental health services for children and youth through the development of school-based mental health clinic satellites in Fort Edward and Johnsbury School Districts, both operated by Northern Rivers.
- Assisted in the development and expansion of jail-based transition coordination services. The ABLE (Alternatives for Better Living Experiences) program, operated by the Baywood Center, assists inmates in preparing for release and making the necessary connections to housing, services and supports to promote a successful transition back to the community.
- Recruited a veteran to sit on the Community Services Board and participate in the subcommittee planning processes.
- Expanded the number of potential providers for CPL §730 court-ordered examinations by one, adding an additional local psychologist to the provider list.
- Advanced community and provider education/awareness regarding prescription drug abuse/heroin use through active participation in the Hometown vs. Heroin and Addiction Coalition and their Treatment Subcommittee.
- Continued active involvement and support of the Suicide Prevention Coalition facilitated by the Council for Prevention.
- Assisted in the implementation of the Joseph P. Dwyer veteran's peer-to-peer support program. This program is a joint program for Warren and Washington Counties. A Coordinator was hired and services launched.
- Building on the Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) workshop conducted in 2017, our office has continued to convene regular coordination meetings with local law enforcement agencies, jails and community providers regarding behavioral health issues. This group has become the Criminal Justice and Community Services Task Force. Members explore opportunities for diversion of individuals with serious mental illness from the criminal justice system, as well as improvement of services to those who do become involved in the criminal justice system.
- Secured funding and conducted an additional Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for local law enforcement agencies. This intensive, week-long training in mental health and substance abuse for law enforcement officers was conducted in November, 2019. The class included participation from two law enforcement agencies, jail corrections officers, probation officers, and alternative sentencing staff.

2020 Goals – Office of Community Services

- Transition outpatient behavioral health services and family support services from Glens Falls Hospital to Citizen Advocates, Inc., with as least disruption as possible to staff and clients. This transition is targeted for the first or second quarter of 2020.
- Oversee the successful opening of a new outpatient mental health clinic in Glens Falls, operated by Northern Rivers, to serve an additional 500 adults and 500 children/youth in our community. This opening is targeted for the first quarter of 2020 and will include open access hours (walk-in access).
- Advance development of residential substance abuse stabilization and rehabilitation services for men in the community through our contract with the Addictions Care Center of Albany by assisting them in securing appropriate facilities and necessary approvals to become operational.
- Develop and implement jail-based substance abuse treatment services in both Warren and Washington County Jails.
- Assist the County Veteran's Services Offices in further development of the Joseph P. Dwyer veteran's peer-to-peer support program.
- Develop school-based mental health services in at least two new school districts.
- Continue to advance local provider projects related to development of telemental health services within the local behavioral health provider system.
- Implement specific strategies as identified through the Suicide Prevention Coalition in an effort to reduce the number of suicide attempts and deaths by suicide, as well as to address the needs of survivors of suicide (family and friends of those who die by suicide).
- Arrange for at least five additional local presentations of Adult and Youth Mental Health First Aid Community Training through various local provider agencies that have staff trained to provide the training.
- Secure appropriate HIPAA-compliance training for all Office of Community Services staff.
- Continue schedule of staff training in use of PSYCKES Medicaid database to assist in system oversight/monitoring and planning.
- Continue to convene regular Criminal Justice/Community Services Task Force meetings to identify and implement at least one criminal justice diversion project and one service improvement project for individuals with serious mental illness and/or addiction.
- Develop local Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) capacity through participation in the CIT Train-the-Trainer course. An additional CIT training course will then be planned for 2020 or 2021.
- Provide necessary assistance and support to the Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health to begin construction and operation of a 28-unit specialized housing project in Glens Falls.
- Offer at least one Disaster Mental Health Team training opportunity for members of the County Disaster Mental Health Team for Warren and Washington Counties.
- Work with local providers to develop ambulatory detox services to address the heroin and opioid addiction crisis.
- Secure ongoing funding source for the ABLE (Alternatives for Better Living Experiences) program, operated by the Baywood Center, assists inmates in preparing for release and making the necessary connections to housing, services and supports to promote a successful transition back to the community.
- Assist the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team, operated by Northern Rivers, to reach full capacity, to ensure maximization of the resource and fiscal sustainability.

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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 and Medicaid individuals of all ages (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 for non-Medicaid and Medicaid individuals.
- * Caregiver Support Services (to include: in-home personal care assistance (as described above), companionship, support group, social adult day care, personal emergency response services, respite, etc.)
- * Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Assistance (HIICAP)
- * Adult Protective Services (Guardianship, Representative Payee and Investigations)
- * Home Delivered Meals
- * Senior Dining Site Program
- * Nutrition Counseling by a Registered Dietitian
- * 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
- * Evidenced Based Programs- Savvy Caregiver and Tai Chi
- * Farmer's Market Coupons
- * Senior Times Newspaper
- * Senior Events (i.e. Picnic, High School Plays, Health & Wellness Expo, Senior of the Year Program, etc.)
- * NY Connects Services (Options Counseling and Information and Assistance for Long Term Care planning)

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**NY Connects, Choices for Long Term Services
and Supports 1-800-342-9871**

Washington County

Adult Protective Services Hotline	844-697-3505
County Clerk	(518) 746-2170
L.E.A.P - formally EOC	(518) 746-2390
Fraud Line for Wash. Co.	1-800-771-7755
Free Tax Assistance	1-800-211-5128
HEAP (Heating Assistance)	(518) 746-2236
Motor Vehicles	(518) 746-2162
Office for the Aging (ADRC)	(518) 746-2420
Public Health	(518) 746-2400
Real Property Tax Service	(518) 746-2130
SNAP (Food Stamps)	(518) 746-2300
Social Services	(518) 746-2300
Veteran's Services	(518) 746-2470
Homefront Development	(518) 747-8250
Wash. Co. Cornell Coop. Ext.	(518) 746-2560
USDA Rural Development	(518) 692-9940

Service Organizations

Alzheimer's Association	(518) 867-4999
American Red Cross	(518) 792-6545
Glens Falls Assoc. for the Blind	(518) 792-3421
High Peaks Hospice	(518) 743-1692
Community Hospice	(518) 581-0800
HUD - Sec 8 Housing	(518) 372-8846x16
Lifeline/GFH Medical Alert Serv.	(518) 409-8100
Mental Health/Community Serv.	(518) 792-7143
RSVP -Retired Senior & Vol. Prog.	(518) 743-9158
Saratoga Office for the Aging	(518) 884-4100
So. Adk. Independent Living	(518) 792-3537
The Conkling Center	(518) 793-1494
Tri-County United Way	(518) 793-3136
US Social Security - Queensbury Office	877-405-4875
Warren Co. Office for the Aging	(518) 761-6347
Legal Aide Society of Northeastern NY	(518) 587-5188

Senior Dining Sites

Cambridge Site	(518) 677-859
Hudson Falls Site	(518) 747-935
Whitehall Site	(518) 499-248

Senior Citizen Clubs of Washington County

Max McDonnell, President	(518) 747-935
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Food Pantries

Argyle UP Church	(518) 638-807
Loaves & Fishes	(518) 677-700
Church of Messiah	(518) 792-156
Cornerstone Soup Kitchen	(518) 747-681
Cornerstone Food Pantry (Ft. Ann)	(518)681-135
Cossayuna Mobile Food Pantry	(518) 538-352
Family Serv. Assoc.	(518) 793-079
Fort Edward Food Pantry	(518) 747-593
Granville Ecumenical	(518) 642-126
Greenwich Food Pantry	(518) 538-352
Hartford Food Pantry	(518) 632-580
Hoosick Area Church Assoc.	(518) 686-516
Hudson Falls Bread of Life	(518) 747-280
Moreau Comm. Ctr.	(518) 792-600
Open Door Mission	(518) 792-590
SAFER - Schuylerville	(518) 260-477
Salem Food Pantry	(518) 791-848
	(518) 854-493
Salvation Army	(518) 792-196
St. Mary's Church	(518) 792-0989 x11
Washington Cty. Social Serv.	(518) 746-230
Washington Cty. EOC	(518) 746-239
Whitehall Food Pantry	(518) 499-203





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MEMORANDUM

To: Health and Human Services Committee
C. DeBolt, County Administrator

From: Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell 

Date: January 29, 2020

Subject: OFA Advisory Council Reappointments and Appointments

I would like to request that the following individuals be reappointed or appointed to serve on the Office for Aging Advisory Council. This is a two-year term, for the period of December 2019 through December 2021:

- Sandra Lufkin - Argyle
- Margot Taylor - Easton
- Gretchen Stark – Fort Ann
- Val Baez – Granville
- Gerald Foelsch – Greenwich
- Marie McCotter – Hartford
- Alice Coldwell – Hebron
- Debbie Mumblo – Kingsbury
- Bruce Ferguson - Salem
- Patricia Provost - Whitehall
- Mary Ann Nichols – At large member
- Antonia Estrada – At Large member
- Jodie Smith – Department of Social Services Designee
- Max McDonnell – Community Organization Designee
- Patty Hunt – Public Health Designee