



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Time: 10:00 am

Location: ontariocountyny.webex.com

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2nd Floor Committee Room, 74 Ontario Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424

March 20, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| ○ Chairman Dan Marshall | ○ Supervisor Jim Kennedy |
| ○ Supervisor Norm Teed | ○ Supervisor Tammie Hicks |
| ○ Supervisor Jared Simpson | ○ Supervisor Fred Wille |

○ A quorum was present.

OTHERS PRESENT in addition to Committee members:

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| ○ Chairman Todd Campbell | ○ Barry McFadden, First Assistant County Attorney |
| ○ Chris DeBolt, County Administrator | ○ Marsha Foote, Youth Bureau Director |
| ○ Alissa Bub, Deputy County Administrator | ○ Tracey Dello Stritto, Partnership for Ontario County |
| ○ Eileen Tiberio, Director of DSS | ○ Abigail Marion, resident, T of Manchester |
| ○ Kate Ott, Director of Preventive Services | ○ Tom Gillette, resident T. of E. Bloomfield |
| ○ Irene Coveny, Director of Office for the Aging | ○ Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk to the BOS |

OTHERS PRESENT via WebEx

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| ○ Andrea McGraw, Deputy Commissioner, DSS | ○ Dr. Jessica Mitchell, Dir. of Mental Health |
| ○ Mike Sykes, Sr. Workforce Development Counselor | ○ Susan Smith, Veterans Services Director |
| ○ Mary Gates, Dir. of Finance | ○ Holly Smith, Grants Coordinator |

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dan Marshall called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

A motion to approve the February 27, 2023 and the March 9, 2023 meeting minutes as a block was made by Supervisor Kennedy, seconded by Supervisor Hicks. The motion carried.

PARTNESHIP FOR ONTARIO COUNTY

*Suicide Prevention Campaign
Lock and Talk*

Tracey Dello Stritto from the Partnership for Ontario County shared about a campaign through their Suicide Prevention Coalition. The Coalition has been under the Partnerships umbrella for approximately 4 years. They work collaboratively with Ontario County Public Health for a lot of the trainings and educational opportunities that they are providing through the Coalition. The Coalition heard about an evidence-based suicide prevention campaign program through the state of Virginia. The entire state of Virginia offered a program called Lock and Talk. Ms. Dello Stritto provided a flyer on the program. She said Lock and Talk is a comprehensive approach to suicide prevention; it is intended to prevent suicides by limiting access and having conversation about limiting access to lethal means which could mean firearms, medications, and other potentially dangerous items during a mental health crisis. It also talks about education on how to recognize and respond to warning signs of suicide. She said the state of Virginia rolled this program out 2 to 3 years ago and have had positive feed back across the state. The state has given their program to municipalities to be able to partner with as well. This is not advocating for the removal of 2nd Amendment rights; it has to do with the responsibility and securing a firearms lethal means and anything that has the potential for lethal means, not about taking guns away. Phase 1 of this program would be collaborating with a lot of folks who are gun owners, retailers and communicating the importance of securing firearms, and providing training.

	<p>Supervisor Kennedy asked what the metrics would be to determine if this is a success or not. Ms. Dello Stritto said she did not have the logic model with her, but ultimately, seeing a reduction in suicide is ultimately the goal. She said the advantage of working with Public Health, the demographics to measure the means can be provided by Public Health.</p> <p>Chairman Marshall asked if there was a plan to include schools in this project. Ms. Dello Stritto said ultimately year on is building the relationships establishing general understanding from folks who work with the firearm community.</p> <p>Supervisor Hicks asked how they planned on educating the community on recognizing and responding to the warnings. Ms. Dello Stritto said there is a website called Ontario Cares which has an array of resources for the community. They would like to loop the Lock and Talk program into that platform. they would reinforce it through any literature they have and will be rolled out in a phased attempt.</p>
PUBLIC HEALTH	
Resolution: <i>Choose Health Ontario Award – Victor Nelson</i>	<p>Kate Ott presented a resolution to Award Victor Nelson as the recipient to the Choose Health Award.</p> <p>Supervisor Kennedy motioned to approve the resolution. Supervisor Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p>
MENTAL HEALTH	
	Dr. Mitchell had no updates.
OFFICE FOR THE AGING	
<p>Resolution: <i>Authorization to Contract with Purfoods LLC dba Mom’s Meals for Home Delivered Meals - OFA</i></p> <p>Resolution: <i>Authorization to contract with Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.</i></p> <p>Resolution: <i>Authorization to Contract with Crooked Timber, LLC, dba Comfort Keepers – OFA</i></p> <p>Resolution: <i>Authorization to Contract with Flower City Habitat for Humanity dba Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity</i></p> <p>Resolution: <i>Proclamation Ontario County Proclaims May 2023 as Older Americans’ Month</i></p> <p>Updates</p>	<p>Irene Coveny presented a resolution to contract with Purfoods (Mom’s Meals) for home delivered meals. She noted the meals costs have gone from \$7.49 per meal last year to \$8.99 per meal this year.</p> <p>Ms. Coveny presented a resolution to contract with Legal Assistance of WNY.</p> <p>Ms. Coveny presented a resolution to contract with Crooked Timber (Comfort Keepers).</p> <p>Ms. Coveny presented a resolution to contract with Flower City Habitat for Humanity (Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity). She explained Habitat for Humanity of Ontario has merged with the Rochester based Habitat for Humanity, therefore, there is a change of the name. The contract remains the same for handicap ramps and minor repairs such as grab bars in showers.</p> <p>Supervisor Fred Wille motioned to approve the four resolutions as a block. Supervisor Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Coveny presented a resolution proclaiming May 2023 as Older Americans’ Month.</p> <p>Supervisor Simpson motioned to approve the resolution of proclamation. Supervisor Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>Irene Coveny gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nominations for the senior awards are out. They are planning an in-person celebration this year. • Every four years, Office for the Aging (OFA) is required to do a

	<p>community assessment. She said for the first time New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) has hired a company statewide to do that community needs assessment. She has put the link to the survey on the OC website and the OC Facebook page. The survey is until the end of March. She did suggest if they do not get enough data from this statewide survey, to do their own survey next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Governor’s budget; there were no increases in the budget, although she instituted the Master Plan on Aging, a fairly huge encompassing planning process to make this state age friendly, but did not make any investments in the aging network. They are doing a lot of advocacy; noting she has met with Senator Helming and Assemblyman Gallahan so far. She gave an example of fighting for fair pay for homecare workers The Governor did put in an increase of \$2.00 per hour last year and \$1.00 per hour going in this year. She said, unfortunately, that money was taken up by the administrative costs, rather than passing it on to the homecare workers. OFA did not receive any increases to cover their budget. She said they continue to push for fair wages to the homecare workers. Ms. Coveny said they are also pushing for home delivered meals noting how the costs have gone up. <p>Additional discussion took place regarding funding and the needs of the aging community.</p>
<p>YOUTH BUREAU</p>	
<p>Resolution: Authorization for 2023 Youth Development Agreements with the Youth Bureau</p> <p>Resolution: Authorization for 2023 Youth Sports and Education Agreements with the Youth Bureau</p> <p>Updates</p>	<p>Marsha Foote presented two resolutions to authorize agreements for the Youth Development funds and the Youth Sports and Education funds with the Youth Bureau. She noted these funds for these contracts are for nine months.</p> <p>Supervisor Kennedy motioned to approve the two resolutions as a block. Supervisor Fred Wille seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>Marsha Foote gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 29th – Resource fair at FLCC in Geneva • April 1st – Youth Awards at FLCC in Canandaigua • April 21st – Meeting with Senator Helming regarding funding for EPIC Zones in other county rural districts
<p>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES</p>	
<p>Updates</p>	<p>Eileen Tiberio gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the pandemic supports are going away. The people who have been on SNAP (Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program) previously known as “food stamps” will no longer be getting the additional supplements provided through the pandemic. They will continue to received the benefits that was given at the pre-pandemic level that was given in 2019. Ms. Tiberio said the problem with that is the cost of food has gone through the roof. She said in 2019, they issued approximately \$11.5 MM in SNAP benefits for Ontario County residents. In 2022, they issued approximately \$30 MM. She said that is almost a \$20MM hit. She expects to see a lot more food pantry pop ups. • On the Medicaid side, a lot of people will be losing benefits. She said with the pandemic, they were told to carry people without going

	through the certification of eligibility for their programs because they didn't want people to lose their insurance. Going forward starting in July, they have to start certifying their eligibility for Medicaid. She also said those people who get COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) benefits, could also affect their SNAP benefits.
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	
	Andrea McGraw had nothing new to report.
VETERANS' SERVICES	
	Susan Smith said there was nothing new to report.
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	
<i>Updates:</i>	<p>Chris DeBolt gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ARPA Community Grants Program received 9 responses to the RFP. • The Executive Order 18 RFP goes out today, this will bring in a consultant to get the Ontario County Advisory Team up and running. They hope to have the consultant on board by June 1st. • The Community Liaison position is still out for responses. • He did find out that Ontario County could use the ERMA (Emergency Rescue Mortgage Assistance) program and may be funding available. He will be following up with the constituent the Supervisor Kennedy mentioned. <p>Chairman Campbell said he attended the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Conference at FLCC. He said there is a huge need for infrastructure. There was a lot of interests in workforce development and that being a huge need in our region. Ryan Davis and Chairman Campbell brought forth that the County's needs are infrastructure. He said they are doing working with Andrea McGraw and FLCC with workforce development.</p>
NEXT MEETING DATE	
	Monday, April 10, 2023 at 10:00 am.
ADJOURNMENT	Being there was no further business to come before the committee; a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Teed at 10:48 am, seconded by Supervisor Kennedy. The motion carried.
Respectfully Submitted, Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board	