

Health and Human Services
Tuesday, February 22, 2022 @ 10:30 AM
Chambers/ Zoom

AGENDA

10:30 AM **Call Meeting to Order**

Approval of Minutes

- January 25, 2022

Mental Health:

Public Health:

Social Services:

1. Commissioners Report
2. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Community Action Program, Inc.
3. Authorizing the Modification of the 2021 Adopted Budget (Energy Crisis/HEAP)
4. Fixing Foster Boarding Home Rates
5. Authorizing the Modification of the 2022 Adopted Budget (Code Blue)

Veterans Affairs:

1. Program Updates

Youth Bureau:

1. Authorizing the Amendment of the Madison County Youth Bureau Youth Board By-Laws
2. Authorizing the Modification of the 2022 Adopted County Budget (Bequest)

Other Committee Business

Preferred Agenda

Next Meeting:

1. March 22, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Adjourn

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Meeting Chambers/Zoom

Committee Members Present

John Becker, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Town of Sullivan

Brandee DuBois, Vice-Chairwoman, City of Oneida

Mary Cavanagh, City of Oneida

John Pinard, Town of Lenox

Melissa During, Town of Lincoln

Others Present

Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Social Services

Tricia Platt, Deputy Commissioner for Financial Assistance, Social Services

Lukas Duimstra, Veterans Counselor, Veterans Agency

Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health Services

Kathryn Hopkins, Mental Health Clinic Treatment Program Coordinator

Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health

Tina Louis, Director, Madison County Youth Bureau

Tina Wayland Smith, County Attorney, via Zoom

Mark Scimone, County Administrator

Samantha Field, Public Information Officer

Quinn VanLine, BOCES, New Visions Program

Dan Cummings, BOCES, New Visions Program

Peggy LeClair, via Zoom

Beth Piersall, Confidential Secretary, Mental Health

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman John Becker called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., indicating that there was a quorum for the Health and Human Services Committee.

Approve Minutes

The Health and Human Services Committee reviewed the meeting minutes for December 13, 2021. A motion was made by Supervisor Pinard to approve the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Cavanagh and carried unanimously.

Mental Health

Director Teisha Cook reported that Mat Roosa will be providing an update on the Mental Health Needs Assessment at the February 8th Board of Supervisors meeting. There will be an upcoming press release regarding the website.

There was a recent incident in the community that involved a collaborative response from Oneida Police Department, Liberty Resources mobile crisis staff and the Mental Health

Department. Director Cook noted that this joint effort to provide assistance to someone in the community indicated the system we have in place is working well.

Public Health

Director Eric Faisst presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Abolishing a Director of Administrative Services Position and Creating a Deputy Director for Administrative Services Position in the Public Health Department

A motion was made by Supervisor Cavanagh to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Pinard and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Modification of the 2021 Adopted County Budget (Preschool)

A motion was made by Supervisor Cavanagh to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois and carried unanimously.

Director Faisst reported that Public Health has been awarded the Healthy Neighbor Grant for \$170,000 for five years. This grant will assist with environmental needs such as lead poisoning prevention, indoor air quality, reduce asthma hospitalizations, and residential injuries. The grant begins in April and this will allow them to hire a full time sanitarian to oversee this project. The sanitarian will work with staff from DSS, CAP, fire, EMT and codes enforcement personnel.

Director Faisst also provided an update on COVID-19. There are currently 50 new cases, with a total of 141 new cases over the recent weekend. We have 238 active cases at this time. On January 9, 2022, there were 727 active cases, which dropped to 239 on January 24, 2022. On January 8, 2021, we had 421 active cases and this number dropped to 249 by January 29, 2021. Madison County does not include the results from rapid at home tests in their statistics. Currently 16 residents are hospitalized - age 35-44 (1), age 45-59 (3), age 60-74 (7), 75 or older (5). Seven are vaccinated and nine are unvaccinated. The current positivity rate in Madison County is 13.6%, state positivity rate is 10.5%. Hospital capacity is 9%, hospital ICU capacity is 17%. A few weeks ago there was no hospital capacity availability. Vaccination rate - 18 years and over, 84%, a total of 75% have received 1 dose, 70% have completed the vaccine series. People age 18-25 who are part of the workforce and not attending college have the lowest vaccination rate. Public Health continues to offer vaccine clinics. Healthcare workers must receive their booster by February 21, 2022. All three colleges will be requiring boosters. Cazenovia College had 20 recent positive tests and Colgate had 40 positive tests. Testing -The rapid testing site the county has been offering in Morrisville will be closing. The State is running a daily testing site on SUNY Morrisville's campus. MCDOH is trying to partner with the Oneida Health testing site and have Public Health staff assist with testing. Public Health received 3100 rapid test kits and they will be available on Saturday, January 29th, it is a drive-thru event with a 2 tests/per car limit.

Social Services

Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald presented the Commissioners Report. These numbers are through December 2021. All categories are now at 100%. Medicaid is the single largest expense at \$9 million. SNAP benefits, \$17.4 million in SNAP benefits was distributed in Madison County. This was completely supported by federal dollars. If someone was not already

receiving the maximum SNAP benefit, this was increased so they received the maximum benefit the last 16 months. This benefit will continue through at least March of 2022. Commissioner Fitzgerald provided an overview of the Department of Social Services, including all programs and services and the contact information for his Deputy Commissioner's and Confidential Secretary.

Director Tina Louis presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Dr. P. Scott Petosa of K.A.G Consulting for Open Services

A motion was made by Supervisor Cavanagh to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Pinard and carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Dr. P. Scott Petosa of K.A.G. Consulting for Detention Prevention Services

A motion was made by Supervisor During to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Cavanagh and carried unanimously.

Veterans Agency

Lukas Duimstra, Veterans Counselor, provided program updates and stated that the agency continues to meet client's needs and connect them with services. Total client contact for December was 264 and so far for January it is 281 which is an increase in client contacts. Staff continue to meet with clients in person and if someone is unable to come into the office, they will go to their residence. Veterans Agency staff will also transport clients to necessary appointments.

Youth Bureau

Director Tina Louis provided an overview of the services the Youth Bureau offers. They focus on needs of all children and youth under age 21. The Youth Bureau is under the Department of Social Services. Funding is allocated from New York State Office of Child and Family Services. Programs that received NYS OCFS funding in 2021 include: Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Madison County Children's Camp, Village of Hamilton Swim Program, Great Swamp Conservancy, Youth Bureau Leadership Program, Runaway and Homeless Youth Program. In 2020, another youth program funding stream was added through the Madison County budget. Programs that received Madison County funding in 2021: The Haven at Skanda Farm, Community Action Program Mentoring Partnership, BRiDGES LGBTQIA Youth and Adult Initiative. The Youth Board is made up of youth and adults from around the county. The Youth Development Program Supervisor, Coordinators and Case Assistants oversee programming, offer training and manage contracts including School Services, Leadership, Service Learning, Boys Council, Girls Circle, Fatherhood, Motherhood, One to One Mentoring, Parenting Classes, Safe Harbour, Independent Living, Job Shadowing and Internships, Coached Family Visits and Life Skills Coaching.

Preferred Agenda

The Committee unanimously agreed to include all resolutions in their Preferred Agenda, upon motion by Supervisor Pinard and seconded by Supervisor Cavanagh. .

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman DuBois to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Cavanagh and carried unanimously.

Next meeting: February 22, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Piersall for Chairman John Becker

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT
JANUARY 2022**

Unreconciled - 2/12/22	Net Budget Amount	Net Expenditures Jan-22	YTD Net Expenditures	Percentage Spent	Jan-21 Clients Served	Dec-21 Clients Served	Jan-22 Clients Served
General Administration	\$ 10,293,197.00	\$ 669,999.91	\$ 669,999.91	6.51%			
Salaries	\$ 6,194,346.00	\$ 449,540.48	\$ 449,540.48	7.26%			
Equipment	\$ 103,356.00	\$ 4,398.97	\$ 4,398.97	4.26%			
Operating Costs	\$ 1,493,437.00	\$ 114,517.21	\$ 114,517.21	7.67%			
Fringe Benefits	\$ 2,654,967.00	\$ 104,359.86	\$ 104,359.86	3.93%			
Incentives/Other Adm Refunds	\$ (152,909.00)	\$ (2,816.61)	\$ (2,816.61)	1.84%			
MMIS-Medical Assistance	\$ 10,131,690.00	\$ 575,791.49	\$ 575,791.49	5.68%	3,900	4,179	4,184
MMIS	\$ 10,219,690.00	\$ 617,416.00	\$ 617,416.00	6.04%	3,900	4,179	4,184
Medical Assistance	\$ (88,000.00)	\$ (41,624.51)	\$ (41,624.51)	47.30%			
Health Exchange					11,338	NA	NA
Public Assistance	\$ 2,670,631.00	\$ 102,886.68	\$ 102,886.68	3.85%	4,152	3,980	4,362
Family Assistance	\$ 887,900.00	\$ 39,392.77	\$ 39,392.77	4.44%	218	184	173
Emergency Assistance to Families	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	10	0	0
ESG-CV	\$ 125,231.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0	0	0
ERAP	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0	0	0
Affordable Housing	\$ 400,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0	0	0
Safety Net	\$ 977,500.00	\$ 54,111.06	\$ 54,111.06	5.54%	175	124	140
HEAP (PA-NPA-EMG)	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ (7,460.67)	\$ (7,460.67)	14.92%	3,740	3,671	4,042
Emergency Aid to Adults	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	0.23%	1	1	1
Burials	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 16,773.52	\$ 16,773.52	10.17%	8	2	6
Children Services	\$ 5,148,309.00	\$ 429,056.56	\$ 429,056.56	8.33%	486	500	513
EAF-Foster Care	\$ 720,863.00	\$ 28,373.30	\$ 28,373.30	3.94%	13	11	9
EAF-JD/PINS	\$ -	\$ 21,962.36	\$ 21,962.36	#DIV/0!	0	1	1
Foster Care	\$ 1,428,948.00	\$ 120,243.65	\$ 120,243.65	8.41%	14	22	24
Adoptions*	\$ 1,180,890.00	\$ 95,590.42	\$ 95,590.42	8.09%	95	90	92
Kinship Guardianship	\$ 53,228.00	\$ 4,533.13	\$ 4,533.13	8.52%	4	4	4
JD	\$ 1,048,159.00	\$ 144,457.87	\$ 144,457.87	13.78%	3	5	7
JD-Non-Secure Detention/DFY	\$ 706,654.00	\$ 13,620.86	\$ 13,620.86	1.93%	3	5	5
Raise the Age	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	1	0	0
Foster Care Ind Lvg - JD/PINS Ind Lvg	\$ 9,567.00	\$ 274.97	\$ 274.97	2.87%			
Children Not in Foster Care					353	362	371
CPS Referrals					134	94	125
FAR Referrals					12	7	15
Purchase of Service	\$ 1,120,490.00	\$ 113,400.42	\$ 113,400.42	10.12%			
Title XX	\$ 334,166.00	\$ 29,113.00	\$ 29,113.00	8.71%			
Title XX - Raise the Age	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!			
Domestic Violence	\$ 174,523.00	\$ 14,543.62	\$ 14,543.62	8.33%			
Family Unification	\$ 280,167.00	\$ 49,285.02	\$ 49,285.02	17.59%			
STSJP	\$ 144,330.00	\$ 9,580.36	\$ 9,580.36	6.64%			
DCJS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!			
EAF-Services	\$ 187,304.00	\$ 10,878.42	\$ 10,878.42	5.81%			
TANF - Preventive	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!			
Block Grant Day Care	\$ 824,474.00	\$ 63,772.08	\$ 63,772.08	7.73%	124	130	118
Day Care - 100%	\$ 767,289.00	\$ 57,600.03	\$ 57,600.03	7.51%	113	116	103
Day Care - 75%*	\$ 57,185.00	\$ 6,172.05	\$ 6,172.05	10.79%	11	14	15
Total	\$ 30,188,791.00	\$ 1,954,907.14	\$ 1,954,907.14	6.48%			
SNAP	\$ 17,410,538.00	\$ 1,631,503.00	\$ 1,631,503.00	9.37%	6,063	6,361	6,353
SNAP -PA	\$ 619,737.00	\$ 58,699.00	\$ 58,699.00	9.47%	240	210	220
SNAP-NPA	\$ 16,790,801.00	\$ 1,572,804.00	\$ 1,572,804.00	9.37%	5,823	6,151	6,133
CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 5,594,678.00	\$ 350,003.22	\$ 350,003.22	6.26%	2,295	2,174	2,186
Child Support - Current Assistance	\$ 144,452.00	\$ 6,287.94	\$ 6,287.94	4.35%	270	239	238
Child Support - Former Assistance	\$ 922,117.00	\$ 53,750.29	\$ 53,750.29	5.83%	816	778	780
Child Support - Never Assistance	\$ 4,528,109.00	\$ 289,964.99	\$ 289,964.99	6.40%	1,209	1,157	1,168

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.**

WHEREAS, research has shown that mentoring is an effective strategy in the prevention of high-risk behaviors that lead to poor school performance, substance abuse, violence, and teen pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, it is always a struggle to find enough volunteer mentors to meet the needs of children who would benefit from a mentor; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Program, Inc., has the experience and recognized capacity to provide intensive mentoring and is currently providing this service to 23 youth and their families with 44 total youth served in 2021; and

WHEREAS, funding is available through the Flexible Fund for Family Services, which is reimbursed at the rate of 100 percent; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Program, Inc., has offered to provide the required services for the period April 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, at a total cost not to exceed \$117,462; and

WHEREAS, this agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Health and Human Services Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to renew an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with Community Action Program, Inc., in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Dated: March 8, 2022

Alexander Stepanski, Chairperson
Health and Human Services Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2021 ADOPTED BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2021 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

6141 Home Energy Assistance

Expense

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A614160 541102 Energy Crisis Assistance	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$35,218</u>

Control Total		<u>\$5,218</u>
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Revenue

A614160 418410 Refunds HEAP Expense	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$35,218</u>
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Control Total		<u>\$5,218</u>
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Dated: March 8, 2022

Alexander R. Stepanski, Chairman
Health and Human Services Committee

Matthew Roberts, Chairman
Finance, Ways and Means Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

FIXING FOSTER BOARDING HOME RATES

WHEREAS, when children are in need of care outside of their family home, it is best for them to be cared for by a foster family within their home community rather than in an institution or foster care by agencies outside of Madison County; and

WHEREAS, the foster and adoptive families certified by Madison County Department of Social Services have done an excellent job caring for our children over the past several years, helping the Department to exceed many of the outcome guidelines set by New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS); and

WHEREAS, the cost of caring for a child has increased steadily over the past several years due to the increase in costs for such items as food and fuel; and

WHEREAS, the rate of payments made to foster parents and adoptive parents in Madison County is below the average paid by neighboring counties and well below the maximum rate set by OCFS; and

WHEREAS, per 21-OCFS-ADM-24 counties are required to increase their foster care or adoptive parents or Kinship guardians room and board rates by 1%; and

WHEREAS, foster parent and adoptive parent payments are included as part of the state reimbursement methodology; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective April 1, 2021, the foster care boarding home payment rates be and are hereby established as follows:

Infants-through-five years of age:	\$19.47 per day
Six-through-eleven years:	\$21.86 per day
Twelve years and over:	\$24.29 per day
Special:	\$37.73 per day
Exceptional:	\$60.14 per day

So long as these rates do not result in a decrease in payment for any adoptive parent already approved at a higher rate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual clothing allowance continues to be established as follows:

Infants-through-five years of age:	\$406
Six-through-eleven years:	\$569
Twelve-through-fifteen years:	\$880
Sixteen years and over:	\$1,080
Diapers:	\$730

DATED: March 8, 2022

Alexander Stepanski, Chairman
Health and Human Services Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2022 ADOPTED BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

6010 Social Services Administration

Expense

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A601060 541132 Code Blue – Shelter Travel Suppl	\$-0-	\$35,231

6109 TANF

Expense

A610960 541173 ESG Code Blue	<u>35,231</u>	<u>-0-</u>
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Control Totals

	<u>\$35,231</u>	<u>\$35,231</u>
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6010 Social Services Administration

Revenue

A601060 436100 SA Social Services Administration	\$2,361,008	\$2,396,239
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6109 TANF

Revenue

A610960 446892 FA ESG-CV Code Blue	<u>35,231</u>	<u>-0-</u>
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Control Totals

	<u>\$2,396,239</u>	<u>\$2,396,239</u>
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Dated: March 8, 2022

Alexander R. Stepanski, Chairman
Health and Human Services Committee

Matthew Roberts, Chairman
Finance, Ways and Means Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE MADISON COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU YOUTH BOARD BY-LAWS

WHEREAS, the Madison County Youth Bureau is regulated by its by-laws that were initiated on August 4th, 1993, and last amended on December 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, these by-laws require revision in various sections: under the statement of goals to reflect county generated youth development funding, under officers and their duties to reflect responsibility for the development of the agenda, and under membership to reflect virtual meetings to conduct business and the ability to allow proxy voting for allocation of funds; and

WHEREAS, The Madison County Youth Bureau Youth Board has reviewed and unanimously approved the amendments proposed at their Youth Board meeting on January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, these amended by-laws will be acknowledged as the guiding articles for conducting future business;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to amend the Youth Bureau Youth Board By-Laws in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Dated: March 8, 2022

Alexander Stepanski, Chairperson
Health & Human Services Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2022 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Madison County Youth Bureau received a monetary gift from an individual's estate in 2021; and

WHEREAS, only part of the funds were expended in fiscal year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the below budget modification will allow the remainder of the funds to be used for Youth Bureau activities as the donor intended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

7145 Youth Bureau

Expense

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A714570 540200 Miscellaneous Expense	<u>\$450</u>	<u>\$4,698</u>
Control Total		<u>\$4,248</u>

Fund Balance

A 300599 Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>\$9,708,625</u>	<u>\$9,712,873</u>
Control Total		<u>\$4,248</u>

Dated: March 8, 2022

Alexander Stepanski, Chairman
Health & Human Services Committee

Matthew Roberts, Chairman
Finance, Ways & Means Committee