

Health and Human Services
Tuesday, September 26, 2023 @ 10:30 AM
Chambers

MINUTES

10:30 Call Meeting to Order
AM

Chairwoman Mary Cavanagh called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in the Supervisor's Chambers and via Zoom.

Committee Members present:

Committee Chairwoman Mary Cavanagh, Committee Vice-Chairman Alex Stepanski, Supervisor Loren Corbin, Supervisor Dave Jones, Supervisor Brandie DuBois

Other Board of Supervisors Present:

Supervisor John Pinard

Others present:

Public Health Director Eric Faisst, Department of Social Services Commissioner (DSS) Michael Fitzgerald, DSS Deputy Commissioner for Family Services Jessica Prieto, Mental Health (MH) Director Teisha Cook (via Zoom), Veteran Services Agency (VSA) Director Ron Raymer, Public Information Officer Samantha Field, Confidential Secretary to the Board of Supervisors Kristin Guinto, Second Assistant County Attorney Melissa Martel-Felton, County Administrator Mark Scimone, Confidential Secretary to the Public Health Director Deanna Matt, Youth Bureau Director Tina Louis, Assistant Director of Finance Keith Lummis, Community Action Program Community Services Director William Nicholson

Others Via Zoom:

Town of Lincoln Councilor Peggy LeClair

Approval of Minutes

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Motion by Brandee DuBois to Motion. Second by Loren Corbin.
The motion was Passed.

Mental Health:

Mental Health Director Teisha Cook provided an update on the Morrisville satellite site, stating it is up and running this week with staff training and will be in the schools next week.

Director Cook also asked for committee permission to arrange a presentation at the October committee meeting by the Rural Health Council. Committee approved.

Public Health:

Public Health Director Eric Faisst reported that two budget modifications will be going before the Finance, Ways, and Means committee. The first modification is to pay specialized teachers in the pre-school program due to increased need for specialized services.

The second budget modification is to provide additional funding for the child safety seat program.

Social Services:

DSS Commissioner Mike Fitzgerald provided a department update regarding child care services allocation changes. Commissioner notes that funding provided during COVID for child care services will be slowly going away. Madison County allocation is slated to decrease by \$500,000 - though note that some of that has been reclaimed due to need. OCFS said Madison County is no longer allowed to hold a waitlist for new applications only - OCFS states that all applicants need to be on the waitlist.

Commissioner also reports that the department is no longer able to establish local priority after October 1st.

1. Commissioners Report

Department of Social Services Commissioner Mike Fitzgerald presented the Commissioner's Report stating that all things the department can control are good at this time.

2. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Community Action Program, Inc. (Homeless/Self Sufficiency)

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented this resolution stating it is 100% funded and serves about eight families to keep them out of homelessness. Motion by Alex Stepanski to Motion. Second by Brandee DuBois. The motion was Passed.

3. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Community Action Program, Inc (Transportation)

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented this resolution stating it is 100% funded and serves about ten families. This is a long-term contract with Community Action Program (CAP). Motion by Loren Corbin to Motion. Second by Dave Jones. The motion was Passed.

4. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with VenTek, Inc.

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented this resolution stating it is the case management system that allows for scheduling and tracking of cases and clients. Motion by Alex Stepanski to Motion. Second by Loren Corbin. The motion was Passed.

5. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with

Community Action Program, Inc. (RFP P6-23)

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented this resolution stating it provides home-based preventive services, offering extra support for families. Motion by Dave Jones to Motion. Second by Alex Stepanski. The motion was Passed.

6. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented this resolution stating that it offers intensive therapy for those identified by juvenile delinquent tickets to prevent costly placements. Motion by Alex Stepanski to Motion. Second by Brandee DuBois. The motion was Passed.

7. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Liberty Resources (\$7,273)

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented this resolution stating it supports domestic violence victims to obtain services and supports. Motion by Brandee DuBois to Motion. Second by Loren Corbin. The motion was Passed.

8. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Liberty Resources (25,000)

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented this resolution stating it offers clinical worker supporting domestic violence victims. Motion by Brandee DuBois to Motion. Second by Loren Corbin. The motion was Passed.

9. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Liberty Resources (\$174,523)

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented this resolution stating this service handles the hotline services offered to domestic violence victims. Motion by Brandee DuBois to Motion. Second by Loren Corbin. The motion was Passed.

10. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Cayuga Services, Inc.

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented this resolution stating this is the second year of this program that offers intensive home-based therapy for those in threat of foster placement. Motion by Dave Jones to Motion. Second by Brandee DuBois. The motion was Passed.

Veterans Affairs:

1. Veterans Agency Report

Veterans Service Agency Director, Ron Raymer presented the Agency's monthly report noting that vacancies in the agency are improving with interview coming up. Outreach events have gone well,

and the Veterans Services Center construction is going great. Director Raymer states that move-in for 2024 are on track - possible sooner.

Youth Bureau:

Youth Bureau Director Tina Louis provided the division report noting that two RFPs have gone out for development funding, and have received good responses to both. OCFS funding has been received for sports. Discussion occurred regarding promotion of positive youth development to not include items/activities that encourage alcohol, drug-use, and/or gambling activities.

Director Louis noted that Youth Board Members are needed - 15 years or older serve for 1 year, adults serve for 2 - meetings are held once a month if agenda items are needed.

The youth Bureau is meeting with Oneida City School representatives for a possible partnership to help offset funding of case assistant position.

Resolutions:

Other Committee Business

Preferred Agenda

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Next Meeting: October 24, 2023 at 10:30am

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:13am Motion by Loren Corbin to Motion. Second by Brandee DuBois. The motion was Passed.

Health and Human Services
Tuesday, August 22, 2023 @ 10:30 AM
Chambers

MINUTES

10:30 Call Meeting to Order
AM

Vice Chairman Alex Stepanski called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in the Supervisor's Chambers and via Zoom.

Committee Members present:

Committee Vice-Chairman Alex Stepanski, Supervisor Loren Corbin, BOS Chairman John Becker

Excused:

Committee Chairwomen Mary Cavanagh, Supervisor Dave Jones, Supervisor Brandie DuBois

Others present:

Public Health Deputy Director Erica Bird, Department of Social Services Commissioner (DSS) Michael Fitzgerald, DSS Deputy Commissioner for Family Services Jessica Prieto, DSS Deputy Commissioner for Administrative Services Brett Hembach, Mental Health (MH) Director Teisha Cook, FMH Financial Consultant Jim Monfort, Veteran Services Agency (VSA) Director Ron Raymer, VSA Veterans Counselor II Lukas Duimstra, Public Information Officer Samantha Field, Clerk to the Board Emily Burns, Confidential Secretary to the Board of Supervisors Kristin Guinto, County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith, County Administrator Mark Scimone, Confidential Secretary to the Public Health Director Deanna Matt, Youth Bureau Director Tina Louis, Madison County Treasurer Cindy Edick, Community Action Program Community Services Director William Nicholson

Others Via Zoom:

Town of Lincoln Councilor Peggy LeClair

Approval of Minutes

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Motion by John Becker to Motion. Second by Loren Corbin. The motion was Passed.

Mental Health:

1. 2024 Budget Summary

Financial Consultant Jim Monfort and Director Cook provided the Mental Health 2024 budget. Notable changes are the addition of seven Social Workers for the school satellite programs, and staffing

changes reflected in Personal Services. Bottom line total increase in revenue of \$362,725 - Director Cook notes that this is a conservative amount, with hopes it will be more. Director Cook also notes that Mental Health Department served 800 active clients pre-COVID, and the number of active clients for 2023 is over 1600.

2. Authorizing the Chairman to Execute a Contract and Modifying the 2023 Adopted County Budget (MH - Stoneleigh Housing RFP)

Director Cook presented this resolution noting it is a landlord repair fund that allows landlords to assess damages in housing and make repairs, with the stipulation to take other vulnerable persons as tenants.

This is an invoice based agreement. Fully funded by Opioid Settlement dollars.

Motion by John Becker to approve the resolution. Second by Loren Corbin. The motion was Passed.

3. Authorizing the Chairman to Execute a Contract and Modifying the 2023 Adopted County Budget (MH - Chenango Court Management)

Director Cook presented the resolution for rehab of a trailer park. This resolution will allow the park owner to renovate existing trailers and offer vulnerable persons ability to own the trailer, and only having to pay a lot fee.

Invoice based. Fully funded by Opioid Settlement dollars.

Motion by Loren Corbin to approve the resolution. Second by John Becker. The motion was Passed.

Public Health:

1. 2024 Budget Summary

Deputy Director Bird presented the 2024 budget summary. Bottom line reflects an increase of just under \$200,000, or a 4.9% increase. Of note, preschool expenses notably increasing due to tuition rates approved by NYS, as well as significant increase in transportation costs. Deputy Director Bird further notes that due to COVID Relief grant funding, and not providing as much COVID vaccine, that revenue source is ending in 2023.

In post-meeting communication to the Committee, Deputy Director Bird notes that the cost of Personal Services increased by 3.7%, and clarified that the Equipment Cost under Administration reflects the cost of vehicle leases, as provided by the Purchasing Department.

2. AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF

HEALTH ATUPA GRANT

Motion by John Becker to approve the resolution. Second by Loren Corbin. The motion was Passed.

3. Environmental Health Division Fee Schedule

Deputy Director Bird notes that this is a one-time fee for the year. Motion by Loren Corbin to approve the resolution. Second by John Becker. The motion was Passed.

Social Services:

1. 2024 Budget Review

Deputy Director Hembach provided the Department of Social Services 2024 budget summary, noting the bottom line of \$1.5M increase to local share. The main increase in the required MMIS noting a \$1M increase due to New York State withholding of EFMap funds.

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2. Commissioners Report

Department of Social Services Commissioner Mike Fitzgerald presented to Caseload Expenditure Report noting controlled expenses are doing okay.

Veterans Affairs:

1. Veterans Agency 2024 Budget

Director Raymor presented the Veterans Services Agency 2024 budget with a bottom line \$200,000 increase, noting that construction has begun on the veteran's facility. The whole project is expected to be done early, with a completion date the week between Christmas and the New Year - the agency is expected to start moving in there January 2024.

2. Veteran's Service Agency Report

Veterans Service Agency Director, Ron Raymer presented the Agency's monthly report.

3. MCVSA Budget Report 2024
4. VCC 2024 Budget Report

Youth Bureau:

Youth Bureau Director Tina Louis provided the division report noting that RFP has been released and is due in September - hoping for a contract reward to be distributed by November. Director Louis also notes that allocations for youth development funds have a new pot of \$31,000 for youth sports.

Resolutions:

Other Committee Business

A motion was made at 11:17 A.M. by Chairman Becker, second by Supervisor Corbin to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person.

A motion was made at 11:26 A.M. by Chairman Becker, second by Supervisor Corbin to exit executive session.

Supervisor Corbin made a motion, second by Chairman Becker to approve a resolution Appointing a Commissioner of Social Services and Establishing the 2024 Salary.

Preferred Agenda

Next Meeting: September 26, 2023 at 10:30am

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:27am Motion by Loren Corbin to Motion to adjourn. Second by John Becker. The motion was Passed.

**Commissioner's Report
Through August 2023**

Unreconciled	Net Budget Amount	Net Expenditures Aug-23	YTD Net Expenditures	Percentage Spent	Aug-22 Clients Served	Jul-23 Clients Served	Aug-23 Clients Served
General Administration	\$ 10,835,930.00	\$ 720,823.21	\$ 6,362,751.96	58.72%			
Salaries	\$ 6,518,086.00	\$ 465,533.49	\$ 3,985,759.34	61.15%			
Equipment	\$ 127,165.00	\$ -	\$ 52,743.32	41.48%			
Operating Costs	\$ 1,548,841.00	\$ 71,227.49	\$ 798,513.95	51.56%			
	\$ 2,742,582.00	\$ 192,026.96	\$ 1,611,343.99	58.75%			
Incentives/Other Adm Refunds	\$ (100,744.00)	\$ (7,964.73)	\$ (85,608.64)	84.98%			
MMIS-Medical Assistance	\$ 10,012,519.00	\$ 797,103.95	\$ 6,355,228.58	63.47%	16,820	3,989	3,995
MMIS	\$ 10,053,019.00	\$ 796,972.00	\$ 6,351,299.00	63.18%	4,273	3,989	3,995
Medical Assistance	\$ (40,500.00)	\$ 131.95	\$ 3,929.58	-9.70%			
Health Exchange					12,547		
Public Assistance	\$ 2,316,886.00	\$ 99,051.21	\$ 933,058.82	40.27%	4,946	4,987	5,013
Family Assistance	\$ 758,696.00	\$ 33,824.22	\$ 325,323.32	42.88%	170	176	180
Emergency Assistance to Families	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 1,458.61	\$ 11,851.33	15.80%	0	4	21
ESG-CV	\$ 11,426.00	\$ 319.98	\$ 11,425.87	100.00%	5	0	0
ERAP	\$ 41,036.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0	0	0
Affordable Housing	\$ 400,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0	0	0
Safety Net	\$ 840,728.00	\$ 41,495.60	\$ 446,214.86	53.07%	155	165	161
HEAP (PA-NPA-EMG)	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ (3,930.07)	\$ (25,405.48)	50.81%	4,611	4,633	4,642
Emergency Aid to Adults	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 1,639.07	5.46%	1	1	1
Burials	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 25,847.87	\$ 162,009.85	77.15%	4	8	8
Children Services	\$ 6,869,008.00	\$ 359,418.24	\$ 3,540,026.21	51.54%	556	528	538
EAF-Foster Care	\$ 613,235.00	\$ 32,525.09	\$ 317,061.08	51.70%	10	6	7
EAF-JD/PINS	\$ 143,640.00	\$ 22,622.98	\$ 168,079.77	117.01%	1	1	0
Foster Care	\$ 1,420,326.00	\$ 32,981.93	\$ 441,783.82	31.10%	16	18	19
Adoptions*	\$ 2,001,821.00	\$ 112,580.10	\$ 959,563.59	47.93%	83	82	82
Kinship Guardianship*	\$ 58,091.00	\$ 6,390.00	\$ 48,305.07	83.15%	4	4	4
JD	\$ 1,419,026.00	\$ 136,947.68	\$ 1,050,942.37	74.06%	5	6	2
JD-Non & Secure Detention/DFY	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 14,916.75	\$ 150,543.04	100.36%	4	6	5
State Training School	\$ 1,053,302.00	\$ -	\$ 400,548.00	38.03%			
Raise the Age	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0	0	0
Foster Care Ind Lvg - JD/PINS Ind Lvg	\$ 9,567.00	\$ 453.71	\$ 3,199.47	33.44%			
Children Not in Foster Care					433	405	419
CPS Referrals					111	134	115
FAR Referrals					0	0	0
Purchase of Service	\$ 1,147,766.00	\$ 56,890.19	\$ 532,573.43	46.40%			
Title XX	\$ 372,367.00	\$ 15,110.26	\$ 188,205.97	50.54%			
Title XX - Raise the Age	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%			
Domestic Violence	\$ 174,523.00	\$ 14,543.58	\$ 116,348.68	66.67%			
Family Unification	\$ 321,258.00	\$ 19,918.35	\$ 97,735.63	30.42%			
STSJP	\$ 151,186.00	\$ -	\$ 87,332.12	57.76%			
EAF-Services	\$ 128,432.00	\$ 7,318.00	\$ 36,087.03	28.10%			
EAF-Services JD/PINS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,864.00	No Budget			
Block Grant Day Care	\$ 1,167,480.00	\$ 156,032.63	\$ 989,258.83	84.73%	123	199	185
Day Care - 100%	\$ 1,063,383.00	\$ 145,598.38	\$ 934,923.28	87.92%	111	187	177
Day Care - 75%*	\$ 104,097.00	\$ 10,434.25	\$ 54,335.55	52.20%	12	12	8
Total	\$ 32,349,589.00	\$ 2,189,319.43	\$ 18,712,897.83	57.85%			
SNAP	\$ 12,408,520.00	\$ 1,162,030.00	\$ 10,926,077.00	88.05%	6,564	6,547	6,444
SNAP -PA	\$ 618,501.00	\$ 57,713.00	\$ 471,160.00	76.18%	215	245	248
SNAP-NPA	\$ 11,790,019.00	\$ 1,104,317.00	\$ 10,454,917.00	88.68%	6,349	6,302	6,196
Child Support	\$ 5,539,320.00	\$ 363,599.48	\$ 3,312,029.44	59.79%	2,108	2,011	1,994
Child Support - Current Assistance	\$ 162,891.00	\$ 4,612.01	\$ 54,015.94	33.16%	244	217	210
Child Support - Former Assistance	\$ 849,135.00	\$ 49,148.42	\$ 538,982.13	63.47%	735	712	708
Child Support - Never Assistance	\$ 4,527,294.00	\$ 309,839.05	\$ 2,719,031.37	60.06%	1,129	1,082	1,076

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

WHEREAS, the Madison County Department of Social Services chooses to use part of its Flexible Fund for Family Services (FFFS) allocation to provide housing and credit counseling programs for Family Assistance recipients and low-income county residents; and

WHEREAS, the Department lacks the necessary staff and expertise to perform these services; and

WHEREAS, such programs would benefit the County by assisting recipients of public aid and low-income residents by promoting family stability, providing access to quality housing and homeless services, providing access to quality credit counseling, and maximizing successful outcomes by addressing the goals of self-support and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Program, Inc., is a community partner with a demonstrated ability to develop and implement a full-service package of services; and

WHEREAS, an average of 8 families per month have been serviced with the housing and credit counseling program, assisting these families to improve their shelter or reduce the risk of homelessness in the 2023 contract year to date; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Program, Inc., receives funding to operate other low-income housing initiatives and credit counseling services; and

WHEREAS, a total (100 percent) federal funding of \$179,652.00 is available through the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Program has agreed to provide these services for the period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, at a total cost not to exceed one hundred seventy-nine thousand, six hundred fifty-two dollars (\$179,652.00) in full and final satisfaction of all services and expenses; 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 enter into 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: October 10, 2023

Mary Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Health and Human Services Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

WHEREAS, Madison County Department of Social Services receives federal monies through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to assist TANF recipients and low-income families to eliminate barriers to employment; and

WHEREAS, the program would provide the ability to meet the transportation needs of a rural population in Madison County who are TANF eligible or are below the 200 percent of the federal poverty level in order to assist them in obtaining or maintaining employment; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Program, Inc., (CAP) has a documented record of assisting low-income residents of Madison County with other transportation linkages; and

WHEREAS, an average of 10 families per month has been serviced with the transportation services program, assisting these families to improve their transportation to maintain or obtain employment; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Program, Inc., has agreed to provide these services for the period October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024, at a total cost not to exceed \$101,241.30; and

WHEREAS, this funding is 100 percent reimbursable through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance; 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: October 10, 2023

Mary Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Health and Human Services Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
VenTek Inc.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the New York State Social Services Law, local districts are required to administer financial assistance programs to low-income families and a task-based computer system will provide a more efficient and effective use of staff resources than a traditional caseload system; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Department of Social Services receives monies through the Department of Health and the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to utilize staff to assist individuals to apply and recertify for financial assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services lacks the necessary staff and expertise to implement an automated task-based software system application; and

WHEREAS, VenTek Inc. is a business with a demonstrated ability to develop, implement, and provide annual software support and maintenance of a task-based software system; and

WHEREAS, VenTek Inc. has agreed to provide said services for the period October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024, at a total cost not to exceed thirty thousand seven hundred fifty-six dollars (\$30,756.00) in full and final satisfaction of all services and expenses for the contract year; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this service is reimbursable through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Home Energy Assistance Program at a rate of 70 percent; 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 and VenTek Inc. in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

DATED: October 10, 2023

Mary Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Health and Human Services Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO
AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.
RFP P6-23**

WHEREAS, there is a need for home-based, case management preventive services for families in Madison County who have experienced or are at high risk to experience child abuse or maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, according to a needs assessment conducted as part of the “Getting to Outcomes” process, there are very few programs in Madison County that provide home-based case management services and those that do provide such a service only for very specific populations; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Program, Inc., (CAP) already provides a home-based, case management preventive service; and

WHEREAS, we know that child abuse and maltreatment occur in families of all income levels and, therefore, this service needs to be available to all children at risk; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Program has agreed to provide this service for the period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025, at a total cost not to exceed four hundred- eighty -five thousand, three hundred ninety-eight dollars and one cent (\$485,398), and

WHEREAS, these services are eligible for state reimbursement at the rate of sixty-two percent (62%); and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that the amount to be paid to the Contractor is fair and reasonable to provide such services; 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 enter into 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: October 10, 2023

Mary Cavanagh, Chairwomen
Health and Human Services Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BERKSHIRE FARM CENTER AND SERVICES FOR YOUTH

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is mandated to provide preventive services to at-risk children and families designed to prevent foster care placements and to reduce the lengths of costly foster care and residential placements; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has had success in the past several years in providing intensive preventive services for Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) and their families so would now like to expand to other high-needs individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Department of Social Services has experienced costly Juvenile Delinquent (JD) placements for several years; and

WHEREAS, this intensive preventive service program is based on sound evidence-based practices and is effective in other counties around New York State; and

WHEREAS, with the Raise the Age legislation going into effect it will be more important now, more than ever, to have services available for youth who have received JD appearance tickets; and

WHEREAS, Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth has the recognized capacity to provide these services and has offered to do so for an amount not to exceed \$156,531.00 for the period January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

WHEREAS the funds necessary for this program are reimbursed at a rate of sixty-two percent (62%) through the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program from New York State; 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 enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Dated: October 10, 2023

Mary Cavanagh, Chairwomen
Health and Human Services Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
LIBERTY RESOURCES, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Madison County Department of Social Services may, as a result of the Combined Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Allocation, provide necessary non-residential services to victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Department lacks the necessary staff to provide the required services; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Resources, Inc., has a domestic violence services program in place and has offered to provide the required services for the period January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, at a total cost not exceed \$7,273, the same amount as the 2023 contract period; and

WHEREAS, 10 Individuals have been served to date in the 2023 contract year; and

WHEREAS, funds for these services are appropriated in the 2024 departmental budget and are reimbursed at the rate of 100 percent; 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 enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with Liberty Resources, Inc., in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

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Mary Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Health and Human Services Committee

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**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
LIBERTY RESOURCES, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services has made available Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funding to distribute to counties for the provision of non-residential domestic violence services; and

WHEREAS, Madison County has been granted \$25,000 in domestic violence TANF non-residential funding; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Resources, Inc., has the necessary expertise, staff and experience to administer the domestic violence non-residential programs; and

WHEREAS, the services proposed would enhance the services already provided under existing domestic violence contracts in place; and

WHEREAS, the funding is 100 percent federally reimbursed and will be utilized to provide necessary enhancements to women and families who are most at risk; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Resources, Inc., will provide the aforementioned services for the period January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, at a total cost not to exceed \$25,000; 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 enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with Liberty Resources, Inc., in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

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LIBERTY RESOURCES, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Madison County Department of Social Services is mandated, as per Chapter 53 of the Laws of 1991, to offer and provide necessary non-residential services to victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Department lacks the necessary staff to provide the required services; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Resources, Inc., has a domestic violence services program in place and has offered to provide the required services for the period January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, at a total cost of \$174,523,

WHEREAS, funds for these services are appropriated in the proposed 2024 departmental budget and are reimbursed at the rate of 49 percent; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with Liberty Resources Family Services, Inc., in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

DATED: October 10, 2023

Mary Cavanagh, Chairwomen
Health and Human Services Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH CAYUGA SERVICES, INC.

WHEREAS the Commissioner of Social Services of the County of Madison is charged with the responsibility for the administration of all child welfare services in the County of Madison at public expense pursuant to Section 395 et seq. of the Social Services Law; and

WHEREAS the Department of Social Services is mandated to provide preventive services to at-risk children and families designed to prevent foster care placements and to reduce the lengths of costly foster care and residential placements; and

WHEREAS, Cayuga Centers, a private not-for-profit agency, was one of two agencies who responded to an RFP issued by Madison County in 2022 and was chosen by an RFP review committee to be the most appropriate provider of these preventive services: and

WHEREAS this intensive preventive service program is based on sound evidence-based practices and is effective in other counties around New York State; and is in compliance with newly adopted Family First Legislation; and

WHEREAS, with the Raise the Age and Raise the Lower Age legislation going into effect it will be more important now, more than ever, to have services available for youth who have received JD appearance tickets or present with PINS behaviors; and

WHEREAS Cayuga Centers, has the recognized capacity to provide these services and has offered to do so for an amount not to exceed \$376,498 for the period January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS these funds are reimbursed at an approximate rate of 62 percent through federal and/or state funding; 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 enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with Cayuga Centers, Inc., in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Dated: October 10, 2023

Mary Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Health and Human Services Committee



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Veterans Agency Committee Updates:

The Veterans Agency continues to serve the veteran community of Madison County by providing comprehensive VA claims assistance and addressing other veteran-related concerns. Our primary focus is on the Department of Veterans Affairs benefit programs of compensation, pension, and claim appeals. Our ever-growing network of contacts allows us to connect veterans with the services and resources they need and deserve.

Events, Trainings and other Topics for Consideration:

09/08/2023 – CIT Monthly Meeting.

09/09/2023 – MCVSA Outreach event held at Eclectic Chic Annual Car Show.

09/14/2023 – New York State Department of Veteran Services Monthly Training.

09/27/2023 – MTAC Monthly Meeting.

09/27/2023 – Veteran's Community Center Construction progress meeting.

09/27/2023 – 09/29/2023 – New York State Department of Veteran Services Annual Training.

Office Statistics:

Total Client contacts for August 2023 (completed): 512

WWII: 5

Korea: 12

Other: 152

Vietnam: 247

Gulf War: 96

Mode of Contact-

In Person: 115

Telephone/Email: 397

Prepared by Ron Raymer - Director