

Health and Human Services
Tuesday, February 21, 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 Board Chambers and via Zoom.

Committee Members present:

Chairwoman Mary Cavanagh, Vice Chairwoman Brandee DuBois, Supervisor Alex Stepanski, Supervisor Loren Corbin, and Supervisor Dave Jones

Others present:

County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith, Public Health Deputy Director Erica Bird, Public Health Deputy Director of Administrative Services Shawn Prievo, Department of Social Services Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald, Mental Health Director Teisha Cook, Veteran's Agency Director Ron Raymer, Public Information Officer Samantha Field, Confidential Secretary to the Board Kristin Guinto, Corporate Compliance Officer Christina Kennedy, Finance Assistant Director Keith Lummis, and Confidential Secretary Deanna Matt

Approval of Minutes

- January 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Dave Jones to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023 meeting. Second by Loren Corbin. The motion was Passed.

Public Health:

1. Modifying an Agreement with VMC Group Inc, DBA VMC Consultants Inc. for Transportation Services

Public Health Deputy Director, Erica Bird presented this resolution, stating that it is extending an existing agreement for 1 year. Public Health has worked with this partner for over 10 years. Motion by Loren Corbin to approve the resolution. Second by Brandee DuBois. The motion was Passed.

Mental Health:

Mental Health Director Teisha Cook provided updates on the previously approved contract with BRiDGES regarding Opioid settlement funding. Mental Health Department will be issuing new RFPs - allowing more specifics to help the quality of applications. This will be combined with other funding becoming available to Mental Health Department.

Director Cook also provided an update on the school satellite programs, noting

that they are very busy. The department is working with districts for possible expansions next year - 3 districts are participating at this time.

Social Services:

1. Commissioners Report

Department of Social Services Commissioner Mike Fitzgerald notes there are no outstanding items on the January report.

Commissioner discussed more on the Public Health COVID emergency ending this month, having effects on eligibility for snap award and Medicaid qualifications changing.

Veterans Affairs:

1. Veterans Agency Report for HHS Committee

Veterans Service Agency Director, Ron Raymer reported that the agency is moving forward with plans for the Madison County Veterans Community Center.

Discussion occurred regarding the Equine Recreational Therapy program at Arise on the Farm. This will allow volunteer opportunities, as well as equine therapy opportunities.

Youth Bureau:

Preferred Agenda

It was the consensus of the Committee to allow any eligible resolution from today's meeting to be added to the preferred agenda. All resolutions were voted on and approved by the Committee.

Next Meeting: March 28, 2023 at 10:30am

Adjourn

Motion by Loren Corbin to adjourned at 10:47am. Second by Alex Stepanski. The motion was Passed.

Health and Human Services
Tuesday, January 24, 2023 @ 10:30 AM
Chambers

MINUTES

10:30 Call Meeting to Order
AM

Chairwoman Mary Cavanagh called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. in the Board Chambers and via Zoom.

Committee Members present:

Chairwoman Mary Cavanagh, Vice Chairwoman Brandee DuBois, Supervisor Alex Stapanski, Supervisor Loren Corbin, and Supervisor Dave Jones

Others present:

County Administrator Mark Scimone, County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith, Public Health Director Eric Faisst, Public Health Deputy Director Erica Bird, Department of Social Services Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald, Youth Bureau Director Tina Louis, Mental Health Director Teisha Cook, Veteran's Agency Director Ron Raymer, Public Information Officer Samantha Field, Clerk to the Board Emily Burns, Finance Assistant Director Keith Lummis, and Confidential Secretary Deanna Matt

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes

Motion by Brandee DuBois to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2022 meeting. Second by Alex Stepanski. The motion was Passed.

Mental Health:

1. Discussion Update

Director Teisha Cook reported a budget modification moving forward to Finance, Ways, and Means committee regarding adjustment to the contract for Mat Roosa to provide assistance with Opioid Settlement funds disbursement.

Director Cook reported a budget modification for the contract with Contact Crisis Services for the afterhours crisis line - budget modification is moving money from personnel (as done in the past) to a \$6,000 contract with Contact.

Director Cook reported a budget modification related to mileage expense for a school clinic.

2. Authorizing the Chairman to Execute a Contract and Modifying the

2023 Adopted County Budget

Director Teisha Cook presented the resolution related to the RFP for Opioid Settlement dollars, and that BRiDGES was selected as an award recipient, and will be moving forward with a project related to Narcan.

Motion by Alex Stepanski to approve the resolution. Second by Dave Jones. The motion was Passed.

Public Health:

1. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into and Agreement with Syracuse University

Director Eric Faisst reported that this is a wastewater sampling contract for Syracuse University to test all Madison County wastewater systems (except Hamilton), being paid for with ARPA funds, and testing is slated to begin in February. Motion by Loren Corbin to approve the resolution. Second by Brandee DuBois. The motion was Passed.

Social Services:

1. Commissioners Report

Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald provided the updated contact information for Department of Social Services (DSS) staff, and provided the Commissioners Report.

2. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Cayuga Centers

Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald reported that Cayuga Centers will be utilized in place of Liberty Resources for mandated services for incorrigible at-risk youth. This is a pre-emptive program designed to help prevent future juvenile delinquency placement. Program is referral-based, occurs in the home, and partially state-funded. Motion by Dave Jones to approve the resolution. Second by Alex Stepanski. The motion was Passed.

3. Resolution Calling On The Governor To Complete Affordable Care Act Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage Reconciliations That Are Years Overdue And Immediately Release The Federal Funds Owed To Counties And New York City

Commissioner Fitzgerald reported that Madison County is owed over four million dollars in back funds (2019, 2020, 2021). This will be dicussed further at NYSAC.

Commissioner also notes that on April 1, 2023 additional benefits, that have been provided since the onset of the pandemic and Public Health Emergency, will be ending. This will effect the 10% of the County's population who are recipients of Food Stamps, and the

over 16,000 medicaid recipients.

Motion by Loren Corbin to approve the resolution. Second by Alex Stepanski. The motion was Passed.

Youth Bureau:

1. Youth Bureau Update

Director Tina Louis notes that the New Vision on-campus students have moved into their internships in the following county departments: Mental Health, Public Information Office, Probation, Courts, Clerk, County Attorney, County Administrator.

Director Louis noted that sports allocations have been released for January-September for \$20,000. The program will begin setting up listening sessions with Public Information Officer. The Office for Children and Family Services allocates Youth Bureau funds based on population and NYS local determinants.

2. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Community Action Program for Madison County, Inc. and to Modify the 2023 Adopted County Budget

Motion by Dave Jones to approve the resolution. Second by Loren Corbin. The motion was Passed.

3. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with BRiDGES, Cornell Cooperative Extension Madison County and The Madison County Youth Bureau for the continuation of the Madison County Youth Council

Director Tina Louis reports that this resolution does not involve any money, it is an agreement of time commitments of staff, and offers guidelines. Motion by Alex Stepanski to approve the resolution. Second by Brandee DuBois. The motion was Passed.

Veterans Affairs:

1. Discussion Update

Director Ron Raymer reported that the Narcan Train the Trainer is intended to train their community members.

Director Raymer provided an update on the community center stating they are waiting on the state of NY for approval of funding. The Mental Health department staff are working with the program staff to move this forward. Director Raymer also noted that the full \$100,000 award rolled over from 2022.

Resolutions:

Other Committee Business

Preferred Agenda

It was the consensus of the Committee to allow any eligible resolution from today's meeting to be added to the preferred agenda. All resolutions were voted on and approved by the Committee.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2023 @ 10:30 A.M.

Adjourn

Motion by Brandee DuBois to adjourn at 11:25 am. Second by Loren Corbin. The motion was Passed.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING A CONTRACT WITH VMC GROUP INC, DBA VMC CONSULTANTS INC.
FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Resolution 20-171 was approved on April 14, 2020 approving administrative and technical assistance for managing transportation services for Preschool and Early Intervention children; and

WHEREAS, Madison County Department of Health is responsible to provide arrangements for the transportation of children with handicapping conditions to education facilities under the Early Intervention Program and Special Education Program for ages 0-5; and

WHEREAS, VMC Group Inc. DBA VMC Consultants Inc. has helped the County manage the cost of transportation services by working with transporters to maximize the routing, invoice assistance, ridesharing, evaluation, field inspections of buses and point of contact; and

WHEREAS, a modification to the current contract with VMC Consultants Inc. is necessary to manage the transportation coordination and contain costs associated with transporting Preschool and Early Intervention children to programs ; and

WHEREAS, the county agrees to the pay compensation at the rate of \$90,279 plus the 12 month CPI-U for the preceding 12 months as released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in May 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Health & Human Services' Committee feels it's in the best interest of Madison County to modify and extend the agreement, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to modify the agreement with VMC Consultants Inc. effective March 14, 2023 as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Date: March 14, 2023

Mary Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Health and Human Services Committee

**Commissioner's Report
January 2023**

Unreconciled - 2/13/23	Net Budget Amount	Net Expenditures Jan-23	YTD Net Expenditures	Percentage Spent	Jan-22 Clients Served	Dec-22 Clients Served	Jan-23 Clients Served
General Administration	\$ 10,819,326.00	\$ 721,070.07	\$ 721,070.07	6.66%			
Salaries	\$ 6,518,086.00	\$ 479,210.18	\$ 479,210.18	7.35%			
Equipment	\$ 127,165.00	\$ 6,246.17	\$ 6,246.17	4.91%			
Operating Costs	\$ 1,532,237.00	\$ 67,197.02	\$ 67,197.02	4.39%			
Fringe Benefits	\$ 2,742,582.00	\$ 171,429.70	\$ 171,429.70	6.25%			
Incentives/Other Adm Refunds	\$ (100,744.00)	\$ (3,013.00)	\$ (3,013.00)	2.99%			
MMIS-Medical Assistance	\$ 9,965,019.00	\$ 839,434.79	\$ 839,434.79	8.42%	16,310	4,311	4,345
MMIS	\$ 10,053,019.00	\$ 876,560.00	\$ 876,560.00	8.72%	4,184	4,311	4,345
Medical Assistance	\$ (88,000.00)	\$ (37,125.21)	\$ (37,125.21)	42.19%			
Health Exchange					12,126		
Public Assistance	\$ 1,864,424.00	\$ 136,065.75	\$ 136,065.75	7.30%	4,362	4,257	4,579
Family Assistance	\$ 758,696.00	\$ 48,431.48	\$ 48,431.48	6.38%	173	165	175
Emergency Assistance to Families	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0	2	0
ESG-CV	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0	0	0
ERAP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0	0	0
Affordable Housing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0	0	0
Safety Net	\$ 840,728.00	\$ 66,006.77	\$ 66,006.77	7.85%	140	150	167
HEAP (PA-NPA-EMG)	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ (9,494.10)	\$ (9,494.10)	18.99%	4,042	3,935	4,227
Emergency Aid to Adults	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 449.00	\$ 449.00	1.50%	1	1	1
Burials	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 30,672.60	\$ 30,672.60	14.61%	6	4	9
Children Services	\$ 6,869,008.00	\$ 436,013.57	\$ 436,013.57	6.35%	513	526	515
EAF-Foster Care	\$ 613,235.00	\$ 33,122.23	\$ 33,122.23	5.40%	9	9	10
EAF-JD/PINS	\$ 143,640.00	\$ 24,719.92	\$ 24,719.92	17.21%	1	1	2
Foster Care	\$ 1,420,326.00	\$ 69,775.62	\$ 69,775.62	4.91%	24	18	19
Adoptions*	\$ 2,001,821.00	\$ 116,264.26	\$ 116,264.26	5.81%	92	82	82
Kinship Guardianship*	\$ 58,091.00	\$ 4,952.25	\$ 4,952.25	8.52%	4	3	3
JD	\$ 1,419,026.00	\$ 170,679.29	\$ 170,679.29	12.03%	7	6	7
JD-Non-Secure Detention/DFY	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 15,981.90	\$ 15,981.90	10.65%	5	6	7
State Training School	\$ 1,053,302.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%			
Raise the Age	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0	0	0
Foster Care Ind Lvg - JD/PINS Ind Lvg	\$ 9,567.00	\$ 518.10	\$ 518.10	5.42%			
Children Not in Foster Care					371	401	385
CPS Referrals					125	103	119
FAR Referrals					15	0	0
Purchase of Service	\$ 1,147,766.00	\$ 119,327.92	\$ 119,327.92	10.40%			
Title XX	\$ 372,367.00	\$ 55,717.08	\$ 55,717.08	14.96%			
Title XX - Raise the Age	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%			
Domestic Violence	\$ 174,523.00	\$ 14,543.62	\$ 14,543.62	8.33%			
Family Unification	\$ 321,258.00	\$ 33,781.00	\$ 33,781.00	10.52%			
STSJP	\$ 151,186.00	\$ 8,693.22	\$ 8,693.22	5.75%			
EAF-Services	\$ 128,432.00	\$ 4,981.00	\$ 4,981.00	3.88%			
EAF-Services JD/PINS	\$ -	\$ 1,612.00	\$ 1,612.00	No Budget			
Block Grant Day Care	\$ 1,167,480.00	\$ 94,128.42	\$ 94,128.42	8.06%	118	171	136
Day Care - 100%	\$ 1,063,383.00	\$ 85,369.02	\$ 85,369.02	8.03%	103	160	125
Day Care - 75%*	\$ 104,097.00	\$ 8,759.40	\$ 8,759.40	8.41%	15	11	11
Total	\$ 31,833,023.00	\$ 2,346,040.52	\$ 2,346,040.52	7.37%			
SNAP	\$ 12,408,520.00	\$ 1,900,578.00	\$ 1,900,578.00	15.32%	6,353	6,730	6,654
SNAP -PA	\$ 618,501.00	\$ 63,940.00	\$ 63,940.00	10.34%	220	221	216
SNAP-NPA	\$ 11,790,019.00	\$ 1,836,638.00	\$ 1,836,638.00	15.58%	6,133	6,509	6,438
Child Support	\$ 5,539,320.00	\$ 389,816.06	\$ 389,816.06	7.04%	2,186	2,081	2,168
Child Support - Current Assistance	\$ 162,891.00	\$ 9,867.45	\$ 9,867.45	6.06%	238	238	251
Child Support - Former Assistance	\$ 849,135.00	\$ 61,621.05	\$ 61,621.05	7.26%	780	730	761
Child Support - Never Assistance	\$ 4,527,294.00	\$ 318,327.56	\$ 318,327.56	7.03%	1,168	1,113	1,156



MADISON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY



County Office Building # 4
P.O. Box 546, 138 North Court St.
Wampsville, NY 13163
Telephone: (315) 366-2395 Fax: (315) 366-2579

Ron W. Raymer
Director

Lukas Duimstra
Veterans Counselor

Tamara S. Leggett
Office Assistant III

Veterans Agency Committee Updates:

The Veterans Agency continues to assist the veteran community of Madison County providing thorough and robust VA claims assistance in addition to addressing other veteran related concerns affecting the community. With the Department of Veterans Affairs benefit programs of compensation, pension and claim appeals being the focus of our work with veterans and their dependents, our ever-increasing network of contacts allows us to connect veterans with the services and resources they need and deserve.

Events, Trainings and other Topics for Consideration:

01/26/2023 – Department of Veterans Affairs training seminar regarding VA Caregiver Support Program.

01/26/2023 – NYS DVS training regarding claims for VA benefits for mental health disorders.

02/09/2023 - NYS DVS monthly training covering Non-Service Connected Veterans Pensions.

02/14/2023 – Received approval from NYS OMH to use MCVSA Dwyer funding to pay for the Professional Design Services from King & King Architects regarding the MC Veterans Community Center.

02/17/2023 – Started advertising Equine Recreational Therapy for veterans at Arise at the Farm as part of the Madison County Veterans Service Agency Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Project.

Office Statistics:

Total Client contacts for January 2023 (completed): 531

WWII: 14

Korea: 25

Other: 212

Vietnam: 187

Gulf War: 93

Mode of Contact-

In Person: 107

Telephone/Email: 424

Prepared by Ron Raymer - Director