



**Cortland County Health &
Human Services
Committee
Committee Meeting
~ Agenda ~**

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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Thursday, June 11, 2026

10:00 AM

Room 302

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Call to Order

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Committee Member Douglas Bentley				
Committee Member William McGovern				
Committee Member Christopher Newell				
Committee Member Jason Prentice				
Committee Member Keith VanGorder				
Committee Vice-Chair Sandra Price				
Committee Chair Ronald J. Van Dee				

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- 1. May 13, 2026 - Health & Human Services Committee Minutes**

Resolutions

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.

Appoint/Reappoint Community Service Board Members and Subcommittees

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Cortland County Community Services Board (CSB), Article 3, Section 1 states that membership of the organization shall consist of (15) fifteen members appointed by the Cortland County Legislature, and Article 7, Section 1 states that the membership of the Mental Health (MH), Developmental Disabilities (DD) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Subcommittees shall consist of nine (9) members each, appointed by the Cortland County Legislature; AND

WHEREAS, a typical full term of each member of the Board and Subcommittees shall be four (4) years except when completing the term created by a member's resignation or death; AND

WHEREAS, members may serve for a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms, unless no recruitment is available; AND

WHEREAS, individuals have been nominated to fill vacancies on the Community Services Board and all the Subcommittees; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following members be and hereby are appointed/reappointed to the Cortland County Community Services Board and three Subcommittees for terms beginning immediately and ending as reflected below:

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD (CSB):

Appoint:

Matthew Cranson	29 Anderson Rd. Whitney Point, NY 13862	F&CCS Agency	12/31/2029
Jessica McGuire	54 Southworth Rd., Dryden, NY 13053	RHI- Coalition	12/31/28 (finishing term of resigned member Felicia Outlaw)
Loriann Spatola- Davis	87 Terrace Dr. Binghamton, NY 13905	WIC-CAPCO	12/31/2027 (finishing term of resigned member Julie Partigianoni)
Ann Homer	PO Box 106, 80 N. Main St. Cortland, NY 13045	Human Services	12/31/2029

MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE (MH):

Appoint:

Matthew Cranson	29 Anderson Rd. Whitney Point, NY 13862	F&CCS Agency	12/31/2029 (finishing term of resigned member Julie Partigianoni)
Kristina Gambitta	19 Atkins Ave. Cortland, NY 13045	RN with MH experience	12/31/2029

Reappoint:

Jennifer Sylstra	5139 Searls Rd. Cortland, NY 13045	Prevention & MHA	12/31/2029
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SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SUBCOMMITTEE (SUD):

Appoint:

Jessica McGuire	54 Southworth Rd. Dryden, NY 13053	RHI- Coalition	12/31/29
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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE (DD):

Appoint:

Irene Fiesinger	407 Shaver Ave. N. Syracuse, NY 13212	JM Murray Center	12/31/29 (finishing term of Neil Cavalieri - no longer with JM Murray)
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ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.

Authorize Agreement with the YWCA Aid to Victims of Violence Program - Department of Social Services

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Children and Family Services has allocated Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds for Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services; AND

WHEREAS, the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Aid to Victims of Violence (AVV) program is an authorized provider of such services; AND

WHEREAS, the funding needed for this Agreement is provided through a State allocation of federal TANF money and will be paid from Account A60105.54800.4693 title Enhanced Non-Residential Domestic Violence and the revenue will be posted in Account A601044.44689.4693; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee and subject to appropriation of funding by the Legislature, be and hereby is authorized to sign an Agreement for the time period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 with the YWCA of Cortland for said services.

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.

Appoint Member Older Americans Act Advisory Council

WHEREAS, the By-Laws of the Older Americans Act Advisory Council of the Cortland County Office for Aging state membership shall be 15-25 voting members with at least fifty percent of the membership to be at least sixty years of age that represent target group seniors according to the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, and shall also include representatives of health care provider organizations, including veterans and supportive services provider organizations, be broadly representative of all aspects of the county, and include local elected official and the general public; AND

WHEREAS, Article 4, Section 4, states the term shall be for three years, or appointed to complete a term of a person who has resigned, the new person's length of term is defined as the period of the original member's term, with a maximum of two consecutive terms; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following individual be and hereby is appointed to the Older Americans Act Advisory Council, effective immediately, in the capacity and for the term set forth below:

Ann Homer – Community Member (1st Term) - Term to expire 12/31/28

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.

Abolish One Part-Time/Create One Full-Time Public Health Educator - Health Department

WHEREAS, the needs of the Public Health Department will be better served by abolishing one (1) part-time position of Public Health Educator, and creating one (1) full-time position of Public Health Educator, which will be 100% grant funded; AND

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee recommends the abolition and creation of these positions; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that one (1) part-time position of Public Health Educator (Grade 18, CSEA, \$27.0485-\$34.2364/hr, competitive class) be abolished effective June 25, 2026 at midnight; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that one (1) full-time position of Public Health Educator (Grade 18, CSEA, \$27.0485-\$34.2364/hr, competitive class, full-time with benefits) be created with permission to fill effective June 26, 2026 at 12:01 a.m., said position to remain in effect only for the duration of available grant funding and to be abolished upon the discontinuation or unavailability of such funding.

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.

Authorize Agreement Department of Social Services with TipCo Automated Systems

WHEREAS, Tipco Automated Systems (TipCo) has created an Artificial Intelligence (AI) product to assist local Departments of Social Services with streamlining and automating common processes while ensuring compliance with state and federal timeliness standards; AND

WHEREAS, the TipCo AI powered worker assistant, referred to as EVA, allows for optimization of workforce and an allocation of resources to more efficiently process eligibility for crucial benefit programs to assist those in need; AND

WHEREAS, the EVA components to be provided include a companion product that will operate as a chatbot to assist workers in finding regulatory and policy information quickly, a Rights and Responsibility document assistant to ensure clients understand and acknowledge information required to be read to them, and a dashboard to include case documentation, case change data and analytics; AND

WHEREAS, the funding needed for this Agreement will come from Account A60105.54015; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee and subject to appropriation of funding by the Legislature, be and hereby is authorized to sign an agreement for the time period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$22,000 with TipCo Automated Systems.

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.

Authorize Lease Extension with 91-101 Main Street, LLC - Workforce Development

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 283-25, authorizing a further lease extension at 91-101 Main Street, LLC through June 30, 2026; AND

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the lease contract through December 31, 2026 with no increase in rent; AND

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed that upon 45 days' notice, Cortland County may terminate the lease agreement on or after October 31, 2026 (resulting in a minimum of a four [4] month extension); AND

WHEREAS, the funding for this shall come from Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funding, which is appropriated to Account No. CD62925.54067.WIOA; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon approval of the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized to execute an extension on the current lease with 91 – 101 Main Street, LLC for premises known as “99 Main Street, Cortland, NY 13045” through December 31, 2026 with no increase in rent and with a provision that the lease may be terminated on or after October 31, 2026 upon 45 days' written notice to the landlord; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the funding for this lease extension shall come from Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funding, which is appropriated to Account No. CD62925.54067.WIOA.

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.

Authorize Agreement with Integrity Partners for Behavioral Health IPA- Mental Health Department

WHEREAS, Integrity Partners for Behavioral Health IPA, Inc. ("Integrity Partners IPA") is a New York independent practice association located in Batavia, New York, established to support integrated behavioral health care delivery, quality improvement initiatives, clinical integration, and value-based payment arrangements among participating behavioral health providers; AND

WHEREAS, Integrity Partners IPA contracts with health plans, managed care organizations, and other payers to facilitate participation in value-based payment arrangements and other healthcare initiatives designed to improve quality, outcomes, care coordination, accessibility, and cost-effectiveness of behavioral health services; AND

WHEREAS, participation in Integrity Partners IPA will provide Cortland County's Mental Health Department with opportunities to collaborate with other behavioral health providers throughout New York State, participate in clinical integration activities, access quality improvement resources, and engage in value-based payment initiatives that support improved health outcomes for individuals receiving mental health and substance use disorder services; AND

WHEREAS, participation in Integrity Partners IPA will support the County's ongoing efforts to strengthen integrated care delivery systems, promote wellness and recovery-oriented services, enhance data-driven decision-making, and improve coordination of care for Medicaid recipients and other individuals served by County behavioral health programs; AND

WHEREAS, the County Mental Health Department has reviewed the proposed Participant Agreement and determined that participation is consistent with the County's mission to provide high-quality, accessible, and cost-effective behavioral health services to residents of the County; AND

WHEREAS, there is no cost to the County for these services; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval of the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Integrity Partners IPA for said services; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Mental Health Department is authorized to participate in Integrity Partners IPA clinical integration programs, quality improvement initiatives, value-based payment arrangements, data-sharing activities, and other collaborative efforts consistent with the terms of the Participant Agreement and applicable law; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.

Endorsement of New York State Senate Bill S.6832/Assembly Bill A.5087 Relating to Participation in World Trade Center Rescue, Recovery and Cleanup Operations by Members of the Organized Militia

WHEREAS, New York State Senate Bill S.6832 and Assembly Bill A.5087 have passed both houses of the New York State Legislature and await consideration by Governor Kathy Hochul; AND

WHEREAS, this legislation relates to participation in World Trade Center rescue, recovery and cleanup operations by members of the organized militia; AND

WHEREAS, this legislation would amend the Military Law and the Workers' Compensation Law to provide that members of the organized militia who were ordered into active service as part of World Trade Center rescue, recovery and cleanup operations shall qualify as employees for purposes of making a claim under Article 8-A of the Workers' Compensation Law; AND

WHEREAS, for purposes of this legislation, "organized militia" includes members of the New York Army National Guard, the New York Air National Guard, the New York Naval Militia, and the New York Guard; AND

WHEREAS, members of the organized militia who served in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks provided critical rescue, recovery, cleanup, and support services under extraordinarily difficult and dangerous circumstances; AND

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and necessary to ensure that those who answered the call to serve during one of the most devastating events in our nation's history are afforded access to the benefits and protections available to others who participated in World Trade Center rescue, recovery and cleanup operations; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby endorses New York State Senate Bill S.6832 and Assembly Bill A.5087 and respectfully urges Governor Kathy Hochul to sign this important legislation into law; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Lea Webb, Assemblymember Anna Kelles, Assemblymember Jeff Gallahan, and any others deemed necessary and proper.

Action Items

Discussion Items

Monthly Reports

1. **Health Department Monthly Report**
2. **Child Advocacy Center 1st Quarter Report**
3. **Office for Aging Monthly Report**

Adjournment