



Health & Human Services Committee

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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Thursday, March 14, 2024

11:00 AM

Room 302

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:11 AM by Committee Chair Ronald J. Van Dee

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Christopher Newell	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Excused	
Douglas Bentley	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Ronald J. Van Dee	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present	
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
William McGovern	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Reed Cleland	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Keith VanGorder	Cortland County, NY	Committee Vice-Chair	Present	
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County, NY	Clerk of the Legislature	Present	
Rob Corpora	Cortland County, NY	County Administrator	Present	
Kristen Monroe	Cortland County, NY	Commissioner of Social Services	Present	
Kristen Beard	Cortland County, NY	Child Advocacy Center Coordinator	Present	
Tom Tedesco	Cortland County, NY	Director of Veterans Services	Present	
Pearl Reed-Klein	Cortland County, NY	Director of the Area Agency on Aging	Present	
Sharon MacDougall	Cortland County, NY	Director of Community Services	Present	
Melanie Vilardi	Cortland County, NY	Deputy County Administrator	Present	
Mecke Nagel	Cortland County, NY	Resident	Present	
Margaret Mellott	Cortland Standard	Reporter	Present	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County, NY	Ex-Officio Member/Chair of the Legislature	Remote	
Andrea Herzog	Cortland County, NY	Director of Finance	Remote	
Donald Chu	Cortland County, NY	Resident	Remote	

Minutes Approval

1. Health & Human Services Committee - Committee Meeting - Feb 8, 2024 11:00 AM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Reed Cleland, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Cathy Bischoff, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Van Dee, Bischoff, McGovern, Cleland, VanGorder
EXCUSED:	Christopher Newell

Resolutions

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Authorize Agreement for Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP) and Caregiver Respite Programs - Office for Aging

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 3/28/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Cathy Bischoff, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Douglas Bentley, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Van Dee, Bischoff, McGovern, Cleland, VanGorder
EXCUSED:	Christopher Newell

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize Agreement for Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP) and Caregiver Respite Programs - Office for Aging

WHEREAS, the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP) and Caregiver Respite programs provide critical services to frail older adults; AND

WHEREAS, the Office for Aging requires the services of outside service providers and private organizations to fulfill its charge; AND

WHEREAS, the Office for Aging wishes to enter into a contract with CNY Seniors d/b/a Home Instead Senior Care of Ithaca, for the provision of non-medical personal care, chore/housekeeping services, and caregiver respite; AND

WHEREAS, the total amount of all EISEP and Caregiver Respite contracts shall not exceed the available funds allocated to each program as follows:

EISEP Services	\$130,652
Caregiver Respite	\$2,500

; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, and subject to any appropriation of funding by the Legislature, be and hereby is authorized to execute said agreement.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Authorize Local Aging Adult for Satellite Services (LASS) Site Laptop Memorandums of Understanding - Office for Aging

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 3/28/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Cathy Bischoff, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Douglas Bentley, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Van Dee, Bischoff, McGovern, Cleland, VanGorder
EXCUSED:	Christopher Newell

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize Local Aging Adult for Satellite Services (LASS) Site Laptop Memorandums of Understanding - Office for Aging

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Office for Aging (CCOFA) has entered into agreements with the following entities to provide Local Aging Adult Satellite for Services (LASS) programs:

Town of Preble - Contract No. 325-23
 Cortland Chenango Rural Services - Contract No. 326-23
 Scott Club, Inc. - Contract No. 327-23
 Virgil United Methodist Church - Contract No. 328-23
 Town of Truxton - Contract No. 329-23

; AND

WHEREAS, the CCOFA purchased six laptops in October of 2022 utilizing HDC5 Consolidated Appropriations Act funds for the enhancement of older adult programming; AND

WHEREAS, the CCOFA has determined it would be beneficial for the LASS programs to have equipment capable of connecting their sites to the CCOFA Age Well Center to engage in shared programming opportunities; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby approves the County Administrator and the CCOFA Director, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, to sign Memorandums of Understanding for the loan and use of the aforementioned laptops to the organizations outlined herein for the purposes previously stated for the period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2029 with the option for renewal.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – Appoint Member - Older Americans Act Advisory Council

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 3/28/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Reed Cleland, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Cathy Bischoff, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Van Dee, Bischoff, McGovern, Cleland, VanGorder
EXCUSED:	Christopher Newell

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

RESOLUTION NO.

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 be and hereby is appointed to the Older Americans Act Advisory Council of the Cortland County Office for Aging:

Name	Capacity	Term Number	Term Expiration
Sharon Torres	Community Member	1 st Term	12/31/2026

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – Resolution Calling for the SFY 2024-25 Enacted Budget to Include Reforms for Determining the Capacity of a Defendant to Stand Trial

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 3/28/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Cathy Bischoff, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Douglas Bentley, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Van Dee, Bischoff, McGovern, Cleland, VanGorder
EXCUSED:	Christopher Newell

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

RESOLUTION NO.

Resolution Calling for the SFY 2024-25 Enacted Budget to Include Reforms for Determining the Capacity of a Defendant to Stand Trial

WHEREAS, section § 730 of the Criminal Procedure Law (CPL) provides that defendants charged with felonies who are mentally ill and/or developmentally disabled and who are determined by a court to be unable to understand the charges against them or participate in their own defense (often called “730’s”) are sent to New York State-operated forensic hospitals solely for the purpose of trying to restore them to competency so they can stand trial; AND

WHEREAS, the origin of CPL § 730 dates back over five (5) decades to the laws of 1970, and parts of it have been declared to be unconstitutional; AND

WHEREAS, competency restoration provides necessary medications but primarily provides services such as courtroom training to familiarize the defendant with courtroom procedures so they can participate in their trial; AND

WHEREAS, in the cases for which restoration is appropriate, most defendants can generally be restored within 90-150 days; AND

WHEREAS, unfortunately, there are also numerous situations where defendants have been kept in restoration for periods of three, six, or even 10 years; AND

WHEREAS, these lengthy confinements have been declared to be unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court as shown in the case of *Jackson v. Indiana* (1972), which provides that states may not indefinitely confine criminal defendants solely on the basis of incompetence to stand trial; AND

WHEREAS, the Office of Mental Health (OMH) has diverged from agreements with the county mental health commissioners/directors of community services to provide specific and timely information on the clients/defendants ordered to restoration; AND

WHEREAS, the SFY 2020-21 budget required counties to pay 100 percent of the OMH State Operations costs for individuals receiving court-ordered mental health competency restoration services at State-operated Forensic Psychiatric Centers; AND

WHEREAS, as the full payors of these services, the commissioners must have timely access to any pertinent client information as deemed necessary to effectively manage their responsibilities under the Mental Hygiene Law; AND

WHEREAS, the county cost of these services is over \$1,300 per day and current statute does not require a timeline be established for when a defendant is unable to be restored; AND

WHEREAS, the county cost of restoration for one defendant can be upwards of \$400,000 per year; AND

WHEREAS, in New York State, counties, through the county tax levy, already bear an overwhelming portion of the financial burden for supporting individuals suffering from serious mental illness, and the requirement to assume 100% of 730.20 competency restoration costs has taken away millions of dollars from critical behavioral health programming in the community; AND

WHEREAS, given the advances in the behavioral health and the modernization of the criminal justice system, it is time for the State to reform the statutory authority governing competency restoration to ensure that only individuals who are appropriate subjects of 730 court orders are sent for restoration in accordance with the current state of these two systems; AND

WHEREAS, the Legislature has introduced S.1874 (Brouk)/A.5063 (Gunther), which seeks to address the reforms necessary to update the archaic requirements of current statute, many which have been deemed unconstitutional and includes a critical requirement to reinvest any savings derived by the counties back into the local mental hygiene systems of care as follows:

- CPL § 730.10 shall be modified to make clear that restoration is not mental health treatment, so the judiciary is better informed that a 730 order does not treat underlying mental health conditions;
- CPL § 730.20 shall be reformed to establish specific criteria for 730 examiners, streamlining the process to establish equity across the system, and that the psychiatrist or psychologist conducting the psychiatric exam tell the court whether or not there is a reasonable chance of restoration, thereby granting the court an opportunity to allow diversion to mental health treatment;
- OMH will consistently follow their agreements with the county mental health commissioners/directors of community services to provide specific and timely information on the clients/defendants ordered to restoration;
- CPL § 730.20 shall adjust the fee for reimbursing psychiatric examiners;
- CPL § 730.50 shall limit the time defendants are ordered for restoration services; AND BE IT FURTHER
- MHL § 9.33 shall allow individuals to be transferred to Article 9 facilities if it is determined that a defendant is unable to be restored;
- MHL § 43.03 shall require Local Governmental Units (counties) to reinvest savings from these reforms into community mental health services

; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature calls on the State to support all provisions outlined in S.1874 (Brouk)/A.5063 (Gunther); AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature encouraging them to include these reforms in the SFY 2025 Enacted Budget.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – Authorize Agreements for Contractual Psychiatrists - Mental Health Department

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 3/28/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Cathy Bischoff, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Reed Cleland, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Van Dee, Bischoff, McGovern, Cleland, VanGorder
EXCUSED:	Christopher Newell

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize Agreements for Contractual Psychiatrists - Mental Health Department

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Department is in need of psychiatrists to serve its population and provide required NYS CPL 730 and MHL 9.60 evaluations; AND

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County to provide these services through an outside vendor contractor who specializes in these unique evaluations; AND

WHEREAS, Dr. Annas and Dr. Kumar, both licensed psychiatrists, are contractors selected to provide this to the Mental Health Department; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Cortland County Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

Decrease:

A43105-51010-4200 \$40,000

Increase:

A43115-54615 \$40,000

; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement with Dr. Annas and Dr. Kumar, M.D. for Mental Health Department required NYS CPL 730 and MHL 9/60 evaluation services.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – Authorize Contracts/Delegate Authority -Community Impact Dollars for HEALing Community Study - Mental Health Department

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 3/28/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Reed Cleland, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Douglas Bentley, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Van Dee, Bischoff, McGovern, Cleland, VanGorder
EXCUSED:	Christopher Newell

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize Contracts/Delegate Authority -Community Impact Dollars for HEALing Community Study - Mental Health Department

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Mental Health Department has been awarded an increase in Community Impact Dollars (CID) from \$262,813 to \$483,949 as part of the Columbia HEALing Community Study (HCS); AND

WHEREAS, the HCS leadership committee has designated the funds to be used for funding evidence-based practices and communications interventions matching the approved Columbia budget and action plans; AND

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee to authorize the Cortland County Administrator, Chair of the Cortland County Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee and the Director of Community Services for Cortland County to approve the designation of funds to the following Cortland County contracted agencies; with these budget adjustments:

2023-2024 Columbia Approved	Original CID	Updated CID
Access to Independence	\$24,590	\$32,343
Cayuga Addiction & Recovery Services	\$30,782	\$251,918
CACTC	\$33,291	\$33,291
Cortland County Health Dept.	\$37,191	\$37,191
Family & Children's Counseling Services	\$136,959	\$129,206
TOTAL	\$262,813	\$483,949

; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Administrator, Chair of the Cortland County Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee and the Director of Community Services for Cortland County will approve the designation of funds to various Cortland County contracted agencies; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized to execute agreements with approved county contracted agencies for these funds; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Director of Finance is authorized to pay the approved county contracted agencies from the appropriate expense account.

Monthly Reports

1. Health Department Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Mental Health Department Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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Discussion Items

1. Committee Update of Opioid Settlement Funding

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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Executive Sessions

It was MOVED by Ms. Bischoff, seconded by Mr. McGovern, and unanimously approved by voice vote of members present, to enter into an executive session to discuss matters which will imperil the public safety is disclosed. Those permitted to stay in the executive session are: Savannah Hempstead, Rob Corpora, Victoria Monty, Melanie Vilardi and all legislators present. MOTION CARRIED.

An executive session was held from 11:40 a.m. to 11:48 a.m., at which time on motion of Mr. McGovern, seconded by Ms. Bischoff, it was unanimously approved by voice vote to exit executive session.

It was MOVED by Ms. Bischoff, seconded by Mr. Cleland, and unanimously approved by voice vote of members present, to enter into an executive session for discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation. Those permitted to stay in the executive session are: Savannah Hempstead, Rob Corpora, Victoria Monty, Melanie Vilardi and all legislators present. MOTION CARRIED.

An executive session was held from 11:49 a.m. to 12:06 p.m., at which time on motion of Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Cleland, it was unanimously approved by voice vote to exit executive session.

Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 12:07 PM



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11:00 AM

Room 302

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:12 AM by Committee Chair Ronald J. Van Dee

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived	Departed
Christopher Newell	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		12:20 PM
Douglas Bentley	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		
Ronald J. Van Dee	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present		
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		
William McGovern	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		
Reed Cleland	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		
Keith VanGorder	Cortland County, NY	Committee Vice-Chair	Present		
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County, NY	Clerk of the Legislature	Present		
Rob Corpora	Cortland County, NY	County Administrator	Present		
Kristen Monroe	Cortland County, NY	Commissioner of Social Services	Present		
Karl Bush	ClearPath		Present		
Tom Tedesco	Cortland County, NY	Director of Veterans Services	Present		
Shannon Phillips	Cortland County, NY	Employment & Training Director	Present		
Pearl Reed-Klein	Cortland County, NY	Director of the Area Agency on Aging	Present		
Rebecca Main	Cortland County, NY	Public Health Program Manager	Present		
Nicole Anjeski	Cortland County, NY	Public Health Director	Present		
Sharon MacDougall	Cortland County, NY	Director of Community Services	Present		
Brian Moore	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Commissioner of Social Services	Present		
Allison Veintimilla	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Commissioner of Social Services	Present		
Laurie Leonard	Cortland County, NY	Personnel Officer	Present		
Melanie Vilardi	Cortland County, NY	Deputy County Administrator	Present		

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Sandra Price	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present		
Katee Padbury	Cortland County, NY	Health Department	Remote		
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County, NY	Ex-Officio Member/Chair of the Legislature	Remote		
Nicole Compton	Cortland County, NY	Secretary to the County Attorney	Remote		
Donald Chu	Cortland County, NY	Resident	Remote		
Margaret Mellott	Cortland Standard	Reporter	Remote		

Minutes Approval

1. Health & Human Services Committee - Committee Meeting - Jan 11, 2024 11:00 AM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Reed Cleland, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Cathy Bischoff, Committee Member
AYES:	Newell, Bentley, Van Dee, Bischoff, McGovern, Cleland, VanGorder

Resolutions

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Authorize Agreement Medical Consultant and Abolish Medical Advisor Position - Health Department

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 2/22/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Christopher Newell, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Cathy Bischoff, Committee Member
AYES:	Newell, Bentley, Van Dee, Bischoff, McGovern, Cleland, VanGorder

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

RESOLUTION NO. 53-24

Authorize Agreement Medical Consultant and Abolish Medical Advisor Position - Health Department

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Health Department is required by provisions under New York State Public Health Law that a local health department with a Public Health Director must have a Medical Consultant; AND

WHEREAS, the needs of the Health Department will be better served by abolishing one (1) position of Medical Advisor (off scale Management Compensation Plan), and terminating contract no. 138-22 (Resolution no. 180-22) Medical Consultant for Tuberculosis Control Activities, and contracting with a Medical Consultant having tuberculosis control activities incorporated into the responsibilities of the Medical Consultant; AND

WHEREAS, licensed physician, Douglas D. MacQueen, MD, of 108 Besemer Hill Rd, Ithaca, New York 14850, is knowledgeable and up-to-date with current public health requirements; AND

WHEREAS, a fee of \$3,050 per month will be paid to the contractor; AND

WHEREAS, the 2024 budget will need to be amended as follows:

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		Current	Inc/(Dec)	Balance
A40105.51010.4000	Personal Services	\$29,900	\$(10,000)	\$19,900
A40105.58020.4000	Personal Services	\$51,661	\$(15,000)	\$36,661
A40105.54815.4000	Contracted Agencies	\$-0-	\$30,500	\$30,500
A40115.54815.4037	Contracted Agencies	\$ 6,600	\$(5,500)	\$1,100

; AND

WHEREAS, the term for this agreement shall be from March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2026, with the right to renew by the parties for 2 year terms, up to 3 renewals total; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that one (1) position of Medical Advisor (off scale Management Compensation Plan) be and hereby is abolished effective February 22, 2024 at midnight; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the 2024 budget be amended as follows:

		Current	Inc/(Dec)	Balance
A40105.51010.4000	Personal Services	\$29,900	\$(10,000)	\$19,900
A40105.58020.4000	Personal Services	\$51,661	\$(15,000)	\$36,661
A40105.54815.4000	Contracted Agencies	\$-0-	\$30,500	\$30,500
A40115.54815.4037	Contracted Agencies	\$ 6,600	\$(5,500)	\$1,100

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Administrator and the Public Health Director, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, are authorized to execute agreements for the provision Medical Consultant activities with Douglas D. MacQueen, MD, of 108 Besemer Hill Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850, for the period March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2026; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, amendments to the contract during the term and renewals will be considered on an as needed basis.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Abolish One Position of Principal Account Clerk and One Position of Speech Language Pathologist/Create One Position of Programs Coordinator - Health Department

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 2/22/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Christopher Newell, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Douglas Bentley, Committee Member
AYES:	Newell, Bentley, Van Dee, Bischoff, McGovern, Cleland, VanGorder

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

RESOLUTION NO. 54-24

Abolish One Position of Principal Account Clerk and One Position of Speech Language Pathologist/Create One Position of Programs Coordinator - Health Department

WHEREAS, the needs of the Health Department will be better served by abolishing one (1) full time Principal Account Clerk position and one Speech Language Pathologist (per diem) position and creating one (1) full time Programs Coordinator position; AND

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

RESOLVED, that one (1) position of Principal Account Clerk (Grade 13, CSEA, \$21.5585-27.2876/HR, competitive class, full time with benefits) and one (1) position of Speech Language

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Pathologist (Grade 28, CSEA, \$37.2145-47.1041/HR, competitive, per diem, up to 17 hr/wk) be and hereby is abolished effective February 22, 2024 at midnight; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that one (1) position of Programs Coordinator (Grade 11, Management Compensation Plan, \$53,514-71,227, competitive class, full time with benefits) be created with permission to fill effective February 23, 2024 at 12:01 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – 2024 Budget Modification - Code Blue/MMIS/Family Assistance - Department of Social Services

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 2/22/2024 6:00 PM

MOVER: Reed Cleland, Committee Member

SECONDER: Cathy Bischoff, Committee Member

AYES: Newell, Bentley, Van Dee, Bischoff, McGovern, Cleland, VanGorder

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

RESOLUTION NO. 56-24

2024 Budget Modification - Code Blue/MMIS/Family Assistance - Department of Social Services

WHEREAS, the 2024 County Budget requires modifications due to information obtained late in the planning cycle; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the 2024 County Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

Increase:

Expense:

A60105.54800.4696	Code Blue	\$50,560.00
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Revenue:

A601043.43689.4696	Code Blue	\$50,560.00
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Increase:

Expense:

A60105.56102	MMIS	\$176,224.00
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Decrease:

Expense:

A60105.56109	Family Assistance	\$176,224.00
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – Abolish One Position of Mental Health Practitioner (Part Time)/ Increase Hours Two Mental Health Practitioners - Mental Health Department

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 2/22/2024 6:00 PM

MOVER: Cathy Bischoff, Committee Member

SECONDER: William McGovern, Committee Member

AYES: Newell, Bentley, Van Dee, Bischoff, McGovern, Cleland, VanGorder

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

RESOLUTION NO. 55-24

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Abolish One Position of Mental Health Practitioner (Part Time)/ Increase Hours Two Mental Health Practitioners - Mental Health Department

WHEREAS, the needs of the Mental Health Department will be better served by abolishing one part time position of Mental Health Practitioner and increasing the hours for two Mental Health Practitioner positions; AND

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

RESOLVED, that one part time position of Mental Health Practitioner (Management, off-scale, \$70.2312/hour, competitive, up to 17 hours per week) hereby is abolished effective February 22, 2024 at midnight; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that two positions of Mental Health Practitioner (Management, off-scale, \$70.2312/hour, competitive, full time with benefits) be increased from 35 hours to 40 hours per week effective February 23, 2024 at 12:01 am.

Discussion Items

1. Overview of the Department of Social Services

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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Monthly Reports

1. Department of Social Services 4Th Quarter 2023 Statistics

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. February Report - Health Department

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 12:33 PM

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CDC Updated Respiratory Virus Guidance

On March 1, 2024: The CDC updated isolation guidance for COVID-19 infections and streamlined practical recommendations and prevention tools to help people lower health risks posed by a range of common respiratory viral illnesses including COVID-19, Flu and RSV

Why has CDC changed the “isolation” period for COVID-19?

- ***Prior Guidance:*** The previous COVID-19 guidance recommended a minimum isolation period of 5 days plus a period of post-isolation precautions and was created during the public health emergency with lower population immunity, fewer tools to combat respiratory viruses, and higher rates of severe illness, including hospitalizations and deaths.
- ***Updated Guidance:*** The updated Respiratory Virus Guidance recommends that people stay home and away from others until at least 24 hours after both their symptoms are getting better overall, and they have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication). Note that depending on the length of symptoms, this period could be shorter, the same, or longer than the previous guidance for COVID-19

CDC recommends that all people use core prevention strategies. These are important steps you can take to protect yourself and others:

- Stay up to date with [immunizations](#)
- Practice good [hygiene](#) (practices that improve cleanliness)
- Take [steps for cleaner air](#)
- When you may have a respiratory virus:
 - Use [precautions to prevent spread](#)
 - Seek health care promptly for testing and/or treatment if you have [risk factors for severe illness](#); [treatment](#) may help lower your risk of severe illness

Additional prevention strategies you can choose to further protect yourself and others include:

- [Masks](#)
- [Physical distancing](#)
- [Tests](#)

For more information visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/guidance/respiratory-virus-guidance.html>

Highlighted Programs



Nursing Immunization

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this program is to help reduce the likelihood of vaccine-preventable diseases by assuring people of all ages receive necessary vaccines.

ACTIVITIES:

- Education and training for healthcare providers, schools, and the community on infant and childhood immunizations.
- Education for healthcare providers and community members on adult immunizations.
- Implement strategies to reduce disparities in vaccination among underserved populations.
- Work towards accurate reporting to New York State Immunization Systems.
- Engage community members and other stakeholders in immunization efforts through a coalition.





Environmental Health Rabies Control & Response

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this program is to respond to and control rabies exposure.

ACTIVITIES:

- Management of rabies exposure
- Ensure appropriate confinement of pet
- Submission of rabies samples to NYSDOH
- Ensure proper post exposure treatment
- Provide rabies clinics



Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic-March 20th

Cortland County's
FREE
**RABIES VACCINATION
CLINIC**

Appointment Required!

March 20th, 2024
6:00-8:00pm
Cortland County Office Building-GYM
60 Central Ave, Cortland NY 13045

Pre-registration at
www.health.ny.gov/Go2Clinic
is **MANDATORY!**

Please contact the Environmental Health Division at 607-753-5035 with any questions.

Public Health
CORTLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Environmental Health

Sincerely,

Nicole Anjeski, MS, MPH
Public Health Director

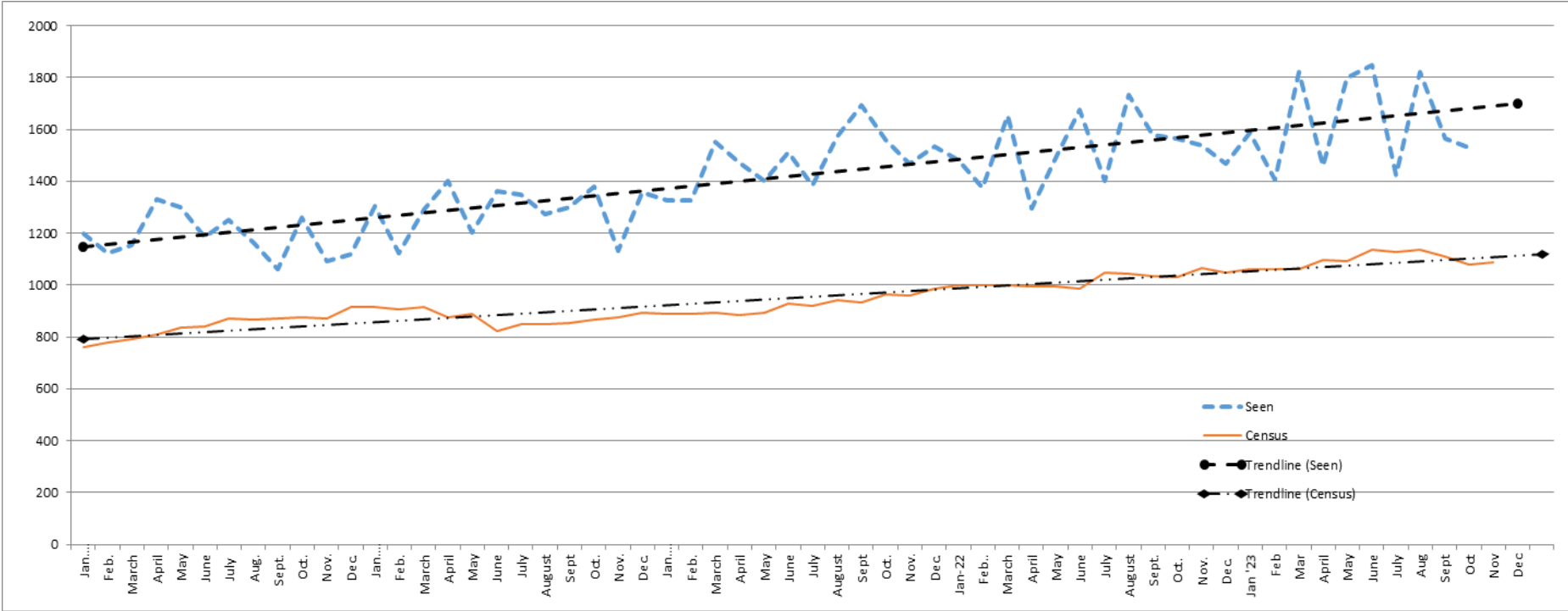
CORTLAND COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health & Human Services (HHS) Leg. Committee March 2024 Report

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Mental Health (MH) Department Director of Community Services (DCS)

OVERVIEW

All MH Dept. Programs/Services 5-year trend:



Mental Health Department Programs:

INTERNAL DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS	DATA DATE	PROGRESS UPDATES	ACHIEVEMENTS & RISKS	OUTCOMES & TRENDS
All MH Dept. Programs Fiscal/Revenue	1/2024	Finalizing 2023 Fiscal and Revenue close out and reporting to County Finance and NYS OMH. Billing is processing revenue receivables from Q4 2023. Normal to receive revenue the quarter after services are offered/billed. 2023 Est. Revenue Totals: - Over \$3.18M billed out for treatment/services - Over \$2.9M billing received so far & expecting more. 1st time MH Dept. expects to achieve \$3M in total billing revenue. This offsets County Share costs to ease tax-payers. NYS OMH, OASAS and OPWDD approved MH Dept. State Aid awards by end of Jan. 2024. MH Dept. State Aid award contract baseline language approved by County Attorney 2/25/24; anticipating March 2024 final signatures. Providers and MH Dept. CCSI Fiscal Officer and MHDCS working to complete NYS 2023 Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR). This is required of MH Dept. as well as oversight/approval of Cortland Providers reporting on CFR. Due in April 2024. Key monitoring for over \$3M in NYS OMH, OASAS, OPWDD MH Dept. state aid awarded annual funding to Cortland Providers.	Expecting additional billing revenue from an increased adjustment for Q2-Q4 2023 billed services from NYS Managed Care. 2/21/24 National Cyberattack is temporarily limiting billing via Medent (EHR) billing system. Monitoring this situation closely.	Revenue growth resulting in less need for County share to achieve fiscal targets closing out 2023. 2/21/24 National Cyberattack temporarily limiting billing. NYS OMH, OASAS, OPWDD state aid awards to MH Dept. have increased each year for the last 3yrs. Unsure of the future trend; as NYS seeks to have Behavioral health providers relay on billing revenue instead than NYS Aid funding to be sustainable.
Mental Health Clinic: Outpatient Treatment Rehabilitation & Supports (MHOTRS) NYS OMH Licensed / Certified Program.	2/2024	Continued trend of high demand for therapy; based on new referrals. Continued trend of increase in number of services; due to the client complexity of needs when presenting for treatment. Assessing need to add to therapy workforce to meet the community demand. 2023 Totals: - Total therapy sessions provided: 19,530: - averaging 1,521 monthly & 75 daily sessions - averaging 1/3 of all sessions are provided by telehealth - Total Clients/Patients served: 1,453 - Total 632 new referrals received, 534 attended the intake, resulting in 500 admitted (79% successful admission rate)	Thank you - increasing NPP total hours/pay made the title reimbursement competitive to the region/NYS averages. Difficult to hire Medical Director/Psychiatrist given PT title and very high demand/low available	High demand for therapy based on new referrals. Increase in complexity of client needs, requiring increased therapy/support. Clinic program originated around 1969 in Cortland. Over 50yrs of dedication to the community.

Largest program at MH Dept.		Jan. 2024 Totals: - Total sessions provided: 1,756 - averaging 84 daily sessions - averaging 1/3 of all session are provided by telehealth - Total enrolled Clients/Patients: 1,035 - Total 73 new referrals received Addressing prescribing medical staffing needs as PT Medical Director/Psychiatrist retired and NPP vacancy 2/2024. Finalizing hiring after recent positive interviews. New staff orientation takes on average a month; mainly due to EHR learning curve. Learn more about our Clinic (aka: MHORTS): https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/clinic_restructuring/, https://www.cortland-co.org/452/Mental-Health-Clinic	for Psychiatrists Nationally.	
“Horizon House” (HH) Adult Continuing Day Treatment (CDT) <i>More intense/daily program for MH clients with serious mental illness (SMI)</i>	2/2024	Status Quo caseloads and accepting new referrals. M-F program 5 to 6 hrs/day. Feb. 2024 COVID affecting over half the clients in the program. Program “Winter Break” from 2/20 to 3/1, which helped clients recover and reduce MH COVID exposure in building. Special thanks to B&G for extra cleaning in the MH Building. 2023 Totals: 43 total clients served: 2,536 total services provided, 1,270 total hours of treatment/services Jan 2024: 23 total enrolled. Learn more about Adult CDT Treatment & HH Program: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5396210/, https://www.cortland-co.org/453/Horizon-House	Achieving fiscal sustainability: 2023 Adult CDT billing rate increased and anticipating an additional 2024 billing rate increase. Estimated to be around only 20 Adult CDT programs left in all of NYS. Unsure of OMH’s intentions for this program in the future. Monitoring closely with OMH.	HH Adult CDT Program originated in the 1980s. Close to 40yrs of dedication to the community.
Family Support Services (FSS)	2/2024	Status Quo caseloads and accepting new referrals. Youth & Family services & Treatment provided M-F in community settings as much as able and as accepted by families.	Successfully completed 3yr partnership with DSS to support Prevention program youth. Able	2024 planning to increase enrolment in CFTSS services.

Respite & Children Family Support Services (CFTSS) <i>Youth/Family outpatient services and treatment for those with Medicaid managed care eligibility.</i>		Multiple NYS OMH regulations updates, which significantly affected FSS in the last 4yrs. Required adaption to new rules and added the CFTSS program as our 3rd OMH licensed program in 2022. CFTSS eligibility requires Medicaid managed care for the youth to be admitted. Respite services are offered to others for late afternoon and evening services/supports. 2023 Totals: 65 Total Clients served, 994 total services provided Learn more about CFTSS Services and FSS: https://www.cortland-co.org/454/Family-Support-Services, https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/bho/childrensmc.html	to ensure no youth served by this program needed residential placement.	
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County-System MH Department Projects MH, SUD, I/DD (County, Regional)

MH Dept. Leadership Projects	Status Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2024 State Aid (OMH, OASAS, OPWDD) \$3.2M	2/2024	State Award Letters received late 1/2024. Finalizing standardized contract templates. Over \$3M in NYS Aid in 2024. 96% of this funding is directly awarded to fund Cortland Behavioral Health providers.			
Single Point of Access (SPOA) Youth & Adults	2/2024	Adapting to significant increased mandates from NYS OMH & DOH regarding SPOA responsibilities. Assessing potential need to make this a management title in 2024.			

NYS & County Contracted Providers (12 Non-Profits)	2/2024	Finalizing 2023 CFR reporting oversight. Finalizing 2024 MH Dept. State Aid award contracts. All providers struggling with workforce vacancies resulting in limitations in treatment/services available.			
Youth System of Care (SOC)	2/2024	Completed & submitted \$4M SAMHSA grant for youth MH service/treatment on 2/13/2024.			
SPEAK UP Cortland (Suicide Prevention Coalition)	2/2024	Partnership transitioned from Public Health Dept. to CACTC for this large community coalition.			
Healing Community Study (HCS)	2/2024	Finalizing last quarter of this 4yr research project lead by Columbia University in NYS. Late Columbia budget approvals received 1/2024 to allocated funds, with back date invoiced expenses. Planning 4/11/24 Columbia & CACTC HCS presentation to Legislature HHS.			
Critical Intervention Team (CIT)	2/2024	12 th Year partnership with all Cortland Behavioral health providers and Law enforcement. Planning for Spring CIT law enforcement training.			
Community Services Board (CSB) & Subcommittees (MH, SUD, I/DD) NYS Art. 41 Statutory mandate & Advisory Boards to the Legislature	2/2024	Finalizing new member applications for a few vacancies on the boards. Agendas, Mins, and DCS reports always available.			

Legal Mental Hygiene Laws (MHL) <i>MH Dept. DCS oversight of multiple MHLs.</i>	2/2024	MHL 9.60 (AOT) civil order extension in 2/2024. CPL 730 exam referrals increasing, if restoration is needed this result in NYS OMH charges at 100% cost to County (ave.\$1,300/day)			
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Macro-System News & Developments MH, SUD, I/DD (County, Regional & NYS)

Core Focus Areas (MH, SUD, I/DD)	Topic	Summary	Links for Further Review
Mental Health (MH) MH Dept. NYS statutory coordination with Office of Mental Health (OMH)	Multiple OMH RFPs open for housing funding.	Cortland providers are applying for RFP & Catholic Charities have won a few awards.	Latest announcement of awards: https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announce-30-million-awarded-supportive-housing & https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2024-02/esshi-awardees.pdf
Substance Use Disorders (SUD) MH Dept. NYS statutory coordination with Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)	OASAS Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF) to MH Dept. 2024 NYS Budget Reductions expected ADC of Tompkins Closure	Planning for April 2024 Resolution for OASAS OSF - based on data and Community input from the last 4yrs of Healing Community Study (HCS). Early reports of NYS 2024-2025 budget will include 10-20% reduction in OASAS funding. ADC of Tompkins was hit hard by budget deficits contributing to their closure.	OASAS OSF initiatives: https://oasas.ny.gov/opioid-settlement-funding-initiatives , Attorney General (AG) https://ag.ny.gov/nys-opioid-settlement NYS OSF Advisory Board: https://oasas.ny.gov/opioid-settlement-fund-advisory-board ADC of Tompkins is working with another organization to keep the Detox/Crisis Center open. https://ithacavoice.org/2024/02/the-alcohol-and-drug-council-a-pillar-of-addiction-services-in-the-community-to-cease-operations/
Intellectual/Developmental Disability (I/DD) MH Dept. NYS statutory coordination with Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)	I/DD Crisis response CSIDD by YAI on hold. OPWDD & DOH collaborating to address I/DD needs	Regional provider YAI lacking staff and their crisis support CSIDD is on hold. "NY Public Health Now." OPWDD & DOH Commissioners talked about the barriers people with developmental disabilities face in accessing care.	YAI  On Hold Notification.docx OPWDD & DOH: https://www.health.ny.gov/commissioner/podcasts