

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
February 2, 2022

Members Present: J. Burdick, J. Ricketts-Swales, G. Hanchett, B. Harris, D. Root, J. Rumpfelt, P. Stockin,

Others Present: G. Barnes, T. Boyde, B. Budinger, C. Burrows, A. Carrow, S. Havey, D. Healy, K. Hooker, E. Kayes, C. Knapp, T. Linn, J. Luckey, A. Mattison, S. Pullen, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, T. Ross, E. Saxton, T. Shaw, J. Schultz

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Human Services Committee Chair Janice L. Burdick at 2:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried to approve the January 05, 2022, Human Services Committee meeting minutes.

Debra Reed-COVID-19 Related Mandates

Debra Reed addressed the Human Services Committee and read a prepared statement. Ms. Reed stated that COVID-19 has impacted her personal life as well as the lives of many other fellow Allegany County residents. Ms. Reed pointed out that she has received sufficient answers to her questions from the Allegany County Health Department, but would like more in depth answers and information. Ms. Reed feels that the current information being shared by the Health Department regarding COVID-19 is not enough. Ms. Reed's complete statement is available in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators, and can be provided upon request.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Director Tyler Shaw attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Shaw began by thanking Debra Reed for her presentation, and confirmed that the Comirnaty vaccine is the brand name given to the Pfizer vaccine. Mr. Shaw briefly highlighted items from his monthly report.

WIC Benefits

Mr. Shaw stated that the total cash value for WIC Benefits redeemed in 2021 is \$761,982 which is excellent for the local economy. Legislator Healy asked if this amount was redeemed in Allegany County. Mr. Shaw stated that this amount reflects any WIC participant from other counties as well. Legislator Hanchett stated that the new owners of Giant Food Mart are not accepting WIC at this time. Mr. Shaw explained that they are working with them to get them through the process as quickly as they can.

COVID-19

Mr. Shaw stated that COVID-19 information and clinic scheduling is now located on the Allegany County website within the red box on the main page. Mr. Shaw stated that testing clinics are available Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at the Belmont Legion, as well as a PCR testing clinic being run by New York State, Monday through Friday for the next two weeks from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Alfred State College Wellsville Campus.

Request to Create and Fill Account Clerk Typist

Public Health Director Tyler Shaw requested to create and fill one Account Clerk Typist (AFSCME Bargaining Unit, Grade: 7 Step to Base) in the Department of Health. This position is primarily responsible for COVID-19 activity and work to include assisting with billing, vaccination support activities, telephone calls and inquiries, working with school districts, and testing site activities. The annual salary

is estimated to be \$32,625, with benefits estimated to be \$12,747. This position will be fully funded through a Federal grant for COVID-19 activities. After that grant has sunset, State Aid will reimburse up to 36 percent if the County Health Department exceeds \$650,000. Legislator Root asked for confirmation that this request will not be adding anyone new, and that an existing person would move into this position which would leave them down three office aids. Mr. Shaw stated that is what they hope to do, and that they will not be backfilling the position. County Administrator Carissa Knapp stated that those positions have a sunset date because the funding will dry up. Ms. Knapp explained that this new position will not have a sunset date, and that they may have grant funding that may run out, but the position would not go away. Legislator Root asked if the current funding will last through 2023. Mr. Shaw stated that they are hoping the State will extend those contracts, but worst case scenario is they will receive 36 percent back for State Aid reimbursement for that position. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution & Refer to Ways and Means to Fill**

Approval to Ratify Agreement with Stoney’s Storage

The Health Department requested approval to ratify the Public Health Director’s signature on a storage unit agreement with Stoney’s Storage located at 6783 County Road 20, Belmont, NY 14813. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Interim County Attorney. The amount of \$95 per month has been budgeted in Cost Center #A4189. Legislator Healy asked where this unit is located. Mr. Shaw stated that it is just outside of Angelica on County Route 20. Legislator Healy asked if this facility is convenient and meets the Health Departments requirements. Mr. Shaw explained that this unit is the closest they could find. County Administrator Knapp stated that the Health Department has utilized several offices within the County and it is time to alleviate these offices. Legislator Barnes asked if the size of this unit is adequate to house everything they need. Mr. Shaw stated that he did not have those details available, but it is adequate to hold all of their belongings. Legislator Barnes asked if Mr. Shaw knew the cost per square foot for the facility because he was trying to compare it with his personal storage unit. Mr. Shaw explained that they looked at the logistics of transporting everything, but this unit is the only one available. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Approval for Service Provider Contract with Kathryn Schledorn

The Health Department requested approval to enter into a service provider contract with Occupational Therapist Kathryn Schledorn, 9264 Woodsville Rd., Dansville, NY 14437. The individual will provide preschool services to children in Allegany County who are referred to and found eligible for the preschool program. This contract runs from March 1, 2022, to August 31, 2024. Services are paid at \$50 per half hour therapy session. We bill insurances for these services and also recoup 59.5 percent of what insurance will not cover, if any, from the State. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the Interim County Attorney. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Ricketts-Swales, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Approval to Increase the Payment Rate for School Supportive Health Services Program

The Health Department requests approval to increase the payment rate for the following services within the School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP= Preschool Program):

Service Type:	Current Rate:	Proposed Rate:
Aide - 1:1 Related Services	10.00	10.00
Assistive Technology Services	50.00	55.00

Coordination	50.00	55.00
Counseling Services	50.00	55.00
School Health Services/Nurse	50.00	50.00
Occupational Therapy	50.00	55.00
Other	100.00	100.00
Parent Counseling and Training	50.00	55.00
Psychological Services	50.00	55.00
Physical Therapy	50.00	55.00
Speech Therapy	50.00	55.00

A rate increase is necessary to retain speech, occupational, and physical therapists in the SSHSP (Preschool Program). Currently, Allegany County has the lowest related service payment rate for all of the Eight (8) counties in the WNY region. With different rates and other Counties having higher rates, this can create a provider shortage in Allegany County and in turn reduced services for children. A five-dollar increase requires an additional \$66,330 in expenses.

State Aid Recoup (59.5%)	\$39,466
Expense Required from Other Sources (\$26,864)	

A2960.4.42-Education Contracts	425,000 (Budgeted)
A2960.4.21-Education/Schools	1,000,000 (Budgeted)

Legislator Harris asked if the risk to not increasing the payment is that providers will not operate in Allegany County resulting in residents needing to seek services in other counties. Mr. Shaw explained that is one of the risks, but the other risk is that if they cannot find another provider within Allegany County and parents do go to other counties, then we are responsible for paying to transfer to that provider. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

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Approval for Agreement with Steven Collins, M.D. as Allegany County Health Medical Consultant

The Health Department requests approval to enter into an agreement with Steven Collins, M.D. to serve as the Allegany County Department of Health Medical Consultant as provided for by law. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the First Assistant County Attorney. The agreement is valid March 1, 2022 – December 31, 2024, unless terminated by either party per the agreement. The budgeted amount of \$1,750 per month shall be split between Account #A4010 4.61 and Account #A4035 4.61. Legislator Harris asked if this agreement is for the same compensation as the previous Medical Director. Mr. Shaw stated that the previous Medical Director's rate was substantially lower, and the new rate will increase by \$750 per month. Legislator Harris asked what the typical involvement is for a Medical Director. Mr. Shaw explained that the Medical Director is required to attend the quarterly Advisory Quality Improvement Committee, and they are a non-voting member of the Board of Health. Mr. Shaw explained that the Medical Director also signs all of the standing orders for immunization, and reproductive and sexual health clinics. Legislator Healy stated that the Medical Director is required, and that they are lucky to find someone willing to take on this responsibility with knowing the history and past issues we have

had. Mr. Healy asked if this position incorporates the jail facility as well. County Administrator Knapp explained that Dr. Collins is currently receiving a stipend as the Jail Physician, and that he has now agreed to be the Medical Director as well as the Coroner's Physician. Ms. Knapp stated that there are some technicalities with the agreement that the new County Attorney will be helping to correct. Legislator Healy stated again that they are lucky to find someone willing to fill all of these roles, and believes it will create more efficiency. Ms. Knapp stated that they hope these roles can be consolidated into one agreement in the future. Mr. Shaw explained that they had to get this agreement pushed through quickly, but they will be looking at consolidating the roles in the future. It was later determined the title of Medical Director should be changed to Medical Consultant. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Hanchett, and carried. **Prepare Resolution and Refer to Personnel to Create Position**

Appointment of Steven Collins, M.D. as Coroner's Physician

Public Health Director Tyler Shaw requested to appoint Steven Collins, M.D. as the Coroner's Physician commencing March 1, 2022, and expiring December 31, 2022. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Rumpfelt, seconded by Legislator Harris, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Children's Services

Mr. Shaw introduced Children's Services Director Josh Schultz to the committee to give a brief explanation of the Children's Services program. Committee Chair Burdick explained that she had asked the Program Directors to start bringing someone from their departments to give everyone a better understanding of who they are and the different services they provide. Mr. Schultz gave a very brief overview of some of the programs provided by Children's Services.

- Early Intervention Program: Serves children from birth to age 3 with evaluation and therapy services to kids with developmental disabilities.
- Child Find Program: A component of Early Intervention that collaborates with Primary Care Physicians in the area. For example, if they receive an indicated case of child abuse, or a child in Foster Care, they are screened every three months by their Primary Care Physician who then reports to Children's Services with their recommendations.
- Children with Special Health Care Needs Program: Consisting of two main components for Children with Special Health Care Needs, and the Physically Handicapped Children's Program. The Children with Special Healthcare Needs Program is mainly a gap filling program that provides service coordination to families falling outside the traditional realm of risk coordination. There is also a financial component where they assist families with medical costs of children that do not have Medicaid or are not Medicaid eligible.
- Preschool Special Education Program: For children 3 to 5 years old, similar to the Early Intervention Program except it runs through the State Education Program with Children's Services providing center based evaluations and therapy services.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Services Commissioner Edna Kayes attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review. Ms. Kayes introduced Child Support Coordinator Chrissy Burrows to the committee to talk about the Child Support Unit. Ms. Burrows stated that the Child Support Unit consists of 14 employees, and explained that their department is a part of the Department of Social Services. Ms. Burrows explained that their office has two separate units consisting of the Child Support Collection Unit which is their Accounting Department, and the Child Support Enforcement Unit which is their Child Support Investigators. Ms. Burrows stated that the primary duties of their office consist of establishing legal parentage, filing petitions with Family Court to establish cash child support obligations, provisions for health insurance coverage which may include a percentage of uninsured health related expenses, and child care expenses. Ms. Burrows stated that the agency collects and enforces child

support orders that are established through Family Court, or Supreme Court orders, such as a judgement of divorce. Ms. Burrows stated that there are several automatic actions that the New York State Department of Child Support enforces along with the court action that we can enforce for non-payment. Ms. Burrows stated that they also review non-custodial parent wages and cost of their employer provided health insurance to determine their ability to meet their obligation. Ms. Burrows stated that they work with non-custodial parents if they fall behind on their payments, and to determine what needs they may have because of child support. Ms. Burrows stated that they work with State agencies, other counties, and sometimes other countries. Ms. Burrows stated that their team works very hard with families, and is excited to report they have had a big turnaround in the past several years when it comes to negative thoughts with their department. Ms. Burrows stated that they are now able to work with non-custodial parents, that in the past the State did not allow. Ms. Burrows stated that they spend a lot of time reaching out to non-custodial parents, especially if their payments have stopped, to determine the cause and how they can help. Ms. Burrows stated that Allegany County is 1 of 5 counties that has opted into a Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program, and they work hand-in-hand with the Employment and Training Center to assess any barriers to employment as well as learning several skills to help them gain employment. Ms. Burrows stated that they currently have approximately 2,600 active Child Support Cases. Ms. Burrows stated that they collected over \$5.4 million in 2020, and over \$4.4 million of that money was recovered and sent to the Department of Social Services for reimbursement of Foster Care, Temporary Assistance, and Medicaid. Legislator Barnes asked if they are involved with all of Child Support, or only people that fall behind on their payments. Ms. Burrows stated they are involved with all of Child Support including if they have applied for their services, if they want to establish an order, and maintaining records of charges and collections. Legislator Barnes asked if they reach out to someone that is meeting all of their court ordered obligations. Ms. Burrows stated that the only time they are mandated to reach out is if the children are in foster care, or on public assistance, then they seek out support orders for reimbursement. Legislator Healy stated that at one time they were jailing people for being behind on their support, and asked if bail reform has had an effect. Ms. Burrows stated, it has and they try to work very hard with people before it gets to that point, but it is rare today for a judge to send someone for a jail sentence. Legislator Healy asked if that is still a tool they have available to them. Ms. Burrows stated, "yes."

Resolution to Accept and Appropriate the NYS Rental Supplemental Program Allocation

Allegany County Department of Social Services requested a resolution to accept and appropriate the New York State Rental Supplemental Program Allocation that has been awarded to Allegany County, contingent on the submission of a program plan. The amount allocated is \$120,210 for FY 2021-2022, based on a memorandum received from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) dated December 13, 2021. The Rental Supplement Program will provide vital rental assistance to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or are facing an imminent loss of housing. This program will be available to individuals and families both with and without children. This grant will be administered in conjunction with ACCORD Corporation and serve approximately thirteen families in the Allegany County community for up to twelve months of rental assistance.

A budget adjustment is requested as follows:

Revenue: (new account number)

A 6010.3689.RSP State Aid – DSS NYS Rental Supplemental Program FY 21-22	\$120,210
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Expenses:

A 6010.482	Contractual	\$120,210
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Committee Chair Burdick asked if this will be paid to the landlord or the renter. Ms. Kayes stated that it would go directly to the landlord. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Ricketts-Swales, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Authorization to Apply for National Children's Alliance DTVF Grant

Allegany County Department of Social Services requested approval to apply for the National Children's Alliance DTVF (Domestic Trafficking Victim's Fund) Grant. This grant is required to complete the purchase of the Cellebrite system which supports the development, expansion, or enhancement of the full array of CAC services to Victims of Child Pornography and Human Trafficking. The grant will provide emergency support services for victims and develop CAC competencies in service provision to victims through a variety of specialized trainings. The funding will also be used to update and enhance the current Digital Forensic Laboratory and establish an additional Digital Forensic Laboratory. The total amount of the grant will be \$25,000. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Hanchett, seconded by Legislator Harris, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Approval for an Addendum to the Hillside Children's Qualified Individual Foster Care Contract

Allegany County Department of Social Services requested approval for an addendum to the Foster Care Contract for the time period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, between Allegany County and Hillside Children's Center, 1183 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620, effective September 29, 2021, to include QI language regarding required evaluations for Foster Care Children entering Qualified Residential Treatment Programs. The initial contract was approved by resolution #242-21. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Ricketts-Swales, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Additional Funding for Homeless During Inclement Weather (Code Blue)

Allegany County Department of Social Services requested authorization to apply for the Homeless During Inclement Weather (Code Blue) additional funding. Allegany County has seen a significant increase in the number of beds necessary during Code Blue and would like to partner with ACCORD Corporation to provide folks with a cross between a warming station and a shelter for those in need of Code Blue services. The shelter will provide a warm place to stay, hygiene supplies, PPE, case management and support. We also anticipated providing this amenity to those whose home heating conditions are less than adequate and have a vulnerable individual in the household. Hotels and motels cannot provide the majority of these services. The total amount requested is \$310,578, Revenue: # A 6010.3610.00 State Aid Soc Serv Admin CPS. Ms. Kayes read a list of proposed regulations for the use of hotels and motels, and stated that these regulations are outlandish, and she is not fond of the use of hotels. Ms. Kayes stated that there have been talks regarding the use of shelters, and she is looking to see what the committee's thoughts are for having a shelter in Allegany County. Ms. Kayes stated that they would put forth a \$310,000 Budget in partnership with ACCORD for a shelter, and if not will put through the usual Code Blue Plan of \$30,000. Ms. Kayes stated that Code Blue was encapsulated in the Emergency Solutions Grant last year. Ms. Kayes stated that she is 90 percent certain that they will eventually be required to use shelters. County Administrator Carissa Knapp stated that she agrees that they will be required to do something different sooner, rather than later. Legislator Hanchett asked if they would be looking at a current facility or building new. Ms. Kayes stated that they did reach out to local Clergy and one church has expressed interest, but they would like the facility to be centrally located and appropriately staffed. Ms. Kayes stated at this time there is no building in mind, and that they are in the grassroots of looking at this. Legislator Hanchett stated that Genesee Valley School could have some of those resources available. Ms. Kayes stated there are concerns with some behaviors of the people that may be housed. Legislator Barnes asked if there is a specific time of the year for Code Blue. Ms. Kayes stated that it generally runs between November 2 and April 15, and when the temperature is below freezing. Legislator Barnes asked the number of Allegany County residents currently affected by homelessness, and in need of this service. Ms. Kayes referenced her report and stated that the year to date total is 95, with 174 nights of stay in a hotel. Legislator Barnes asked if the 95 people could also include families. Ms. Kayes stated, "yes." Legislator Barnes asked if they put one family in a hotel room, that hotel rooms are typically designed for 2 people, so do you need more rooms? Ms. Kayes stated that they generally use one room, but that is why they are particular about the hotels they put families in. Legislator Harris stated that he does not doubt the need but wondered how the number was derived. Ms.

Kayes stated that they looked at staffing requirements. Legislator Harris asked if the budget had been well thought out. Ms. Kayes stated that they looked at DSS salaries, ACCORD salaries, overnight staffing salaries, counselors, 8-hour shifts, and a manager to list a few. Ms. Kayes stated that they partnered with ACCORD and looked at everything they felt they would need to make it run. Legislator Harris stated that they are talking about ramping up a service that has never been provided that costs ten times as much, and they are not sure that the 100 percent State funding is reliable long term. Ms. Kayes stated that she cannot tell them that the State would not shift it onto the County at some point. Legislator Root asked what time-frame they are looking at to get up and running, and asked if over the course of the years, does she see the need growing. Ms. Kayes stated they have seen a steady increase in the need for this service each year, and if the State approves it, they would like to get it running as soon as they possibly could, with starting work right away. Legislator Barnes asked what happens to the people in temporary placement between May and October. Ms. Kayes stated the hope is that services we provide will prevent them from remaining homeless, but if they remained homeless they would shift them to the Homeless Program. Committee Chair Burdick asked with the staff only working so many months of the year, what would they do? Ms. Kayes stated that the staffing would be hired by ACCORD, and they would be responsible for that. Legislator Ricketts-Swales asked if a child is living with a grandparent and their heater stops working, would they be eligible for this service? Ms. Kayes stated, "yes." Legislator Ricketts-Swales stated that it could be that many of these requirements for this service would be temporary. Ms. Kayes stated, "yes." The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Hanchett, seconded by Legislator Ricketts-Swales, opposed by Legislator Harris, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Agreement with the Allegany County Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, Inc.

Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle explained that the agreement with the Allegany County Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, Inc. had been approved through the Ways and Means Committee, but then she realized it fell under the jurisdiction of the Human Services Committee, and asked for a motion to approve the resolution. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Rumfelt, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

OFFICE FOR THE AGING

Anita Mattison attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review. Ms. Mattison briefly highlighted the following items from her report:

- Calls at the front desk are up 400 calls from this time last year, but down from last month
- All meals delivered for 2021 totaled 111,816

Committee Chair Burdick asked how the meals compare to other years prior to COVID-19 when all of the sites were open. Ms. Mattison stated that prior to COVID-19 they were between 120,000 and 140,000, and in 2020 they were at approximately 160,000.

December Services

Ms. Mattison stated that they provided several services in the month of December to include: Dinner with Santa, equipment for delivery of the home delivered Christmas Eve turkey dinners, worked with an advent event group to deliver 15 food boxes to seniors, as well as 20 gift baskets to older adults across the County, and worked with the Cuba Lions who provided 15 Cuba Cheese baskets to older adults.

Nutrition Series

Ms. Mattison stated that their Facebook Nutrition Series has started, and has been shared across New York State. Ms. Mattison stated that they have a few legal organizations that are sharing the Facebook live events, and they are also able to be viewed on their Facebook page.

Permission for an Addendum to Agreement with Good Times of Olean

The Allegany County Office for the Aging requests permission to approve an addendum to the current agreement with Good Times of Olean for a cost adjustment per meal due to the unprecedented increase in food and supplies to meet the updated NYS Nutritional Regulations that took effect October 1, 2021. This increase would be in effect for February 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. Current contracted compensated rate per meals for the period of January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021 is \$5.40 per meal. Adjustment for compensated rate is \$6.00 per meal which represents a \$0.60 per meal increase. The increase will be covered using Federal Stimulus funding and NY State funding. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Harris, and carried.

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Executive Session

Committee Chair Janice Burdick asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation. A motion was made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Ricketts-Swales, and carried to enter into executive session at 3:30 p.m.

Immediately following discussion, a motion was made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Rumpfelt, and carried to end the executive session and return to the regular session at 3:49 p.m.

Permission for Agreement with Bolivar Golf Club in Bolivar, NY

The Allegany County Office for the Aging requests permission to enter into an agreement with Bolivar Golf Club in Bolivar, NY, as a Food Service Establishment under the Allegany County Restaurant Go & Dine Program. The Go & Dine Program is a pilot Restaurant Dining program in the Bolivar, Ceres, West Clarksville and Little Genesee areas, and the Office for the Aging is exploring whether this service delivery method will be better suited to our population than the traditional congregate luncheon sites, which have seen declining numbers that appear unrelated to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This program will be included in the Federal Congregate Nutrition Services grant A-6772. The cost will be segregated by meal type (\$12/meal for lunch, \$13/meal for dinner), and will be covered by funds budgeted in the existing 2022 County Budget for this grant. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Rumpfelt, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Permission for Agreement with Café Jacobs in Bolivar, NY

The Allegany County Office for the Aging requests permission to enter into an agreement with Café Jacobs in Bolivar, NY, as a Food Service Establishment under the Allegany County Restaurant Go & Dine Program. The Go & Dine Program is a pilot Restaurant Dining program in the Bolivar, Ceres, West Clarksville and Little Genesee areas, and the Office for the Aging is exploring whether this service delivery method will be better suited to our population than the traditional congregate luncheon sites, which have seen declining numbers that appear unrelated to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This program will be included in the Federal Congregate Nutrition Services grant A-6772. The cost will be segregated by meal type (\$12/meal for lunch, \$13/meal for dinner), and will be covered by funds budgeted in the existing 2022 County Budget for this grant. Legislator Barnes asked for a brief explanation for how this program works. Ms. Mattison explained that the Go and Dine services are eligible to residents 60 or older. Ms. Mattison explained that they would need to register with the Office for the Aging where they would then receive up to 6 vouchers each. Ms. Mattison stated that they do ask for a contribution of \$4 per voucher. Ms. Mattison explained that Go and Dine menus are provided by the Office for the Aging, then the venue sends an invoice, and they are paid the contracted rate. Legislator Barnes asked if seniors are taking their Grandchildren with them for a meal, if those vouchers are extended to the

children. Ms. Mattison stated that the child would not be included in the voucher, that they would order from the venue's menu at the venue's price. Legislator Barnes asked how the Go and Dine Program is advertised. Ms. Mattison stated that it is advertised through press releases, Facebook, town halls, newspapers and radios. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Harris, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Permission for Agreement with Dave's Diner in Ceres, NY

The Allegany County Office for the Aging requests permission to enter into an agreement with Dave's Diner in Ceres, NY, as a Food Service Establishment under the Allegany County Restaurant Go & Dine Program. The Go & Dine Program is a pilot Restaurant Dining program in the Bolivar, Ceres, West Clarksville and Little Genesee areas, and the Office for the Aging is exploring whether this service delivery method will be better suited to our population than the traditional congregate luncheon sites, which have seen declining numbers that appear unrelated to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This program will be included in the Federal Congregate Nutrition Services grant (Account #A-6772.) The cost will be segregated by meal type (\$13/meal for breakfast, lunch or dinner), and will be covered by funds budgeted in the existing 2022 County Budget for this grant. Legislator Root asked if they plan to expand this program to the rest of the County. Ms. Mattison stated that they are looking at supplementing their traditional congregate sites to areas that do not have congregate sites. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Harris, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Meals on Wheels

Ms. Mattison stated that Meals On Wheels deliveries have been canceled for today due to inclement weather.

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE)

Ms. Mattison stated that Tax Counseling for the Elderly will begin on Monday, February 7, and that they already have over 120 appointments.

March for Meals Campaign

Ms. Mattison stated that March begins the National March for Meals Campaign where they are celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Ms. Mattison stated that due to COVID-19, they have not been able to provide the Legislator Ride-Along, but will be asking the Legislators to sign up. Committee Chair Burdick commented that if any Legislator has not had an opportunity to participate in the ride-along, she encourages them to do it, that is wonderful to see how grateful people are for the service.

Good of the Order

Committee Chair Janice Burdick welcomed new Allegany County Attorney Allison Carrow.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m. following a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Linn, Confidential Secretary
Allegany County Board of Legislators