

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

March 7, 2016

Present: Leslie Church, Doug Paddock, Ed Bronson, Elden Morrison, Bonnie Percy, Jim Multer, Bill Holgate, Earle Gleason, Mark Morris, Terry Button, Tim Dennis, Amy Miller, Deb Minor, Phil Rouin, George Roets, Katie Smeenk, Marty Teller, Connie Hayes

Leslie and Doug will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the January and February meeting were approved as presented.

Marty Teller, Executive Director of Finger Lakes Addition Counseling and Referral Agency, (FLACRA) reviewed the various programs that FLACRA provides in the county.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: George Roets

George reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Amend Resolution No. 402-15 Contract Renewals
- Authorize Chairman To Sign An Inter-municipal Agreement Renewal With Schuyler county
- Appoint Member To the Yates County Alcohol/Substance Abuse Subcommittee

George reported there were 6 reports made regarding the SAFE ACT of which 1 was reported to the State.

George reviewed the Finger Lakes Parent Network (FLPN) Programs explaining that FLPN is a parent-governed organization, focused on the needs of adults, children and youth with emotional, behavioral, developmental and or mental disorders and their families.

VETERANS: Philip Rouin

Phil reviewed his statistical report which showed 380 contacts with 518 services provided. There were 11 veterans transported to various medical appointments.

Phil reviewed the upcoming Veteran related community events and meetings he will be attending.

Phil reviewed the claims settled for the month.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Amy Miller

Amy reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Renew contract for polygraph services
- Authorize Chair to sign Memorandums of Understanding with the following municipalities
 - Village of Penn Yan (Lifeguard Services)
 - Town of Middlesex (Lifeguard Services)
 - Town of Torrey (Lifeguard Services)
- Workforce Development budget transfers

Amy reviewed a position review form for a social welfare examiner. The consensus of the Committee was to refill the position.

Amy reported at the end of 2015 DSS had 25 children placed in foster care due to neglect. Of those, 14 were placed due to primary reason of parent drug/alcohol abuse. There are 13 families that are supervised by Yates DSS with article 10 relative placement (this is as an alternative to foster care). All 13 of those placements are due to parent drug/alcohol abuse. There are currently 31 open protective cases of families whose children are not in foster care and 17 of these cases are due to parent drug/alcohol abuse.

Amy reported in 2015 \$3,808,605 in SNAP (food stamp) benefits was distributed to residents of Yates County and \$2,041,194 of these food stamp benefits were spent in Yates County businesses. In 2015 there were 967 food stamp applications submitted to the department. During an average month 2716 individuals were receiving this benefit.

Amy reported childcare is a supportive service that helps to pay part of the cost of childcare. The average monthly caseload in 2015 was 31 cases and \$175,214 was distributed to local childcare providers during 2015.

Amy reported in 2015 the Yates County Child Support Unit had a caseload of 1,186. The unit was able to establish support in 95.87% of the orders (NYS average is 84.4%)

Amy reported Workforce Development had 15 job placements for the month.

Amy reported Girls on the Run/Heart and Sole coaches have been trained and are ready to begin the season.

Amy reported she has received the applications for Youth Bureau funding.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Deb Minor

Deb reported the Professional Advisory Committee met on February 17th for review of 2015 4th quarter quality assurance/quality improvement activities and reports. The Quality Improvement binder will be in the Legislative office for review.

Deb reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Resolution to adopt 2016 sliding fee schedules for Lead, Immunization and LHCSA
- Resolution to authorize contracts with Finger Lakes Performing Provider System

Deb reported staff completed training regarding the redesigned website prior to its launch. They have been able to make significant improvements to the manner in which information is provided to the public and the ease at which it can be kept current.

Deb reported March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Deb reported National Public Health Week is April 4-10. Deb explained this is a way of formally thanking the dedicated staff of the Public Health Department for their work throughout the year while also highlighting to the community the many roles of public health.

Deb reported one of the requirements under the Communicable Disease Control Program is to provide data back to the provider community regarding communicable disease incidence and to remind them of reporting requirements under public health law. Deb reviewed the following overview of Communicable Disease in 2015.

Notably, in 2015, the rate of Chlamydia infection rose 25%. Across the Finger Lakes Region, rates of sexually transmitted infections (STI's) are on the rise. While screening rates are on the decline. This indicates that more disease may be present in the community than prevalence rates suggest.

Lyme disease also had a large impact in 2015. Yates County had 23 cases that met the CDC case definition for Lyme disease, and increase of 53% over 2014.

The 2014-2015 Influenza season was unusually harsh. Compared to the 41 cases of influenza reported during the 2013-2014 season, Yates County had 149 lab confirmed cases of flu reported during the 2014-2015 season. Influenza A (H3N2) was the pre-dominant strain.

Chronic Hepatitis C continues to affect our residents. While case rates actually decreased on 2015, the number of cases in people under 25 continues to rise.

Deb reported the rabies brochure has also been updated and 2016 Rabies Clinic schedule has been set. Clinics start on Wednesday, March 9th at the Dundee Village Barns.

Deb reported the CDC and the NYSDOH continue to advocate for Worksite Wellness programs noting that healthy workers are good for business. Deb reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Resolution to authorize County Worksite Wellness Committee

Deb reported with regards to the Yates Substance Abuse Coalition. There was a request to get more statistics regarding drug abuse. Deb supplied the following information but reminded everyone that this is just the tip of the iceberg as her access to the information is limited.

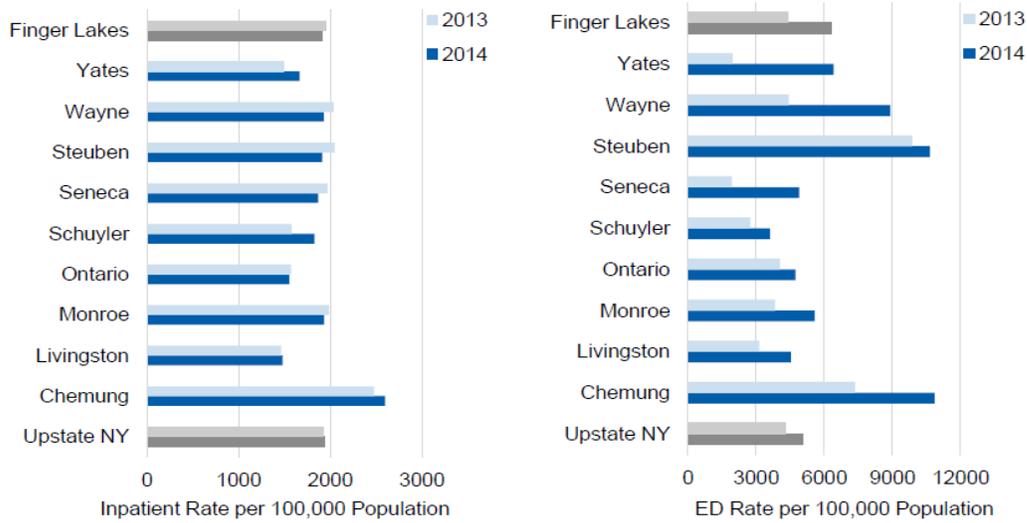
The table below shows the number of patients by age category and chief complaint that sought care at the Soldiers and Sailors ED during 2015 and for the first 2 months of 2016.

Chief Complaints at local ED

	Overdose	Syn. Marj	Drug use/Withdrawal	Intoxicated/ Alcohol Withdrawal	Suicidal
1st Quarter					
Teen	1	0	0	6	1
20-39 yrs	4	0	4	4	3
40+yrs	0	0	1	0	1
2nd Quarter					
Teen	1	0	0	1	1
20-39 yrs	10	1	1	3	6
40+ yrs	7	0	1	0	9
3rd Quarter					
Teen	1	0	1	0	2
20-39 yrs	6	1	4	3	2
40+ yrs	7 (2 fatalities)	0	1	3	2
4th Quarter					
Teen	5 (1 fatality)	0	0	3	4 (1 <12 yrs)
20-39 yrs	5	0	2	2	1
40+ yrs	1	0	0	4	3
Jan-Feb 2016					
Teen	2	0	1	1	1
20-39 yrs	5 (1 fatality)	0	1	5	4
40+ yrs		0	0	1	2

The following tables were provided by the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency in their February 2016 Analytical Review of Selected Priority Areas for the current Community Health Assessment process. The first table shows the rate of inpatient admissions and ED discharges where a patient received a substance abuse diagnosis. The rate for ED discharges rose from 1,967 per 100,000 in 2013 to 6,415 per 100,000 in 2014, while the inpatient rate stayed essentially flat at 1,492 and 1,665 per 10,000.

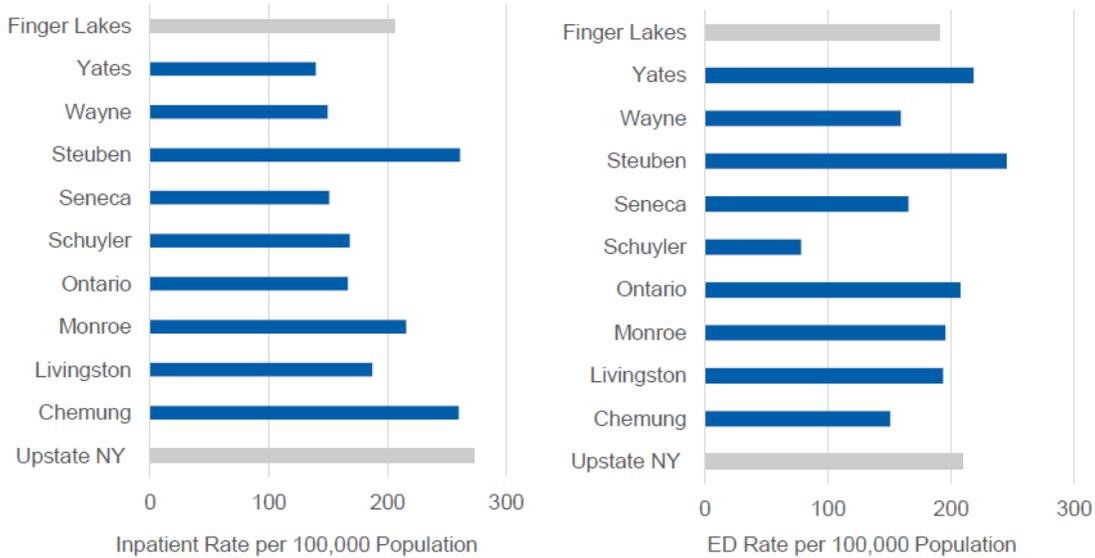
Figure 24: Rate of Inpatient and ED Discharges with a Substance Abuse Diagnosis



Data Source: SPARCS, 2014. Diagnosis includes primary or comorbidity

The table below shows the rate of inpatient discharges with an Opiate Diagnosis for 2014 at 139.8 per 100,000 being less than the overall rate for both the Finger Lakes Region and Upstate NY. However, the Yates County rate for ED discharges exceeds both the Regional and Upstate rates at 218.2 per 100,000; with only one other county (Steuben) having a higher rate.

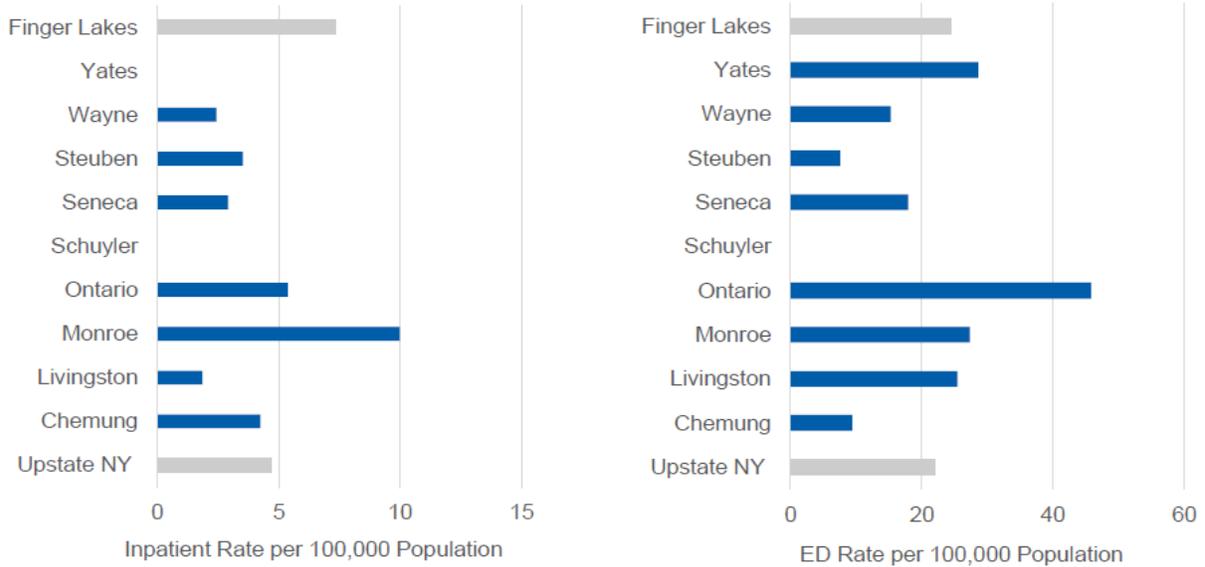
Figure 25: Rate of Inpatient and ED Discharges with an Opiate Diagnosis



Data Source: SPARCS, 2014

The table below shows the rate of ED discharges with a Heroin Overdose Diagnosis for Yates County at 28.6 per 100,000 in comparison to neighboring counties. The rate in 2013 for Yates County was 9.1 per 100,000.

Figure 26: Rate of Inpatient and ED Discharges with a Heroin Overdose Diagnosis

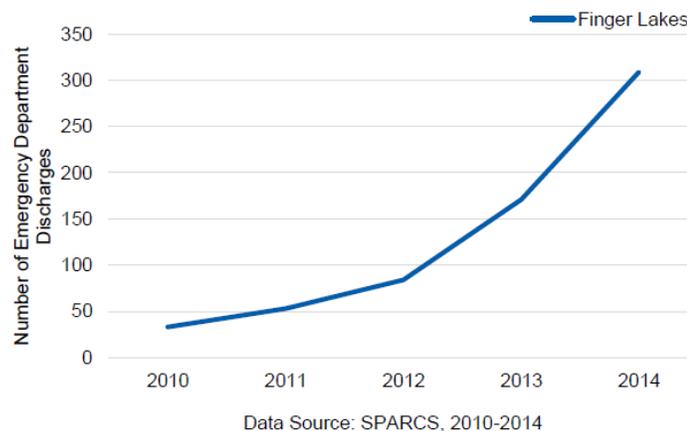


Data Source: SPARCS, 2014

Substance Abuse ED	2013 Rate per 100,000	2014 Rate per 100,00
Yates County	1,967	6,415
Finger Lakes Region	4,401	6,317
Upstate NY	4,303	5,071
Substance Abuse Inpatient	2013 Rate per 100,000	2014 Rate per 100,00
Yates County	1,492	1,665
Finger Lakes Region	1,946	1,906
Upstate NY	1,927	1,938
Opiate Abuse ED	2013 Rate per 100,000	2014 Rate per 100,00
Yates County	32.5	218.2
Finger Lakes Region	142.2	190.6
Upstate NY	191.1	209.8
Opiate Abuse Inpatient	2013 Rate per 100,000	2014 Rate per 100,00
Yates County	95.3	139.8
Finger Lakes Region	203.6	206.1
Upstate NY	270	273.1
Heroin Overdose ED	2013 Rate per 100,000	2014 Rate per 100,00
Yates County	9.1	28.6
Finger Lakes Region	11.5	24.4
Upstate NY	15.7	22.1
Heroin Overdose Inpatient	2013 Rate per 100,000	2014 Rate per 100,00
Yates County	0	0
Finger Lakes region	4.5	7.3
Upstate NY	4.0	4.7

The final table shows the rise in ED discharges related to heroin overdoses in the Finger Lakes Region for the period 2010 to 2014.

Figure 28: Number of Heroin Related Emergency Department Overdoses for Finger Lakes Region, 2010-2014



Current Opioid and Heroin treatment data for Yates County residents has been requested from FLACRA, however at the time of this report had not been received.

Deb explained that activities currently underway are:

- Expansion of the Nurse Family Partnership Program and Community Health Worker Program into Yates County by FLPPS
- Collaborative effort by the school districts to initiate a grant funded program of screening for risk and early intervention for those identified as at risk
- Public Health and Community Services partnering to bring a training program for Mental Health First Aid to the community.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING: Katie Smeenk

Katie reported on the drug abuse problem and how it rolls into the senior community. One of the issue that is a concern of Office for the Aging (OFA) is elder abuse, such as financial exploitation and stealing medication of seniors.

Katie reported she has hired a new Administrative Assistant, Mollie Ross who will start 3/21.

Katie reported the nutrition program director was unable to return from a disability leave. They are in the process of interviewing for a replacement and expect to move forward soon with a job offer.

Katie reported the EISEP supervisor will be retiring at the end of June. OFA has not reviewed the position or posted for her replacement as yet.

Katie reported she has received the formal annual evaluation report from NYSOFA for the November 19th on-site evaluation. There was one compliance issue related to meal temperatures consistent with the information reported in December. Katie has responded to NYSOFA with a plan of correction and are undertaking weekly meal temperature testing until the issue is resolved.

Katie explained that starting in December, they began weekly meal testing of all home delivered meal routes and congregate sites. Since then, they have undertaken a number of measures to improve end temperatures including a step-by-step tracking of temperatures from the oven to the final meal delivery.

Katie reported she has met with BHS Supply to obtain pricing on a walk in cooler and blast chiller. Both items are needed in order to proceed with changing to a chilled meals program. Katie and Laura Rossman have met

with Lakeview Apartments management to discuss the possibility of renovations and new kitchen equipment for the Pro Action Senior Nutrition Program.

Katie reported OFA is helping to distribute the Public Transportation Survey developed by the Transportation Committee. Katie explained OFA has included the survey in their March/April newsletter as well as distributing it electronically and handing out copies to the customers using the AARP tax service in the office. Completed surveys are being returned to the Keuka Housing Council.

Katie thanked Tim Groth for his help with linking the ProAction website to the new Yates County website.

Katie reported Laura Rossman is planning on attending next month's Human Services Committee meeting.

Doug moved to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of an individual, seconded by Ed.
VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:56p.m.