

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HEALTH SERVICES

DATE: MAY 21, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS STRAINER
RUNYON
GILLIGAN
BRUNO
PATCHETT
WILD

OTHERS PRESENT:

DEANNA PARK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING
REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH:

PAT BELDEN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
TAWN DRISCOLL, FISCAL MANAGER
MARIE DELORENZO, BUSINESS SPECIALIST
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR THOMAS

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
RYAN DICKEY, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

SUPERVISORS CROCITTO
DRISCOLL
ETU
MERLINO
STROUGH

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER
DR. JOHN RUGGE, HEALTHCARE COALITION FOR THE NORTH COUNTRY
LUKE MOSSEAU, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the May 21, 2025 meeting of the Health Services Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed using the following links:

Warren County website - <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZfQ-pVtaflk>

Mr. Strainer called the meeting of the Health Services Committee to order at 9:15 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Gilligan, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Wild and Thomas absent*) to approve the minutes from the previous Health Services Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the Office for the Aging and Health Services meeting agendas were distributed; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

Privilege of the floor was called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

The Committee began with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the Office for the Aging agenda which included the following requests:

1. To amend the contract with Countryside Adult Home to include meals for Town of Johnsbury residents, increase the total not to exceed amount to \$170,000, reflect one 30 hr employee, one 25 hr employee, and one 20 hr employee, commencing April 14, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2025, with the option to renew annually provided there are no changes to the contract. (*Previous Resolution Nos. 99 of 2012, 60 of 2019 and 458 of 2022*)

Motion was made by Ms. Runyon, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Wild and Thomas absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To amend and renew the contract with The Salvation Army to increase cost per meal 2%, from \$9.72/meal to \$9.91/meal (up to 60,000 meals), \$8.56/meal to \$8.73/meal (60,000 - 100,000 meals) and Congregate Meal/HDM delivery from \$2.50/mile to \$2.55/mile due to an increase in the cost of food, supplies and labor, for a term commencing May 16, 2025 and terminating May 15, 2026, with the option for two one-year renewals. (*Previous Resolution No. 708 of 2022*)

Motion was made by Ms. Runyon and seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Strainer called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Wild and Thomas absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

3. To authorize a new contract with Geri-Fit Company Ltd. Liability Co. in a lump sum amount of \$2,530 to obtain license agreement and \$150 annual renewal fee, to provide the Geri-Fit evidence based health promotion program to seniors in Warren and Hamilton Counties for a commencement date to be determined and terminating when program is no longer offered.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Ms. Runyon to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Strainer called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Wild and Thomas absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

The discussion Items section of the agenda included the following items:

1. Annual Report for Program Year 2024; powerpoint presentation provided, a copy of which is on file with the meeting minutes.

Mr. Wild entered the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

2. Impact of proposed cuts to Federal budget for 2026.

There being no further Office for the Aging business to discuss, review of the Health Services agenda commenced with privilege of the floor being extended to Dr. John Ruge, who spoke with regard to the recent formation of Healthcare Coalition of the North Country and its purpose. He briefly spoke about Federal budget cuts to the Medicaid program and he shared the website address www.northcountrymedicaid.org for anyone wishing to find more information.

Moving on to a review of the Action Agenda/New Business section of the agenda, a request to amend the County Budget in the amount of \$221,130 to reflect receipt of grant funding from Health Research Institute for Public Health-Infrastructure-Workforce-Data Systems was presented.

Motion was made by Ms. Runyon, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Thomas absent*) to approve the request as presented and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

A review of the Discussion Items portion of the agenda proceeded with an overview of the following documents included in the agenda packet:

- Report of Revenues and Expenditures for 2024;
- Revenue and Expense Comparison Report for 2024 vs 2025;
- Status of Referrals;
- Emergency Response and Preparedness;
- Rabies Program Report;
- Health Services Federal and State Grant Overview;
- Warren County Tick Reporting Initiative; and
- Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (*GTSC*) Child Passenger Car Seat Program.

Pat Belden, *Deputy Director*, congratulated Jignasha Shah, *Public Health Program Manager/WIC Coordinator*, and Olivia Cohen, *Senior Public Health Educator*, on completion of their Masters of Public Health degrees from SUNY Albany School of Public Health.

Privilege of the floor and public comments were called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

There being no further business to come before the Health Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Patchett and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Thomas absent*), Mr. Strainer adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board