

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HEALTH SERVICES

DATE: AUGUST 19, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS STRAINER
RUNYON
GILLIGAN
BRUNO
PATCHETT
WILD
THOMAS

OTHERS PRESENT:

ROB YORK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH:
GINELLE JONES, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH/PATIENT SERVICES
TAWN DRISCOLL, FISCAL MANAGER
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS CROCITTO
DRISCOLL
MERLINO
TURNER
TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER
LESLIE LOVELACE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 19, 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=Ju6HKvSo_xM

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

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon 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 of Community Services and Health Services meeting agendas were distributed; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

Privilege of the floor and public comments were 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 of Community Services agenda, which included the following requests:

1. To authorize new contracts to implement projects and services to address the impacts of the opioid epidemic in Warren County in an amount not to exceed those provided in agenda attachment for a term commencing September 19, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$126,695 to allow pass-through of 100% State Aid funding from New York State Office of Mental Health and New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports for Cost of Living Adjustments (*COLA*) for contracted provider agencies.

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

The agenda review skipped ahead to the discussion Items section of the agenda which included review of the following item:

1. 2025 Court-Ordered CPL 730 Competency-Related Expenses Report (Q1 and Q2).

Returning to Action Item 3, the following request was presented:

3. To appropriate funds in the amount of \$500,000 from Budget Code A909.00, *General Fund Unappropriated Surplus*, to Budget Code A.4390 435, *Psychiatric Expense/Criminal*, to cover court-ordered NYS CPL 730 competency examination and restoration expenses throughout the remainder of the year.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild and seconded by Mr. Patchett to approve the request as presented. Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, explained the purpose of the court-ordered NYS CPL 730 competency examination and restoration services and apprised NYSAC (*New York State Association of Counties*), the Public Defender, District Attorney and the Treasurer had all been advocating for changes due to the financial burden falling on the County resulting from New York State discontinuing funding two years ago. Following discussion, Mr. Strainer called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was offered for public comments:

Christine Norton, *County Treasurer*, reiterated what Mr. Elmen stated with regard to addressing the ongoing financial burden and changes being sought to achieve transparency for the NYS CPL 730 competency examination and restoration services.

There being no further Office for Community Services business to discuss, Committee commenced with review of the Health Services agenda, which included a request to authorize a transfer of funds totaling \$17,569 amongst various budget codes to cover salary/fringe benefits.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Ms. Gilligan 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 (*Ms. Runyon absent*) to approve the request as outlined above 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 2025;
- Revenue and Expense Comparison Report for 2024 vs 2025;

Ms. Runyon entered the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

- Status of Referrals;
- Emergency Response and Preparedness; and
- Rabies Program Report.

Ginelle Jones, *Director, Public Health/Patient Services*, informed the Committee a Rabies Clinic would be held on September 13th at the Queensbury Community Center from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m and Car Seat Safety Checks would be held on August 26th from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Station, and on August 27th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Warrensburg Fire Station.

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 Ms. Gilligan and carried unanimously, Mr. Strainer adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Legislative Office Specialist