

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HEALTH SERVICES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:	OTHERS PRESENT:
SUPERVISORS STRAINER	DEE PARK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING
RUNYON	REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
GILLIGAN	ROB YORK, DIRECTOR
BRUNO	HARRY CARLSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FISCAL
PATCHETT	REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH:
THOMAS	GINELLE JONES, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH/PATIENT SERVICES
	TAWN DRISCOLL, FISCAL MANAGER
COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:	KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISOR WILD	JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
	LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
	AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
	SUPERVISORS ETU
	MERLINO
	TURNER
	TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
	DENISE DiRESTA, DIRECTOR, VETERANS' SERVICES
	MONICA STARK, DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURER
	SARAH McLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the September 23, 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=5wCypzuDl84>

Mr. Strainer called the meeting of the Health Services Committee to order at 10:45 a.m.

Copies of the Office for the Aging, Office of Community Services and Health Services meeting agendas were distributed to those in attendance; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

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

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

The Committee commenced with a review of the Action Items/New Business portion of the Office for the Aging agenda which consisted of a request to amend the EISEP (*Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly*) contract with Hamilton County Public Health to increase the contract amount from \$45,000 to \$60,000 effective October 1, 2025 and continuing through March 31, 2026 with the option to renew annually.

Motion was made by Ms. Runyon, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 17th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Next, the Discussion Items portion of the agenda was addressed with a review for 2026 Departmental Budget request; Committee members were encouraged to contact the Office for the Aging with any questions they may have related to the budget.

There being no further Office for the Aging business to discuss, review of the Office of Community Services agenda commenced with the Discussion Items portion of the Agenda and an overview of the 2026 Departmental Budget request and 2025 Departmental Accomplishments/2026 Goals; *copies of the 2026 Departmental Budget Request; 2025 Departmental Accomplishment; and 2026 Goals are on file with the meeting minutes.*

During the review of the 2026 Departmental Budget request, a discussion occurred regarding the excessive expense of the 730 Competency Examination and Restoration cases during which the County Administrator advised legislation addressing the holding of these individuals in State-owned facilities longer than what was believed to be appropriate did not go any further than the New York State Assembly Standing Committee on Mental Health. He continued, apprising the assumption was this legislation would be re-introduced next year along with a companion Senate Bill. Rob York, *Director, Office of Community Services*, advised he would be meeting with the District Attorney and the Public Defender to discuss whether any action could be taken within the local criminal justice system in an attempt to reduce this expense.

There being no further Office of Community Services business to discuss, review of the Health Services agenda commenced with the following Action Items/New Business:

1. To amend the Table of Organization and Salary Schedule to reclassify the position of Principal Clerk, *Grade 7, Base Annual Salary \$55,675*, to Senior Account Clerk #4, *Grade 7, Base Annual Salary \$55,675*, effective retroactive to September 22, 2025.

Motion was made by Ms. Gilligan, seconded by Ms. Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild absent*) to approve the request as presented and forward same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the meeting minutes.*

2. To authorize the Chair of the Board to execute a grant agreement with NYSDOH WIC (*New York State Department of Health Women, Infants and Children*) for grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$2,613 to support the enhancement of technology used to provide WIC benefits and services effective October 1, 2025 and terminating September 30, 2027 and to authorize the Chair of the Board to accept any additional funding and approve contract amendments without need for a further resolution.

Motion was made by Ms. Runyon, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 17th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the meeting minutes.*

3. To amend the 2025 Warren County Budget in the amount of \$1,306.50 to reflect receipt of this year's portion of the Infrastructure grant.
4. To amend the 2025 Warren County Budget in the amount of \$2,366 to reflect receipt of an additional one time increase in funding for Early Intervention.
5. To amend the 2025 Warren County Budget in the amount of \$2,500 to reflect receipt of grant funding from the Governor Traffic and Safety Committee for Child Passenger Car Seat Safety Program.

Motion was made by Ms. Runyon, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild absent*) to approve Items 3, 4 and 5 as outlined above and forward same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the meeting minutes.*

6. To authorize the Chair of the Board to execute a grant agreement with New York State Department of Health (*NYSDOH*)/Health Research, Inc. (*HRI*) to accept grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$52,099 for a term commencing July 1, 2025 and terminating June 30, 2026 for the purpose of planning and working with community partners to prepare for emergencies and to authorize the Chair of the Board to accept any additional funding, approve contract amendments, and enter into future NYSDOH/HRI contracts, without need for a further resolution.

Motion was made by Ms. Runyon, seconded by Mr. Patchett and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 17th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the meeting 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;
- 2026 Budget proposal.
- Status of Referrals;
- Emergency Response and Preparedness;
- Rabies Program Report;
- Car Seat Check Event - October 16th - 3pm-5:30 p.m. @ West Glens Falls Fire Department; and
- Conferences.

There being no further business to come before the Health Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Patchett and seconded by Ms. Runyon, Mr. Strainer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board