

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HEALTH SERVICES

DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS STRAINER
GILLIGAN
PATCHET
WILD
THOMAS

OTHERS PRESENT:

DEE PARK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING
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
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
RYAN DICKEY, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL
TURNER
TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER
SARAH McLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS RUNYON
BRUNO

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the December 1, 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=3KdVnY9v3OU>

Mr. Strainer called the meeting of the Health Services Committee to order at 9:41 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. Gilligan, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon and Mr. Bruno 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 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 amend the 2025 Warren County Budget in the amount of \$20,396 to allow pass-through of 100% State Aid funding from New York State Office of Mental Health for the Parsons/Northern Rivers Assertive Community Treatment program.
- 2) To amend the 2025 Warren County Budget in the amount of \$9,371 to allow pass-through of 100% State Aid funding from New York State Office of Mental Health for Ascend Mental Wellness housing program.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon and Mr. Bruno absent*) to approve Items 1 and 2 as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the meeting minutes.*

- 3) To appoint Sharon Figler to the Warren County Community Services Board for a term commencing December 19, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2027, to fill the unexpired term vacated by Deidre Grieve.

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

- 4) To re-appoint members (*Belinda Bradley, Christina Mastrianni and Susan McManus*) to the Warren County Community Services Board for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and terminating December 31, 2029.

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

- 5) To authorize renewal of two-year lease agreement with Ascend Mental Wellness/Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health, Inc. to provide office space for the Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties in the amount of \$35,010 (\$2,917.50/month) for 2026 with a 3% increase for 2027.

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

- 6) To authorize contracts to provide community mental health addiction/recovery and developmental disability services pursuant to the provisions of New York State Mental Hygiene Law, Article 41, in an amount not to exceed those provided in the agenda attachment for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and terminating December 31, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Wild to approve the request as outlined above; following discussion, Mr. Strainer called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon and Mr. Bruno absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 19th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the meeting minutes.*

- 7) To authorize contracts to provide specialized mental health crisis and planned respite services for youth in an amount not to exceed those provided in the agenda attachment for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and terminating December 31, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the request as outlined above; following discussion, Mr. Strainer called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon and Mr. Bruno absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 19th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the meeting minutes.*

John Taflan, *County Administrator*, spoke regarding a meeting he had attended with Rob York, *Director, Office of Community Services*, regarding a complaint filed by neighbors of the Genesis House residence on Chester Street in the City of Glen Falls which housed individuals working through psychiatric disabilities and was staffed and managed by Ascend Mental Wellness, noting they were working on developing a solution to address the concerns. A brief discussion ensued.

There being no further Office of Community Services business to discuss, a review of the Office for the Aging agenda commenced with the following requests:

- 1) To authorize submission of annual update to 2024 - 2025 Annual Implementation Plan to NYSOFA (*New York State Office for the Aging*).

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

- 2) To amend Resolution No. 352 of 2017, authorizing contract with KLC Property Enhancement, LLC for snow removal, to reflect the following increases: snow plowing - \$85/occurrence; sanding - \$85/occurrence; shovel entrance - \$20/occurrence; and move snow - \$200/hour per machine.

Motion was made by Mr. Patchett, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon and Mr. Bruno absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 19th 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 \$330,000 to reflect an increase in Unmet Need funding for 4/01/25 - 3/31/26 for the purpose of addressing needs of seniors in Warren and Hamilton Counties.

Motion was made by Ms. Gilligan, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon and Mr. Bruno 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 meeting minutes.*

There being no further Office for the Aging business to discuss, review of the Health Services agenda commenced with the Action Agenda/New Business Item pertaining to a request to amend the Health Services Homecare Therapist contract to reflect the increased rate schedule included in the agenda packet, effective January 1, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon and Mr. Bruno absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 19th 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;
- Status of Referrals;
- Emergency Response and Preparedness; and
- Rabies Program Report.

Prior to adjourning, Mr. Strainer advised he would like to wish Mr. Thomas well in his retirement, noting he would be missed.

There being no further business to come before the Health Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Runyon and Mr. Bruno absent*), Mr. Strainer adjourned at the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board