

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HEALTH SERVICES

DATE: JANUARY 20, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS STRAINER
GILLIGAN
BRUNO
MADAY
WILD
O'NEILL

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
NATHAN ETU, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS CROCITTO
DRISCOLL
TURNER
TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER
SARAH McLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR BUTLER

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the January 20, 2026 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=IIfyyYXYW4w>

Mr. Strainer called the meeting of the Health Services Committee to order at 9:40 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 Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Butler 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 for public comments was called for:

Mr. Strainer voiced his concern with a letter to the editor questioning the funding the County received from the State and Federal Governments for programs administered by the County. He stated he would like to assure the public the County did not lack when it pertained to applying for and being awarded grant funding nor were they deficient in obtaining funding for County administered programs.

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 appropriate \$506,381 from Budget Code A.900.01, *General Other Restricted, Opioid (Restricted)*, to Budget Code A.4310.0176 470, *Opioid Settlement, Restricted*, and \$282,464 from Budget Code A.900.02, *General Other Restricted, Opioid (Unrestricted)*, to Budget Code A.4310.0177 470, *Opioid Settlement, Unrestricted*, to utilize opioid settlement funding to address the impacts of the opioid crisis in Warren County.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Maday and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Butler 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 meeting minutes.*

- 2) To amend the 2026 Warren County Budget in the amount of \$103,974 to allow pass-through of 100% State Aid funding from New York State Office of Mental Health to cover the cost of the contract with Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health, dba Ascend Mental Wellness to implement court based mental health navigator services.

Motion was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Maday and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Butler 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 meeting minutes.*

- 3) To authorize a new contract with Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health, dba Ascend Mental Wellness to develop and provide court-based mental health navigator services in Warren County pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 30-25) and proposal for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and terminating December 31, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. Maday, seconded by Mr. O'Neill and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Butler absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 20th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Rob York, *Director, Office of Community Services*, advised the Office of Community Services administered over \$5 million in contracts with local not-for-profit agencies, 90% of which were funded with State and Federal funding.

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 a new contract with Community, Work & Independence, Inc. (CWI) to act as a fiscal intermediary for consumer directed program under EISEP (*Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program*) in Warren and Hamilton Counties for personal care level 1 and personal care level 2 services at a rate of \$33 per hour (total amount not to exceed \$45,000 per year) for a term commencing March 1, 2026 and terminating March 31, 2027, with the option to renew annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. O'Neill and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Butler absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 20th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the meeting minutes.*

- 2) To authorize submission of application to NYSOFA (*New York State Office for the Aging*) for grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$33,413 to support MIPPA (*Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act*) for a term commencing September 1, 2025 and terminating August 31, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. O'Neill and seconded by Mr. Maday 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 (*Mr. Butler absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 20th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Dee Park, *Director, Office for the Aging*, requested that the Committee members contact her with any information they would like to be included in the Office for the Aging 2025 Annual Report, noting the report would be released in March.

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

- 1) To appoint/re-appoint members of the Warren County Health Services Professional Advisory Committee for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and terminating December 31, 2026. (*Previous Resolution No. 54 of 2025*)

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Butler absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 20th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the meeting minutes.*

2. To appoint/re-appoint members of the LEICC (*Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council*) for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and terminating December 31, 2026. (*Previous Resolution No. 55 of 2025*)

Motion was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Maday and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Butler absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

3. To appoint Erik Mastrianni, *Administrator, Children with Special Health Care Needs Program*, as Warren County's EIO (*Early Intervention Official*) effective February 23, 2026.

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

4. To amend the Health Services Certified Home Health Agency (*CHHA*) therapist contracts to reflect the increased evaluation rate included in the agenda packet, effective January 1, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. Maday and seconded by Mr. Wild 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 (*Mr. Butler absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

5. To authorize the Chair of the Board to execute a grant agreement with New York State Department of Health (*NYSDOH*) Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs to accept grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$322,374 for a term commencing October 1, 2025 and terminating September 30, 2030 for the purpose of providing support to individuals up to 21 years with special health care needs and their families.

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

6. To amend the 2026 Warren County Budget in the amount of \$33,034 to reflect receipt of additional grant funding from NYSDOH for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs.

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

7. To amend the 2026 Warren County Budget in the amount of \$134,925.91 to carry over unused JUUL Settlement funding.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. O'Neill and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Butler absent*) to approve the request as presented and forward same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Mr. Wild exited the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

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.

Mr. Wild re-entered the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Ms. Jones noted they had received \$19,034 from the State in performance incentive funding.

Privilege of the floor for public comment was called for:

Mr. Strainer congratulated Ginelle Jones, *Director, Public Health/Patient Services*, on her upcoming retirement on April 1, 2026, noting she would be missed.

There being no further business to come before the Health Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. O'Neill and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Butler absent*), Mr. Strainer adjourned at the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board