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*Deputy County Administrator*



March 20, 2025

**TO:** Members of Health & Human Services Committee  
**FROM:** Ryan Piche, County Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** Health & Human Services Committee Agenda

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Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Health & Human Services Committee will meet on ***Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.*** in the Board of Legislators' Chambers.

Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting:

**Presentation:**

Homeless Solutions Update - Ryan Piche, County Administrator  
Karen Marcum, DSS Commissioner  
Jillian Redder, DSS Director of Housing  
Tim Ruetten, Director of Community Services

**Resolutions:**

1. Authorizing Agreements for the Provision of Services Relative to Opioid Settlement Funds Regional Abatement and Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation Thereto
2. Authorizing Agreements for Provision of Mental Hygiene Services
3. Amending the 2025 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Thrive Wellness and Recovery, Inc.
4. Authorizing Agreements for Bi-County Mobile Crisis Program and Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation Thereto
5. Amending the County Budget Relative to Public Health Department Accounts
6. Amending 2023/24 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with the NYS Office of Children & Family Services and Authorizing Amended Contractual Youth Team Sports Program Agreements



**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Authorizing Agreements for the Provision of Services Relative to Opioid Settlement Funds Regional Abatement and Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, The Local Government Unit for Jefferson County received Opioid Settlement Regional Abatement dollars in the amount of \$692,488 in 2024 to procure services at its discretion based on the allowable use of funds per settlement and statute, and

Whereas, The Director of Community Services has requested that these funds be allocated in 2025 to PIVOT, Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization, North Country Family Health Center, Northern Regional Center for Independent Living, Mental Health Association, and Thrive Wellness and Recovery, Inc. to provide services as outlined per the settlement and statute, and

Whereas, PIVOT will receive an award of \$150,000 for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 to continue the Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE) program which provides Substance Use Disorder Prevention Education to seniors in our community, and the Youth Alliance which provides Substance Use Disorder Prevention Education to youth in the community, and

Whereas, Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization will receive an award of \$115,115 for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 to establish a Primary Care Embedded Community Health Worker (CHW) Program, and

Whereas, North Country Family Health Center will receive an award of \$68,307 for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 to establish a Community Health Worker (CHW) Program, and

Whereas, Northern Regional Center for Independent Living will receive an award of \$87,975 for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 to establish a Getting Ahead While Getting Out program to assist in the successful transition of community members transitioning from a correctional facility or other justice related program, and

Whereas, Mental Health Association will receive an award of \$100,000 for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 to expand their current Peer Support Model to better provide peer support/advocacy services, incorporate a harm reduction model and reduce stigma for those recovering from Opioid Use Disorder, and

Whereas, Thrive Wellness and Recovery, Inc. will receive an award of \$171,091 for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 to enhance their ability to ensure the overall health and well-being of individuals served through medical evaluation treatment.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said funds and authorizes the Chairman of Board of Legislators to execute agreements with the above providers for services as outlined, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01431000 93486	State Aid OASAS Opioid Settlement Funds	\$692,488

Expenditures		
01432000 04712	Contracted Mental Health Program	\$692,488

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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State of New York     )  
County of Jefferson    ) ss.:

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board of Legislators

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Authorizing Agreements for Provision of Mental Hygiene Services

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, New York State Mental Hygiene Law provides that the Jefferson County Community Services Board may contract for the provision of various mental hygiene services to the public with the approval of the Board of Legislators.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 41.13 of the Mental Hygiene Law, this Board does hereby grant its approval for the Community Services Board to enter into agreements with the following not-for-profit organizations for provision of the referenced mental hygiene services during calendar year 2025 for consideration as reflected herein:

Agency	Consideration to be Received <u>from the County</u>	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>County Aid</u>
Alcohol/Substance Abuse Council DBA Pivot			
Recovery Center	\$ 535,000	\$ 535,000	\$ 0
Prevention Services & Stop DWI	\$ 961,629	\$ 867,629	\$ 68,100
		DWI	\$ 25,900
Carthage Area Hospital			
Behavioral Health Clinic	\$ 59,681	\$ 59,681	\$ 0
Children's Home of Jefferson County			
Family Respite	\$ 52,411	\$ 46,307	\$ 6,104
Mobile Crisis Outreach	\$ 249,592	\$229,444	\$ 20,148
Prevention Program	\$ 32,211	\$ 28,333	\$ 3,878
Health Home Management	\$ 251,035	\$251,035	\$ 0
Adult, Children & Families Pre-Admission Screening (SPOA/SPOE)	\$ 132,988	\$132,988	\$ 0
Non-Medicaid Care Coordination Mgrs - Sch. Liaison	\$ 229,003	\$ 229,003	\$ 0
Community Outpatient Clinic	\$ 91,286	\$ 43,911	\$ 47,375
Records Management	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
Therapeutic Crisis Respite Program	\$ 740,065	\$740,065	\$ 0
Mental Health Assn.			
Psychosocial/Drop-In Program	\$ 332,068	\$313,322	\$ 18,746
Adult Respite Program	\$ 44,763	\$ 39,415	\$ 5,348
PFC Joseph Dwyer Peer Veterans Grant	\$ 100,000	\$100,000	\$ 0
Northern Regional Center for Independent Living			
Family Support Services	\$ 295,860	\$287,667	\$ 8,193
Mental Health Advocacy	\$ 54,401	\$ 54,401	\$ 0

River Hospital			
PFC Joseph Dwyer Peer Veterans Grant	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 0
Community Wellness Outpatient Clinic	\$ 34,945	\$ 0	\$ 34,945
Samaritan Medical Center			
Outpatient Clinic Services	\$ 91,706	\$ 91,706	\$ 0
The ARC Jefferson-St. Lawrence			
Assisted Competitive & Transitional			
Employment Programs	\$ 250,036	\$ 240,162	\$ 9,874
Integrated Supported Employment	\$ 98,087	\$ 98,087	\$ 0
Family Support Services	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Thrive Wellness and Recovery, Inc.			
Men's Halfway House	\$ 193,251	\$ 193,251	\$ 0
Vocational/Education Program	\$ 42,008	\$ 42,008	\$ 0
Chemical Dependence Clinic	\$ 827,442	\$ 772,746	\$ 54,696
Community Residence (Aftercare)	\$ 230,842	\$ 191,842	\$ 39,000
Case Mgmt/Supportive Housing	\$ 64,330	\$ 64,330	\$ 0
Women's Drug Free Residential	\$ 362,882	\$ 362,882	\$ 0
Residential Rehab. Svcs. For Youth	\$ 655,407	\$ 655,407	\$ 0
Opiate Treatment Program	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Thrive Wellness and Recovery, Inc.			
Supported Housing	\$ 671,915	\$ 662,471	\$ 9,444
Behavioral Health & Wellness Clinic	\$ 16,838	\$ 16,838	\$ 0
Homeless/MICA/Case Mgmt	\$ 128,182	\$ 128,182	\$ 0

and be it further

Resolved, That this Board further grants approval for the Community Services Board to enter into such agreements with the State of New York as may be required to obtain the State Aid funding outlined herein, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to sign the above referenced agreements on behalf of the County of Jefferson, subject to the approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the Community Services Board shall not be required to enter into any amended agreements related to changes in funding for any of the above referenced agreements, and with any increases in funding for any of the above referenced agreements requiring this Board to approve such monetary increases by budget resolution only.

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Amending the 2025 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for  
Thrive Wellness and Recovery, Inc.

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, The New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports has approved additional one time only State Aid for Thrive Wellness and Recovery, Inc., in the amount of \$42,008 for the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, and

Whereas, The 2025 County Budget needs to be amended to reflect the additional funds.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01431000 93484	State Aid - Alcohol & Substance Abuse	\$42,008

Expenditure:		
01432000 04702	THRIVE	\$42,008

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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State of New York    )  
                                  ) ss.:  
County of Jefferson    )

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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Authorizing Agreements for Bi-County Mobile Crisis Program and  
Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, The New York State Office of Mental Health has identified counties within the state where mobile crisis services are presently unavailable, and

Whereas, Jefferson County and Lewis County have been identified as lacking mobile crisis services and as such, have been awarded \$600,000 each for the development and start up costs of a mobile crisis program, and

Whereas, Jefferson County and Lewis County will enter into an agreement to contract for mobile crisis services with Jefferson County designated as the lead agency, and

Whereas, The Children’s Home of Jefferson County has been selected as the most qualified to operate the mobile crisis program through an RFP process.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute an MOU with Lewis County Community Services and an agreement with the Children’s Home of Jefferson County for the period of April 1, 2025 to July 1, 2025 for start up services not to exceed \$65,000, and July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026 for the provision of mobile crisis services not to exceed \$675,000, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue

01431000 92280	Health Services for Other Governments	\$370,000
01431000 93490	State Aid Mental Health	370,000

Expenditure

01432000 04720	Mobile Crisis – Jeff/Lewis	\$740,000
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Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Amending the 2025 County Budget Relative to Public Health Department Accounts

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, Funds originally budgeted to be incurred in 2024 for office furnishings under the Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) were unable to be expended, and

Whereas, Funds need to be allocated in the 2025 Budget in the appropriate general ledger account, and

Whereas, Funds will be covered under the Grant.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the 2025 County Budget be and is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

01405100 04102	Office Furnishings	\$15,000
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**Decrease:**

01405500 04416	Professional Fees	\$15,000
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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Amending 2023/24 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with  
the NYS Office of Children & Family Services and Authorizing Amended  
Contractual Youth Team Sports Program Agreements

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution No. 75 of 2024 the Board of Legislators authorized a 2023/24 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with the NYS Office of Children & Family Services, and

Whereas Jefferson County had awarded Eastern Shore Youth Soccer with Youth Team Sports Program funding in the amount of \$2,300, and

Whereas, There is a need to re-allocate funding due to the above program’s inability to meet all contract requirements for this funding, and

Whereas, The following constitutes the list of Youth Team Sports Programs eligible and recommended for additional funding for the 2023/24 program year, which require an agreement between the County and the respective Agency or Municipality for the provision of pass-through funding.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2023/24 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with the NYS Office of Children & Family Services is hereby amended to reflect the following changes:

Youth Team Sports Program

<u>Agency/Program</u>	<u>Original State Aid Allocation</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised State Aid Allocation</u>
Thousand Islands Youth Hockey	\$40,634	\$2,300	\$42,934
Eastern Shore Youth Soccer	\$2,300	(\$2,300)	\$0

and be it further

Resolved, That Pursuant to Section 450 of County Law, the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute necessary amended contractual Youth Program Agreements with the various agencies on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

State of New York    )  
County of Jefferson    ) ss.:

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_**

Authorizing Agreements and Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation to  
Continuation of Services for those Experiencing Homelessness

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, Jefferson County is in its third year of providing warming centers for those experiencing homelessness during the winter months through community partners, including the Salvation Army, New Life Christian Church, and Emmanuel Congregational Church, and

Whereas, Services have been financed by the “Code Blue” Program, an emergency measure through New York State aimed at protecting homeless individuals during periods of extreme cold weather, and

Whereas, The partnership between The Salvation Army, New Life Christian Church, and Emmanuel Congregational Church during past Code Blue seasons has been highly effective in providing essential shelter, meals, and services to the unhoused population of Jefferson County, ensuring their safety and well-being during the cold weather seasons, and

Whereas, The collaboration among the three organizations has fostered strong relationships, improved coordination, and successful outreach efforts that have directly benefited individuals experiencing homelessness, and

Whereas, Extending the homeless support programs and supportive services beyond the Code Blue season allows for consistent engagement with the unhoused community, addressing year-round challenges such as food insecurity, lack of stable housing, and access to services, and

Whereas, Maintaining continuous relationships with unhoused individuals throughout the year builds trust, improves service delivery, and creates pathways to long-term stability, including connection to mental health care, substance use treatment, and permanent housing opportunities, and

Whereas, A year-round approach not only enhances the well-being of unhoused individuals but also contributes positively to the overall community by reducing reliance on emergency services, promoting public safety, and supporting Jefferson County’s commitment to compassionate, sustainable solutions to homelessness, and

Whereas, The Salvation Army is prepared to provide an overnight Unhoused Services Support Center (not to exceed \$350,050) to the unhoused of Jefferson County outside of the Code Blue season, and

Whereas, New Life Christian Church is prepared to provide a daytime Unhoused Services Support Center (not to exceed \$135,454) to the unhoused of Jefferson County outside of the Code Blue season, and

Whereas, Emmanuel Congregational Church is prepared to provide a community meal program (not to exceed \$206,768) to the unhoused and needy of Jefferson County outside of the Code Blue season.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute agreements with The Salvation Army, New Life Christian Church, and Emmanuel Congregational Church for the aforementioned services and terms for the period May 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025 on behalf of the County, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, be it further

Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Expenditure:

01601000 04416 Professional Fees-External \$692,272

Transfers

01899200 95031 Interfund Transfers \$692,272

20990100 09000 Transfer to General Fund 692,272

**Decrease:**

Expenditure:

20631000 02525 Homeless Shelters \$692,272

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Authorizing an Agreement with Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization for the Provision of Data Collection Services Related to Homelessness and Amending the 2025 Budget Related Thereto

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, Jefferson County has experienced a dramatic increase in individuals experiencing homelessness and housing instability, much of which can be directly attributed to the opioid epidemic, and

Whereas, There is a need for accurate data collection and analysis to ensure that community efforts to combat homelessness are data driven to ensure the most efficient use of resources, and

Whereas, The Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization (FDRHPO) has shown its expertise and effectiveness as data analysts with already existing and imperative partnerships in Jefferson County to ensure the best possible outcomes, and

Whereas, Opioid Settlement funds are available to fund the initiative.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with FDRHPO for the aforementioned Data Collection Program for an amount not to exceed \$167,000, for the period of one year upon contract execution, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, be it further

Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01104500 92735	Direct Opioid Settlement Funds	\$167,000

Expenditure		
01432000 04712	Contracted Mental Health Programs	\$167,000

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Authorizing an Agreement with ACR Health for Homelessness Street Outreach and  
Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, Jefferson County has experienced a dramatic increase in persons experiencing homelessness and housing instability, and

Whereas, Data shows that the opiate epidemic has increased the occurrences of homelessness and the importance of effective and timely engagement with those impacted with regard to them moving toward safe and permanent housing options, and

Whereas, Jefferson County Community Services has been provided with Regional Abatement funding to assist in the abatement of opiate related issues, and

Whereas, ACR Health has shown its commitment and effectiveness in the engagement of our homeless population, and is the agency most qualified to perform these services due to their expertise, and existing presence in Jefferson County.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with ACR Health for the aforementioned Street Engagement Program for an amount not to exceed \$141,147 for the period of June 1, 2025 to May 30, 2026 subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget in hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01431000 93486	State Aid OASAS Opioid Settelement Funds	\$141,147
Expenditure		
01432000 04712	Contracted Mental Health Program	\$141,147

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Authorizing an Agreement with BCA Architects & Engineers for Office Renovations and Security Upgrades to the Human Services Building

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, The Jefferson County Department of Social Services is in need of office renovations to support security upgrades at its facility located at 250 Arsenal Street, Watertown, New York, and

Whereas, BCA Architects & Engineers has submitted a proposal to provide professional services related to the Program Phase of the project, which includes architectural, HVAC, electrical, plumbing services, hazardous materials survey and report, 3D building scan and existing conditions building model, and project cost estimates, and

Whereas, The Program Phase is essential for defining the scope of work, identifying design options, estimating associated costs, and providing a comprehensive Program Report to serve as the foundation for project scope approval, and

Whereas, The total cost for professional services associated with the Program Phase is \$30,575, and funds are available within the capital plan for this purpose.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with BCA Architects & Engineers for the aforementioned services, at a cost not to exceed \$30,575, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2025 COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE EXPENSE/REVENUE REPORT

3/7/2025

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTALS Y-T-D</u>	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>BALANCE AVAILABLE</u>	<u>% USED</u>
<b>EARLY INTERV.</b>																
EXPENSES	\$0	\$8,559											\$8,559	\$466,221	\$457,662	1.84%
REVENUES	\$57	\$0											\$57	\$240,215	\$240,158	0.02%
<b>PRESCHOOL</b>																
EXPENSES	\$0	\$389,269											\$389,269	\$7,228,158	\$6,838,889	5.39%
REVENUES	\$177,328	\$42,009											\$219,337	\$4,475,754	\$4,256,417	4.90%
<b>OPWDD</b>																
EXPENSES(ADMIN)	\$0	\$0											\$0	\$15,628	\$15,628	0.00%
REVENUES	\$1,758	\$0											\$1,758	\$7,814	\$6,056	22.50%
<b>OASAS</b>																
EXPENSES	\$944,700	\$0											\$944,700	\$3,872,791	\$2,928,091	24.39%
REVENUES	\$970,550	\$0											\$970,550	\$3,685,095	\$2,714,545	26.34%
<b>OMH</b>																
EXPENSES	\$0	\$160,110											\$160,110	\$4,477,594	\$4,317,484	3.58%
REVENUES	\$1,058,491	\$0											\$1,058,491	\$4,240,464	\$3,181,973	24.96%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$944,700</b>	<b>\$557,939</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,502,639</b>	<b>\$16,060,392</b>	<b>\$14,557,753</b>	<b>9.36%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$2,208,183</b>	<b>\$42,009</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,250,192</b>	<b>\$12,649,342</b>	<b>\$10,399,150</b>	<b>17.79%</b>

OPWDD= OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
OASAS= OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS  
OMH= OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH

**Jefferson County Public Health Service Monthly Statistical Performance  
For the Twelve Months Ended February 28, 2025**

**CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCY**

REFERRALS				MTD	YTD	2025	Amount of	Percent
	2022	2023	2024	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
CHHA	1,126	1,188	1,454	120	254	1,524	336	28.28%
AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS				MTD	YTD	2025	Amount of	Percent
	2022	2023	2024	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
CHHA	98	93	95	114	111	111	18	18.37%
VISITS				MTD	YTD	2025	Amount of	Percent
	2022	2023	2024	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
CHHA	6,128	5,393	5,686	512	1,035	6,210	817	15.15%
Skilled Nursing	3,943	3,718	3,322	315	595	3,570	-148	-3.98%
Physical Therapy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Speech Therapy	466	528	454	45	93	558	30	5.68%
Medical Social Worker	830	846	723	79	150	900	54	6.38%
Occupational Therapy	117	107	80	8	13	78	-29	-27.10%
Nutrition	745	963	873	85	121	726	-237	-24.61%
Home Health Aide	12,229	11,555	11,138	1,044	2,007	12,042	487	4.21%
Sub-TOTAL								
PREVENT				MTD	YTD	2025	Amount of	Percent
	2022	2023	2024	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
Skilled Nursing	3	2	9	0	0	0	-2	-100.00%
TOTAL VISITS								
	2022	2023	2024	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Percent
Skilled Nursing	6,131	5,395	5,695	512	1,035	6,210	815	15.11%
Physical Therapy	3,943	3,718	3,322	315	595	3,570	-148	-3.98%
Speech Therapy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Medical Social Worker	466	528	454	45	93	558	30	5.68%
Occupational Therapy	830	846	723	79	150	900	54	6.38%
Nutrition	117	107	80	8	13	78	-29	-27.10%
Home Health Aide	745	963	873	85	121	726	-237	-24.61%
GRAND TOTAL	12,232	11,557	11,147	1,044	2,007	12,042	485	-28.52%
PARAPROFESSIONAL HOURS				MTD	YTD	2025	Amount of	Percent
	2022	2023	2024	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
CHHA	753	996	877	86	122	732	-264	-26.51%

**MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH - COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE**

INDICATORS				MTD	YTD	2025	Amount of	Percent
	2022	2023	2024	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
Cases	8	74	72		39	234	160	216.22%
Average Daily Census (MIH Cases not on CHHA)	0.1	15	29	40	37	37	22	146.67%
Visits	48	1,013	1,274	130	257	1,542	529	52.22%

**PREVENTIVE SERVICES**

CASES				MTD	YTD	2025	Amount of	Percent
	2022	2023	2024	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
PREVENT	20,919	7,058	7,354	1,172	2,774	16,644	9,586	135.82%
Communicable Disease	3,119	1,115	1,519	52	146	876	-239	-21.43%
Immunizations	159	140	142	13	23	138	-2	-1.43%
PPDs								
Childhood Lead Poison Prevention Program+ *								
Screens	2,624	2,999	2,805			0	-2,999	-100.00%
Tests with blood lead levels 5+	125	248	242			0	-248	-100.00%
Newborn Screening	27	24	27	4	5	30	6	25.00%
PREVENT TOTAL	26,973	11,584	12,089	1,241	2,948	17,688	6,104	52.69%

\*CLPPP data will be reported in quarters (M, J, S, D).

**MEDICAL EXAMINER**

INDICATORS				MTD	YTD	2025	Amount of	Percent
	2022	2023	2024	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
Cases	200	198	178	11	25	150	-48	-24.24%
Scene Investigations	29	15	16	1	4	24	9	60.00%
Autopsies	102	115	94	4	13	78	-37	-32.17%
Overdose Poisonings	25	29	21		0	0	-29	-100.00%
Pending Toxicology Confirmation	0	0	0	2				

# JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

## National Public Health Week – April 7-13, 2025 2025 Public Health Service Awards of Distinction Briefing Summary

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### Overview.

The Jefferson County Public Health Service is actively pursuing national public health accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The mission of PHAB is to advance and transform public health practice by championing performance improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation. PHAB supports health departments in their work to promote the health of communities they serve through accreditation and recognition, education, technical assistance, and research and evaluation.

A key PHAB component is building a competent public health workforce, that among many required capacities and measures, includes professional recognition of employees. Another PHAB component is community engagement and highlighting the work of agencies and/or individuals who partner with public health departments. To these PHAB ends, the department's workforce development committee has established three awards of distinction, recognizing outstanding public health professional excellence, public health clinical excellence, and public health community partnerships. The workforce development committee has also named the awards of distinction for past public health leaders.

Employees nominated colleagues and partners over the winter, and the department's administrative team selected the following 2025 award winners:

### Paul D. Barter

Jefferson County Director of Emergency Medical Services  
*To be awarded the 2025 Jean A. Bilow Award for Public Health Excellence*

### Jeri L. Fuller

Medical Social Worker with the department's Certified Home Health Agency  
*To be awarded the 2025 Ginger B. Hall Award for Public Health Clinical Excellence*

### Stephanie A. Graf

Deputy Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County  
*To be awarded the*  
**2025 Robert J. Kasulke, MD Award for Public Health Community Partnership**

Awards are presented annually every April during National Public Health Week. The ceremony for the 2025 award winners will take place on Thursday, April 10, 2025, 8:45 a.m. at the Public Health Facility, 531 Meade Street, Watertown, NY.

### Eponymous Awards of Distinction.

The award for public health professional excellence is named for Jean A. Bilow, the first and longest-served Jefferson County Director of Public Health. Much of the department's current structure and programming was either put in place or greatly expanded over Jean's tenure. While

programs have certainly evolved since her retirement, Jean had a vision that expanded public health's impact broadly into the greater health care system, and improved population health. Jean also led the department's response to a significant meningococcal outbreak, novel H1N1 influenza, and other communicable disease responses. Jean's tenure also saw the development of public health preparedness and response put in place following the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks.

The award for public health clinical excellence is named for Ginger B. Hall, the second Jefferson County Director of Public Health. Before Ginger became the department head, and during her time as Director, her tenure greatly advanced clinical care, quality assurance, and quality improvement standards in the home and clinic settings. Ginger also led the department's response through the COVID-19 pandemic, and she worked tirelessly to procure funding to establish the first community paramedicine program pilot in New York State, which is measurably and significantly reducing costly Emergency Department visits and hospital inpatient admissions in Jefferson County.

The award for public health community partnership is named for Robert J. Kasulke, MD, who served as Medical Director and Assistant Medical Examiner for Jefferson County over approximately three decades. Dr. Kasulke sadly passed away in November 2023. A hallmark of Dr. Kasulke's career was service to the community and to the country. In addition to his work for the department, he was medical director for Hospice of Jefferson County, he served as a physician for the Gouverneur Correctional Facility, he was a Major General in the U.S. Army Reserves, and he was actively committed to honoring veterans, through both honors programs for veterans that became patients of Hospice, and honor flights to Washington D.C. which supports aging veterans in visiting national war memorials. Dr. Kasulke served on many community agency boards of directors.

**Need.**

County Administration and Board of Legislators awareness of these awards, and that a ceremony will be held on Thursday April 10, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. at the Jefferson County Public Health Facility, 531 Meade Street, Watertown, NY. County Administration and Legislators are invited.

# VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY

**FEBRUARY 2025**

( 02/08/25 - 03/18/2025 )

## MONTHLY REPORT

Month	Personal Contacts	Tel/Mail Contacts	Total Contacts	Total Services	New Claims	Maintained Claims
Dec 2024 & Jan 2025	153	512	665	1425	65	17
February	78	398	476	1079	52	17
March						
<b>Sub Total</b>						
April						
May						
June						
<b>Sub Total</b>						
July						
August						
September						
<b>Sub Total</b>						
October						
November						
December						
<b>Sub Total</b>						
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>						

\*Contact: Personal visit, phone call, or mail received or sent to/from VSA

\*Service: Amount of assistance provided for each contact

Comments: The VSA submitted 52 claims for Compensation and Pension in February which saw 5 decisions returning \$8K in new payments and \$60.5K in back pay going to local Veterans and their dependents.