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April 25, 2025

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

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Health & Human Services Committee will meet on **Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Board of Legislators' Chambers.

Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting:

Presentation:

Bi-County Mobile Crisis Program – Tim Ruetten, Community Services Director

Resolutions:

1. Authorizing an Agreement with G.R.O. Energy Solutions LLC of Jefferson County for Provision of Home Modification Program Services
2. Authorizing an Agreement for Provision of Housekeeping Services for Older Adults of Jefferson County
3. Authorizing Agreements with New York State Department of Education Approved Agencies for the Provision of Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities
4. Authorizing Agreements with Established Rates for Provision of Related Services in Connection with the Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities
5. Authorizing Amended Agreements with the Home Care Association of New York State and Iroquois Healthcare Association Related to Additional Funding for the Community Medicine and Paramedicine Programs and Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation Thereto
6. Appointing Member to Jefferson County Public Health Services Professional Advisory Committee

Informational Items:

1. Monthly Department Reports:
 - Office for the Aging
 - Community Services
 - Public Health

If any Committee Member has inquiries regarding agenda items, please do not hesitate to contact me.

RP:jdj

c:	Office for the Aging	Veterans Service Agency
	Community Services	County Attorney
	Public Health/EMS/Medical Examiner	County Treasurer
	Social Services	

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Resolution No. _____

Authorizing an Agreement with G.R.O Energy Solutions LLC of Jefferson County for Provision of Home Modification Program Services

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The Jefferson County Office for the Aging works for the establishment and expansion of programs and services which assist older adults in the areas of their most urgent need, and

Whereas, The Office for the Aging is eligible to receive State and Federal funds for the purpose of providing needed programs and services to residents of Jefferson County, and

Whereas, There exists a demand for handyman services to support the Home Modification Program, which can aid older adults in maintaining independence in the home.

Whereas, G.R.O Energy Solutions LLC has proposed to provide the service for a rate of \$95 per hour, plus materials.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to Section 95-a of the General Municipal Law, the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with G.R.O Energy Solutions LLC for handyman services for the Home Modification Program at a cost of \$95 per hour plus cost of materials, for the period of May 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

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

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution No. _____ of the Board of Legislators of said County of Jefferson with the original thereof on file in my office and duly adopted by said Board at a meeting of said Board on the _____ day of _____, 20____ and that the same is a true and correct copy of such Resolution and the whole thereof.

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 an Agreement for Provision of Housekeeping Services for
Older Adults of Jefferson County

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The Jefferson County Office for the Aging works for the establishment and expansion of programs and services which assist older adults in the areas of their most urgent need, and

Whereas, The Office for the Aging is eligible to receive State and Federal funds for the purpose of providing needed programs and services to residents of Jefferson County, and

Whereas, There exists a demand for housekeeping services, which can aid older adults in maintaining independence in the home.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to Section 95-a of the General Municipal Law, the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Luxury Island Cleaners LLC for provision of housekeeping services to older adults, at the rate of \$50 per hour, for the period of May 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

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County of Jefferson)

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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Resolution No. _____

Authorizing Agreements with New York State Department of Education Approved Agencies for the Provision of Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, New York State Education Law requires that municipalities enter into agreements with agencies approved by the New York State Commissioner of Education to offer special education services to preschool children with disabilities who are determined by the board of education of local school districts to require placement in such special education programs, and

Whereas, The New York State Commissioner of Education has approved providers of services and has set rates for all special education program services, and

Whereas, In conjunction with the operation of the Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities Program, it is necessary to enter into contracts with approved services providers at said established rates.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, Pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, Jefferson County is hereby authorized to enter into agreements for the term July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, for the provision of special education services to children ages three through five with disabilities with the following New York State Education Department approved service providers:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
Alexandria CSD	Evaluations
ARC Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY	Evaluations Special Education Classroom Special Education Itinerant Teaching
Belleville Henderson CSD	Evaluations
Building Blocks SLP, OT & PT Family Services, PLLC	Evaluations
Carthage CSD	Evaluations Special Education Itinerant Teaching
Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Evaluations
Copenhagen CSD	Evaluations

General Brown CSD	Evaluations
Jefferson-Lewis BOCES	Evaluations
Milestones Children's Center	Evaluations Special Education Classroom Special Education Itinerant Teaching
South Jefferson CSD	Evaluations
Thousand Islands CSD	Evaluations
Watertown CSD	Evaluations

and be it further

Resolved, That the need for such special education services is to be determined by local School Boards of Education, at rates established by the New York State Commissioner of Education as certified by the Director of the Budget of the State of New York, and shall be in a form and contain such terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the New York State Commissioner of Education, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators and the Director of Community Services are hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and substance, and be it further

Resolved, That the Director of Community Services is hereby directed to send a letter notifying local school boards of education of the rates of each of the special education service providers and the percentage of local share of such cost.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Resolution No. _____

Authorizing Agreements and Establishing Rates for Provision of Related Services
in Connection with the Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities provides a variety of related services to children aged three to five years with certain disabilities, such services to be provided in the least restrictive environment, be it home or agency based, and

Whereas, Chapter 243 of the Laws of 1989 requires that counties maintain a list of appropriately certified or licensed professionals to deliver related services to preschool children with disabilities and set a reasonable reimbursement rate for such services, subject to the approval of the New York State Education Department.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 4410 of the Education Law, Jefferson County enter into an agreement with each of the following parties for the provision of the indicated service(s), and be it further

Resolved, The term of said agreement shall be for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in accordance with the requirements of the State Education Law and regulations:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
315 Therapy for PT, OT and SLP, PLLC	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Alexandria CSD	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
ARC Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Belleville Henderson CSD	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Building Blocks SLP, OT & PT Family Services, PLLC	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Carthage CSD	Speech Therapy

	Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Orientation and Mobility Teacher of the Visually Impaired
Copenhagen CSD	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
General Brown CSD	Speech Therapy Physical therapy Occupational Therapy
Jefferson-Lewis BOCES	Audiological Teacher of the Deaf
Lewis County Hospital	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
South Jefferson CSD	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Thousand Islands CSD	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Watertown CSD	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy 1:1 Aide

and be it further

Resolved, That the rates of payment for Preschool Related Services by a Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist and Physical Therapist are hereby established as follows:

	On-site	Off-site
Individual Up to 59 Minutes	\$41.00	\$70.00
Individual Over 60 Minutes	\$58.00	\$87.00
Group Up to 59 Minutes	\$29.00	\$46.00
Group Over 60 Minutes	\$46.00	\$64.00

and be it further

Resolved, That the rates of payment for Preschool Related Services by Certified Occupational Therapy and Licensed Physical Therapy Assistants are hereby established as follows:

	On-site	Off-site
Individual Up to 59 Minutes	\$29.00	\$46.00
Individual Over 60 Minutes	\$41.00	\$56.00
Group Up to 59 Minutes	\$26.00	\$41.00
Group Over 60 Minutes	\$37.00	\$51.00

and be it further

Resolved, That the rates of payment for Preschool Related Services by Preschool 1:1 Aide Related Services are hereby established as follows:

Individual 30 Minutes	\$8.50
Group 30 Minutes	\$6.00

and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute such agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, and be it further

Resolved, That the Director of Community Services is hereby authorized and directed to take such steps and execute such documents as may be necessary to secure approval of the rates established herein by the New York State Education Department.

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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 Amended Agreements with the Home Care Association of New York State and Iroquois Healthcare Association Related to Additional Funding for the Community Medicine and Paramedicine Programs and Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, By Resolution 254 of 2022, this Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with the Home Care Association of New York State and the Iroquois Healthcare Association for Jefferson County to pilot a community medicine and paramedic program in 2022 with grant funds in the amount of \$250,000 received from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, and

Whereas, By Resolution 108 of 2023, Jefferson County Public Health Service (JCPHS) was awarded an additional \$225,000 to continue the pilot program for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and

Whereas, By Resolution 71 and 72 of 2024 the period of the agreements were extended through December 31, 2024 and additional funding in the amount of \$1,059 was awarded, and

Whereas, By Resolution 283 of 2024, \$50,000 of additional supplemental funding was awarded for the period of January 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025, and

Whereas, JCPHS has been notified of additional funding in the amount of \$175,000 to cover expenses March 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, and

Whereas, The award exceeds the total amount budgeted for 2025 by \$46,000, necessitating adjustments to revenue and expenditure lines.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts the funding award and the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute any amended agreements with the New York State Home Care Association and the Iroquois Healthcare Association, subject to approval by 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		
01405000 91689	Other Health Department Income	\$ 46,000
Expenditure		
01405700 01110	Temporary	\$ 35,000
01405700 04416	Professional Fees	11,000

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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. _____

Appointing Member to Jefferson County Public Health Service
Professional Advisory Committee

By Legislator: _____

Resolved, That the following individual is hereby appointed as member of the Professional Advisory Committee for a term to expire as indicated below:

Member
Nathan Peters

Term to Expire
12/31/2029

Seconded by Legislator: _____

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County of Jefferson)

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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

2025 COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE EXPENSE/REVENUE REPORT

4/14/2025

<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>
EARLY INTERV.																
EXPENSES	\$0	\$8,559	\$13,827										\$22,386	\$466,221	\$443,835	4.80%
REVENUES	\$57	\$0	\$283										\$339	\$240,215	\$239,876	0.14%
PRESCHOOL																
EXPENSES	\$0	\$389,269	\$305,173										\$694,443	\$7,228,158	\$6,533,715	9.61%
REVENUES	\$177,328	\$42,009	\$52,969										\$272,306	\$4,475,754	\$4,203,448	6.08%
OPWDD																
EXPENSES(ADMIN)	\$0	\$0	\$0										\$0	\$15,628	\$15,628	0.00%
REVENUES	\$1,758	\$0	\$1,758										\$3,516	\$7,814	\$4,298	45.00%
OASAS																
EXPENSES	\$944,700	\$0	\$0										\$944,700	\$3,872,791	\$2,928,091	24.39%
REVENUES	\$970,550	\$0	\$991,551										\$1,962,101	\$3,685,095	\$1,722,994	53.24%
OMH																
EXPENSES	\$0	\$160,110	\$180,836										\$340,946	\$4,477,594	\$4,136,648	7.61%
REVENUES	\$1,058,491	\$0	\$0										\$1,058,491	\$4,240,464	\$3,181,973	24.96%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$944,700	\$557,939	\$499,836	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,002,474	\$16,060,392	\$14,057,918	12.47%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,208,183	\$42,009	\$1,046,561	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,296,753	\$12,649,342	\$9,352,589	26.06%

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 Three Months Ended March 31, 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	128	374	1,496	308	25.93%
AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS				MTD	YTD	2025	Amount of	Percent
	2022	2023	2024	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
CHHA	98	93	95	117	113	113	20	20.41%
VISITS				MTD	YTD	2025	Amount of	Percent
	2022	2023	2024	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
CHHA								
Skilled Nursing	6,128	5,393	5,686	603	1,638	6,552	1,159	21.49%
Physical Therapy	3,943	3,718	3,322	330	925	3,700	-18	-0.48%
Speech Therapy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Medical Social Worker	466	528	454	49	142	568	40	7.58%
Occupational Therapy	830	846	723	77	227	908	62	7.33%
Nutrition	117	107	80	7	20	80	-27	-25.23%
Home Health Aide	745	963	873	112	233	932	-31	-3.22%
Sub-TOTAL	12,229	11,555	11,138	1,178	3,185	12,740	1,185	10.26%
PREVENT								
Skilled Nursing	3	2	9	0	0	0	-2	-100.00%
TOTAL VISITS								
Skilled Nursing	6,131	5,395	5,695	603	1,638	6,552	1,157	21.45%
Physical Therapy	3,943	3,718	3,322	330	925	3,700	-18	-0.48%
Speech Therapy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Medical Social Worker	466	528	454	49	142	568	40	7.58%
Occupational Therapy	830	846	723	77	227	908	62	7.33%
Nutrition	117	107	80	7	20	80	-27	-25.23%
Home Health Aide	745	963	873	112	233	932	-31	-3.22%
GRAND TOTAL	12,232	11,557	11,147	1,178	3,185	12,740	1,183	7.41%
PARAPROFESSIONAL HOURS				MTD	YTD	2025	Amount of	Percent
	2022	2023	2024	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
CHHA								
Home Health Aide	753	996	877	112	233	932	-64	-6.43%

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH - COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

INDICATORS				MTD	YTD	2025	Amount of	Percent
	2022	2023	2024	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
Cases	8	74	72		43	172	98	132.43%
Average Daily Census (MIH Cases not on CHHA)	0.1	15	29	38	39	39	24	160.00%
Visits	48	1,013	1,274	113	401	1,604	591	58.34%

PREVENTIVE SERVICES

CASES				MTD	YTD	2025	Amount of	Percent
	2022	2023	2024	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
PREVENT								
Communicable Disease	20,919	7,058	7,354	754	3,528	14,112	7,054	99.94%
Immunizations	3,119	1,115	1,519	106	252	1,008	-107	-9.60%
PPDs	159	140	142	12	35	140	0	0.00%
Childhood Lead Poison Prevention Program+ *								
Screens	2,624	2,999	2,805		690	2,760	-239	-7.97%
Tests with blood lead levels 5+	125	248	242		40	160	-88	-35.48%
Newborn Screening	27	24	27	0	5	20	-4	-16.67%
PREVENT TOTAL	26,973	11,584	12,089	872	4,550	18,200	6,616	57.11%

*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	17	43	172	-26	-13.13%
Scene Investigations	29	15	16	0	4	16	1	6.67%
Autopsies	102	115	94	10	23	92	-23	-20.00%
Overdose Poisonings	25	29	21		0	0	-29	-100.00%
Pending Toxicology Confirmation	0	0	0	5				