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June 19, 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, June 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Board of Legislators' Chambers.

Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting:

Resolutions:

1. Authorizing an Agreement with THRIVE Wellness and Recovery, Inc. and Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation Thereto
2. Amending the 2025 County Budget Relative to Community Services Preschool Program Medicaid Billing Services
3. Authorizing Agreements with New York State Department of Education Approved Agencies for the Provision of Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities for the Period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026
4. Amending the 2025 County Budget Relative to Public Health Department Staffing
5. Amending the 2025 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue from New York State Office of Children and Family Services for Adoption and Legal Guardianship Incentive Funds
6. Supporting the Reauthorization of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Currently Eliminated in the Presidential Budget That Supports Low Income Families in Jefferson County through the Community Action Planning Council

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.

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| 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 THRIVE Wellness and Recovery, Inc. and
Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) contracted with THRIVE Wellness and Recovery, Inc. for the provision of Transitional Safety Unit Housing utilizing federal funding provided by Substance Use and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) through contracts ending June, 30, 2025, and

Whereas, Federal funding for this program has been discontinued and OASAS has agreed to fund this vital community housing program through the use of Opiate Settlement Funds, and

Whereas, An Agreement needs to be authorized between Jefferson County Community Services and THRIVE Wellness and Recovery, Inc. for the provision of transitional safety unit housing, and

Whereas, The 2025 County Budget requires amendment to receive and appropriate funding for this service.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to sign an Agreement with THRIVE Wellness and Recovery, Inc for Transitional Safety Unit Housing services for the term of July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026, including any documents as necessary to carry out the intent of the Resolution, with 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 92735 | OASAS Opioid Settlement Funds | \$881,780 |

| | | |
|----------------|--------|-----------|
| Expenditure | | |
| 01432000 04702 | Thrive | \$881,780 |

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. _____

Amending the 2025 County Budget Relative to Community Services
Preschool Program Medicaid Billing Services

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The Community Services Department has initiated a new revenue source through Medicaid billing for services related to the Preschool Program to help offset the exponential increase in cost, and

Whereas, This new initiative has resulted in approximately \$250,000 in new revenue halfway through the fiscal year, and

Whereas, Due to the success of the new initiative in mitigating the cost for this mandated service, expenses for billing services will exceed budget, and

Whereas, Additional revenue is expected to be available to cover the costs for such billing services.

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

Increase:

| | | |
|----------------|------------------------------|----------|
| Expenditure | | |
| 01431200 04416 | Professional Fees – External | \$17,000 |
| Revenue | | |
| 01431000 94825 | Fed Aid Preschool Medicaid | \$17,000 |

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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. _____

Authorizing Agreements with New York State Department of Education Approved Agencies
for the Provision of Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities
for the Period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, New York State Education Law requires that municipalities enter into agreements with agencies approved by the NYS Commissioner of Education to offer special education services to preschool children with disabilities who are determined by the boards 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 certain providers of services and has set rates for all special education program services, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 137 of 2025 Jefferson County authorized agreements with providers for the provision of special education services for preschool children with disabilities for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and

Whereas, Agreements for additional providers and services require authorization.

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> |
|---|--|
| South Jefferson Central School District | Special Education Itinerant Teaching |
| Watertown City School District | Special Classes in an Integrated Setting |

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.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Amending the 2025 County Budget Relative to Public Health Department Staffing

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, Public Health has experienced unanticipated leaves of absence in the Prevent Services Unit, and

Whereas, Temporary staff are being utilized to ensure continuity of services, and

Whereas, Funds are available within the Public Health Department budget for transfer to cover the additional temporary staffing.

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

Increase:

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|----------------|--------------------|----------|
| 01405100 01110 | Temporary Services | \$25,000 |
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Decrease:

| | | |
|----------------|-------------------|----------|
| 01405500 01100 | Personal Services | \$25,000 |
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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. _____

Amending 2025 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue From New York State
Office of Children and Family Services for Adoption and Legal Guardianship Incentive Funds

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The NYS Office of Children and Family Services has awarded additional funding to Jefferson County from the Adoption and Legal Guardianship Incentives Payment Program (AIPP) in the amount of \$25,000, and

Whereas, The AIPP funding will be used for foster/adoptive parent and legal guardianship recruitment activities to increase permanency outcomes, and

Whereas, Funding is available immediately and must be spent by September 30, 2025.

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

Increase:

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Revenue | | |
| 01607000 94619 | Federal Aid – Child Care | \$25,000 |
| Expenditure | | |
| 01601000 04102 | Office Furnishings | \$ 500 |
| 01601000 04117 | Printing | 2,000 |
| 01601000 04415 | Advertising | 2,000 |
| 01601000 04585 | Operating Supplies | 10,000 |
| 01601000 04624 | Client Incidentals | 10,500 |

Seconded by Legislator: _____

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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. _____

Supporting the Reauthorization of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Currently Eliminated in the Presidential Budget That Supports Low Income Families in Jefferson County through the Community Action Planning Council

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "CAPC" has served Jefferson County in the capacity as the designated antipoverty agency for 59 years and is a part of a national network of over 1000 Community Action Agencies across the nation designed for this purpose, and

Whereas, The proposed Presidential budget, now in the Senate, eliminates critical funding that supports low-income families in Jefferson County that has been in place in for over 40 years provided through CAPC, and

Whereas, The Community Services Block Grant, (CSBG) is a Federally funded block grant to community action agencies providing essential support to individuals and families with low incomes by funding services addressing poverty, including housing support, food and nutrition, utility, and transportation assistance, as well as education and employment support, and the Weatherization Assistance Program, (WAP) helps low-income households reduce energy costs by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes, contributing to a healthier and safer living environment, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Board of Legislators recognizes the positive impact these programs have on the County and low income families over the last 40 years since the Federal funding was initiated, and

Whereas, There are ongoing efforts to support these vital programs on behalf of Jefferson County.

Now, Therefore, Be IT RESOLVED, that The Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby declares its strong support of the reauthorization of the Community Services Block Grant and the Weatherization Assistance Program, and be it further

Resolved, That Jefferson County Board of Legislators urges the Senate and Congress to continue funding for these critical programs, and be it further

Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators commits to working with the Community Action Planning Council to ensure the successful delivery of CSBG and WAP services within our County.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

2025 COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE EXPENSE/REVENUE REPORT

6/11/2025

| <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 | \$44,874 | \$24,108 | | | | | | | | \$91,367 | \$466,221 | \$374,854 | 19.60% |
| REVENUES | \$57 | \$0 | \$283 | \$240 | \$297 | | | | | | | | \$877 | \$240,215 | \$239,338 | 0.36% |
| PRESCHOOL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EXPENSES | \$0 | \$389,269 | \$305,173 | \$383,259 | \$369,202 | | | | | | | | \$1,446,903 | \$7,228,158 | \$5,781,255 | 20.02% |
| REVENUES | \$177,328 | \$42,009 | \$52,969 | \$87,419 | \$1,215,628 | | | | | | | | \$1,575,353 | \$4,475,754 | \$2,900,401 | 35.20% |
| OPWDD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EXPENSES(ADMIN) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | | | | | | | | \$0 | \$15,628 | \$15,628 | 0.00% |
| REVENUES | \$1,758 | \$0 | \$1,758 | \$0 | \$0 | | | | | | | | \$3,516 | \$7,814 | \$4,298 | 45.00% |
| OASAS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EXPENSES | \$944,700 | \$0 | \$0 | \$991,700 | \$0 | | | | | | | | \$1,936,400 | \$3,872,791 | \$1,936,391 | 50.00% |
| REVENUES | \$970,550 | \$0 | \$991,551 | \$0 | \$0 | | | | | | | | \$1,962,101 | \$3,685,095 | \$1,722,994 | 53.24% |
| OMH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EXPENSES | \$0 | \$160,110 | \$180,836 | \$406,310 | \$378,182 | | | | | | | | \$1,125,438 | \$4,477,594 | \$3,352,156 | 25.13% |
| REVENUES | \$1,058,491 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,058,489 | \$0 | | | | | | | | \$2,116,980 | \$4,240,464 | \$2,123,484 | 49.92% |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$944,700 | \$557,939 | \$499,836 | \$1,826,143 | \$771,491 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,600,108 | \$16,060,392 | \$11,460,284 | 28.64% |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$2,208,183 | \$42,009 | \$1,046,561 | \$1,146,148 | \$1,215,925 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,658,826 | \$12,649,342 | \$6,990,516 | 44.74% |

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 Five Months Ended May 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 | 133 | 643 | 1,543 | 355 | 29.90% |
| AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS | | | | MTD | YTD | 2025 | Amount of | Percent |
| | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | Actual | Actual | Annualized | Change | Change |
| CHHA | 98 | 93 | 95 | 118 | 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 | 2,920 | 7,008 | 1,615 | 29.95% |
| Physical Therapy | 3,943 | 3,718 | 3,322 | 287 | 1,471 | 3,530 | -188 | -5.05% |
| Speech Therapy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Medical Social Worker | 466 | 528 | 454 | 42 | 232 | 557 | 29 | 5.45% |
| Occupational Therapy | 830 | 846 | 723 | 81 | 366 | 878 | 32 | 3.83% |
| Nutrition | 117 | 107 | 80 | 2 | 29 | 70 | -37 | -34.95% |
| Home Health Aide | 745 | 963 | 873 | 116 | 474 | 1,138 | 175 | 18.13% |
| Sub-TOTAL | 12,229 | 11,555 | 11,138 | 1,131 | 5,492 | 13,181 | 1,626 | 14.07% |
| PREVENT | | | | | | | | |
| Skilled Nursing | 3 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | -100.00% |
| TOTAL VISITS | | | | | | | | |
| Skilled Nursing | 6,131 | 5,395 | 5,695 | 603 | 2,920 | 7,008 | 1,613 | 29.90% |
| Physical Therapy | 3,943 | 3,718 | 3,322 | 287 | 1,471 | 3,530 | -188 | -5.05% |
| Speech Therapy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Medical Social Worker | 466 | 528 | 454 | 42 | 232 | 557 | 29 | 5.45% |
| Occupational Therapy | 830 | 846 | 723 | 81 | 366 | 878 | 32 | 3.83% |
| Nutrition | 117 | 107 | 80 | 2 | 29 | 70 | -37 | -34.95% |
| Home Health Aide | 745 | 963 | 873 | 116 | 474 | 1,138 | 175 | 18.13% |
| GRAND TOTAL | 12,232 | 11,557 | 11,147 | 1,131 | 5,492 | 13,181 | 1,624 | 17.31% |
| PARAPROFESSIONAL HOURS | | | | MTD | YTD | 2025 | Amount of | Percent |
| | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | Actual | Actual | Annualized | Change | Change |
| CHHA | | | | | | | | |
| Home Health Aide | 753 | 996 | 877 | 117 | 476 | 1,142 | 146 | 14.70% |

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH - COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

| INDICATORS | | | | MTD | YTD | 2025 | Amount of | Percent |
|--|------|-------|-------|--------|--------|------------|-----------|---------|
| | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | Actual | Actual | Annualized | Change | Change |
| Cases | 8 | 74 | 72 | | 48 | 115 | 41 | 55.68% |
| Average Daily Census (MIH Cases not on CHHA) | 0.1 | 15 | 29 | 40 | 39 | 39 | 24 | 160.00% |
| Visits | 48 | 1,013 | 1,274 | 154 | 740 | 1,776 | 763 | 75.32% |

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 | 446 | 4,669 | 11,206 | 4,148 | 58.76% |
| Immunizations | 3,119 | 1,115 | 1,519 | 126 | 458 | 1,099 | -16 | -1.42% |
| PPDs | 159 | 140 | 142 | 8 | 47 | 113 | -27 | -19.43% |
| Childhood Lead Poison Prevention Program+ * | | | | | | | | |
| Screens | 2,624 | 2,999 | 2,805 | | 690 | 1,656 | -1,343 | -44.78% |
| Tests with blood lead levels 5+ | 125 | 248 | 242 | | 40 | 96 | -152 | -61.29% |
| Newborn Screening | 27 | 24 | 27 | 2 | 10 | 24 | 0 | 0.00% |
| PREVENT TOTAL | 26,973 | 11,584 | 12,089 | 582 | 5,914 | 14,194 | 2,610 | 22.53% |

*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 | 12 | 65 | 156 | -42 | -21.21% |
| Scene Investigations | 29 | 15 | 16 | 1 | 6 | 14 | -1 | -4.00% |
| Autopsies | 102 | 115 | 94 | 6 | 35 | 84 | -31 | -26.96% |
| Overdose Poisonings | 25 | 29 | 21 | | 3 | 7 | -22 | -75.17% |
| Pending Toxicology Confirmation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | | | | |