

Tier I Minutes  
Tuesday, December 05, 2017

**In attendance:** Jillian Dillon, Ann Edwards-Dickerson, Vallie Castnor, Melanie Sullivan, Colleen Scott, Alyssa Prince, Gabrielle Wheeler, Catherine AE Clauss, James K Smith, Jr., Amanda Belle-Smith, Dakota Warren, Kate Bluett, Doris Shaner, Jessie Gyr, Jacquelyn Goebel, Connie Baughman, Carol G Schreiner.

**Updates:**

DSS

- Enrollment for HEAP is now open. Application can be made at DSS, OFA or online at [mybenefints.ny.org](http://mybenefints.ny.org). Emergency benefits will be available in January or February 2018.
- Families may now get assistance with child care if they are attending a 2 year college. Some help is available for those attending a 4 year college. An eligibility requirement for those going 4 years is that they must be working while attending classes.
- Christmas for the needy starts December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have families after the Christmas program closes call DSS at 315-481-9623. They do have some small gifts/gift cards for last minute situations.
- DSS anticipates starting Foster Parent Classes January 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jillian Dillon at [jillian.dillon@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:jillian.dillon@dfa.state.ny.us), or go to the Yates County website, <https://www.yatescounty.org/>.

Finger Lakes Community Health

- A self-monitored home blood pressure program in conjunction with Public health and YMCA, Rochester will be coming soon to the Yates area.
- Insurance Navigators are on site.
- DRS, Digital Retinopathy Services, are available for people with diabetes, Hep C and HIV.

Healthy Families (Child and Family Resources)

- Reminder that the Together Time program is every Monday 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Last day is December 18<sup>th</sup>. Also, Baby Café is held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- The agency was provided a donation which they used to purchase port-a-cribs, diapers and wipes for families in the area. Parents are required to meet with one of the staff to receive “safe sleep” information which takes about 15 minutes. Contact Child and Family Resources at 315- 536-1134.
- Reminder that Baby Café is every other Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 at Child and Family Resources. The next one is December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Our Together Time is held Mondays 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The last meeting for this month is December 18<sup>th</sup> and will resume in February.

Catholic Charities Finger Lakes

- Catherine Clauss from Encompass Family Health Home, a care management program, attended the Tier I meeting for the first time. Catherine passed out the programs flyer describing their services. *See attached flyer.*

### Combined Insurance

- James K. Smith, Jr., Sales Coordinator, attended the Tier I meeting for the first time. Combined Insurance is looking to expand out to Yates, Ontario, Steuben, Schuyler, and Livingston counties.
- They are looking to work with agencies and to sponsor events with agencies in their areas.
- Contact James K. Smith, Jr. at [james.Smith2@combined.com](mailto:james.Smith2@combined.com), phone 585-943-3210. Company website: [www.combinedinsurance.com](http://www.combinedinsurance.com).

### Finger Lakes Caregiver Institute at Lifespan

- Jessie Gyr, Community Outreach Worker, joined the Tier I meeting for the first time.
- The caregiver program is a partnership between Lifespan and the Alzheimer's Association providing free support services for caregivers caring for a loved one with memory loss.
- The program provides respite care, education programs, case management.
- This program is funded by the Department of Health and is free.

### Rushville Community Health Center

- Rushville Food Pantry will be held December 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- NY State of Health Open Enrollment is going on now. If anybody needs help enrolling call Rushville Community Health Center.

### Keuka Housing

- Keuka Housing has a white dishwasher and couch for anyone that can use them. Items must be picked up. Call the office at 315-536-8707.

### ProAction Office for the Aging

- Dundee Mobile Food Pantry served a total of 123 families in November. Next food pantry at Starkey Town Barn, Dundee is on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. This distribution will be held a week earlier than usual due to Christmas.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Presentation: Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes, Regional Permanency Resource Center**

#### **Dori Shaner, TRPC Coordinator and Kathryn Bluett, TRPC Caseworker**

- The Regional Permanency Resource Centers provide a adoption and guardianship services in 5 counties, Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, Yates and Orleans. Eligibility is open to anyone living in one of the 5 counties and that has an adoption or guardian certificate from the court. The program is voluntary.
- Care Managers offer support for any post adoptive children and families with the goal of maintaining permanency to keep post adopted/guardian child in the home and strive to maintain safety and well being of the whole family. The program was designed to provide post adoptive/guardianship support after services provided pre-adoption/guardianship have ended.
- Case Managers can go into the homes and work on areas such as fear, grief, anger, self-esteem issues and limiting disconnectedness issues resulting from multiple foster home placements.
- Case Managers can advocate for families by going to court the help adoptive families with that process, attend school meetings.
- A Family Needs Assessment and a ACE screening is completed to gain information on the family and child to develop a plan to work on with each family.
- The program has a support group, can help with parenting, how to talk with child about being adopted and how to use community resources. Other support services can be provided as identified.

- There is no time limit. Families can participate regardless of how long ago the adoption/guardianship occurred and stay with the families whether it is “6 months, 6 years.” Age limitation is that child must be 18 years of age or younger.

*See attachments.*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation: Catholic Charities Community Services**

### **Jacquelyn Goebel, Behavioral Health Educator**

- The Behavioral Health Program is also known as The Linking Up Program. It was started in 2014. It is a pilot program and ends in 2019. The program serves 9 counties, Ontario, Yates, Schuyler, Steuben, Chemung, Wayne, Livingston, Monroe and Seneca.
- The program targets those diagnosed with HIV or aids and linking them up with mental health and/or substance abuse services.
- With input from the client, including what they want to know more about, three education sections are formulated. The program develops a support system to surround the client. A Peer is assigned that has gone through a similar experience and shares their story and can escort client to appointments, call them, etc.
- The ideal candidate is someone that is resistant to mental health and/or substance abuse treatment. Challenges in the program are clients feeling they have no support, disconnected from their own community even after previously having completed treatment services.
- This program is designed to reinforce with the client that there is a huge community available to them.
- This is a 6 month program for educational purposes only. Referrals from agencies, doctors offices, etc. are welcome.

*See attachments.*

### **Trainings, Workshops, etc.**

- Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> the Alzheimer’s Association is presenting Effective Communication and Behaviors Surrounding Dementia and Memory Loss. It is free to caregivers and will be held at the Living Well, Elm Street, Penn Yan from 3:00 pm. – 5 p.m.
- Contact George Roets at Community Support, [groets@yatescounty.org](mailto:groets@yatescounty.org), to schedule Mental Health First Aid training. This is a program striving to train the whole community in first aid for mental health. Anybody can take training.

**Community Needs:** No needs were identified this month.

### **Other notes:**

If you would like to present or hear from a specific agency, please contact Jill Dillon at [Jillian.Dillon@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:Jillian.Dillon@dfa.state.ny.us). If you have anything to share with the group before our next meeting please e-mail the information to Ann Edwards-Dickerson at [edwards-dickersona@proactioninc.org](mailto:edwards-dickersona@proactioninc.org)

### **Next Meeting:**

February 6, 2018

**THERE WILL NOT BE A TIER I MEETING IN JANUARY**

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Edwards-Dickerson  
December 7, 2017