

TO: Jessica Moser, Chair; Tom Kalamas, Vice-Chair; Josh Leviker; Vincent Nortz; and Barry Lyndaker.

FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: March 14, 2024

SUBJECT: Human Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Human Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 19th at 2:00 p.m. in the Board of Legislators' Chambers. Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting which will be streamed live at [Lewis County - YouTube](#).

Minutes:

Approve February 20, 2024 committee minutes if no amendments.

Presentations / Discussion Items:

1. Childcare – Jennifer Jones, Social Services Commissioner; Casandra Buell, Planning & Community Development Director; and Cathy Brodeur, Jefferson-Lewis Child Care Project Director (20 minutes)
2. 730 Evaluations update – Patricia Fralick, Community Services Director (5 minutes)

Draft Resolutions:

1. Appropriating \$150,000.00 in Community Services account line from contingency for current and on-going care, maintenance and examination services to patients in NYS Office of Mental Health psychiatric facilities pursuant to County Criminal or Family Court orders.
AYE ____ NAY ____
2. Calling for the SFY 2024-25 Enacted Budget to include Reforms to “730” defendants and the return to a 50-50 share between the State and County for the costs of restoration placed defendants.
AYE ____ NAY ____
3. Transferring and appropriating \$33,000.00 in the Stop DWI account line from STOP DWI Reserves to be used for a Probation/Stop DWI vehicle, which was included in the 2024 capital budget and will be paid for using a combination of County Capital funds and Stop DWI funds.
AYE ____ NAY ____
4. Approving agreement between Lewis County Public Health Agency and Birnie Bus Tours, Inc., to provide transportation services for pre-school special education children for the

period of April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 with annual automatic renewals based on rates of \$515.00 up to \$575.00 depending on the vehicle for the 1st child and then \$38.00 for each additional student.

AYE ____ NAY ____

5. Calling on the Governor to complete Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage reconciliations that are years overdue and provide a full accounting of funds owed to counties and a schedule for release of these federal funds.

AYE ____ NAY ____

6. Opposing the Governor's SFY2025 Budget proposal to shift more costs to counties by mandating higher spending for child welfare services in the Flexible Funding for Family Services (FFFS) Block Grant.

AYE ____ NAY ____

7. Urging the Governor and Legislature to become true partners in addressing homelessness by focusing on standard of need which must include the restoration of 50/50 cost sharing for Safety Net Programs and provide actual brick and mortar solutions by making permanent housing the central focus.

AYE ____ NAY ____

8. Urging the NYS Governor and Legislature to ensure that local Social Service Commissioners are directly involved in discussions to reduce costs in the Medicaid Program.

AYE ____ NAY ____

9. Appointing Caitlin Lawler as the Lewis County Youth Bureau Director effective April 3, 2024, for the term of her employment.

AYE ____ NAY ____

Motions:

None.

Executive Session:

None.

Informational Items:

1. Monthly Department reports are attached for your review.

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

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Office for the Aging
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Public Health

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Youth Bureau