

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

FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: April 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Human Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Human Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 15th at 1:30 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 March 18th committee minutes if no amendments.

Presentations / Discussion Items:

1. Jefferson-Lewis Mobile Crisis – Anna Platz, Director of Community Services, Tim Ruetten and Michelle Monnat (10 minutes)

Draft Resolutions:

None.

Motions:

None.

Executive Session:

None.

Informational Items:

1. Monthly Department reports are attached for your review.

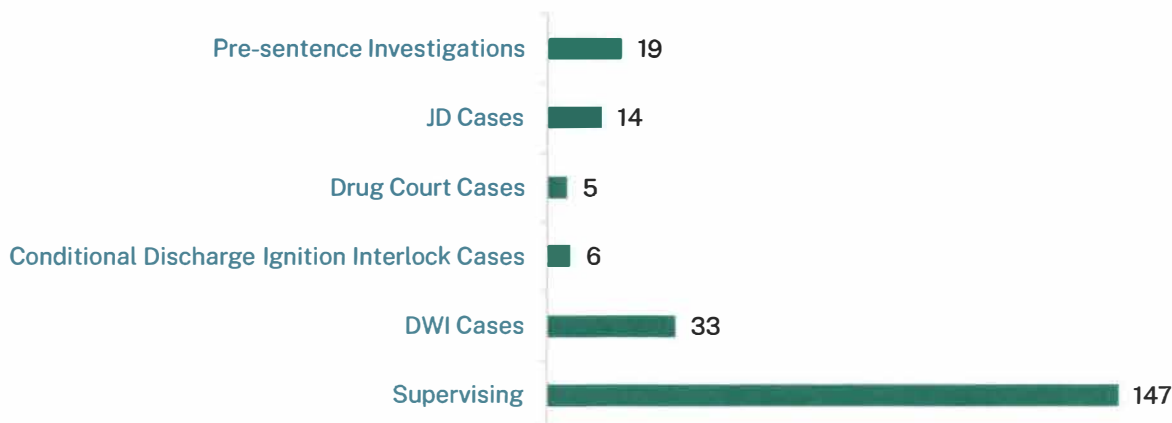
If any committee member has inquiries regarding agenda items, please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc: Community Services
Lewis County Health System
Office for the Aging
Probation
Public Health

Sheriff
Social Services
Veterans' Service Agency
Youth Bureau

March 2025

- Probation Department supervised cases remain virtually unchanged from the previous month.
- Lewis County Probation and Lewis County STOP-DWI participated in career day events at three are schools in recent months. On 2/27/2025, we were at Lowville Academy for Career Day. On 03/20/2025, we were at the BOCES Recruitment Day at the Howard G. Sacket Technical Center. On 03/25/2025, we were at Beaver River for the Career Showcase. Career fairs are an excellent way for probation officers to highlight aspects of our careers as well as helping to spread awareness about the dangers of impaired driving.
- On 04/12/2025, our team will again be welcoming an intern from the Criminal Justice program at BOCES. The intern will be shadowing our department four days per week for a total of six weeks.
- Our new administrative assistant, Erin Ward, has been quickly learning the ins and outs of the probation department. We were fortunate to have Jefferson County Probation agree to provide some training for Erin on our statewide case management software. We continue to be blessed to have such a strong working relationship with Jefferson County Probation.





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March 2025

JAIL:

- Inmate Population as of March 31st: **25**
- Number of Inmates Boarded Out as of March 31st: **1**

DISPATCH:

- Calls Handled: **4608**
- Cads Created: **2128**

ROAD PATROL:

- Complaints Handled: **521**
- Criminal Arrests Made: **15**
- Vehicle and Traffic Stops: **166**
- Vehicle and Traffic Arrest: **76**
- Pistol Permits Completed: **16**
- Drug Overdoses: **1**

CIVIL:

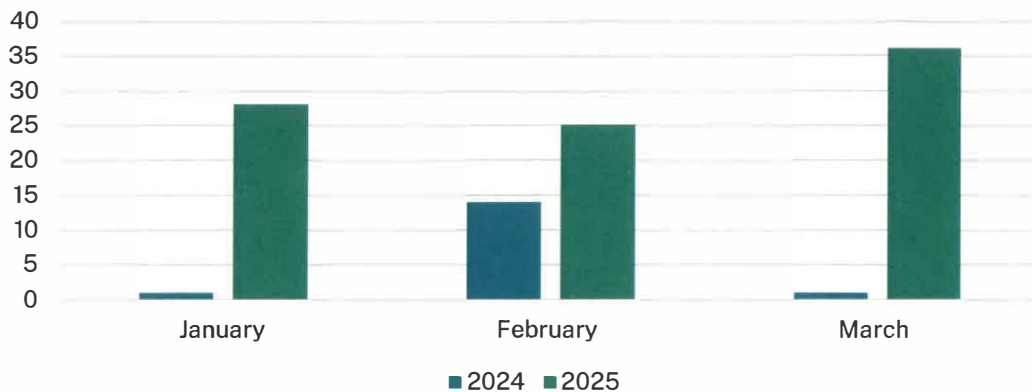
- Papers Served: **61**
- Evictions: **1**
- Civil Executions Against Property or Income: **17**
- Funds Received and Disbursed: **\$13,029.77**

March 2025

- Public Health started a Workplace Chronic Disease Self-Management Program for county employees at the end of March. The program filled quickly, and a wait list has been started for the next round. The program will teach employees with chronic condition healthy lifestyle habits to improve their health, wellbeing, and ultimately their job satisfaction and productivity. In addition to the health education each employee is receiving, they will receive a \$25 voucher for fruits and vegetables for each session they complete.
- Public Health brought in a National Active Classroom Trainer to train 100 staff members at Beaver River Central School. This is a Community Health Improvement Plan initiative to increase physical activity throughout the school day for students. Below is a picture of the training.



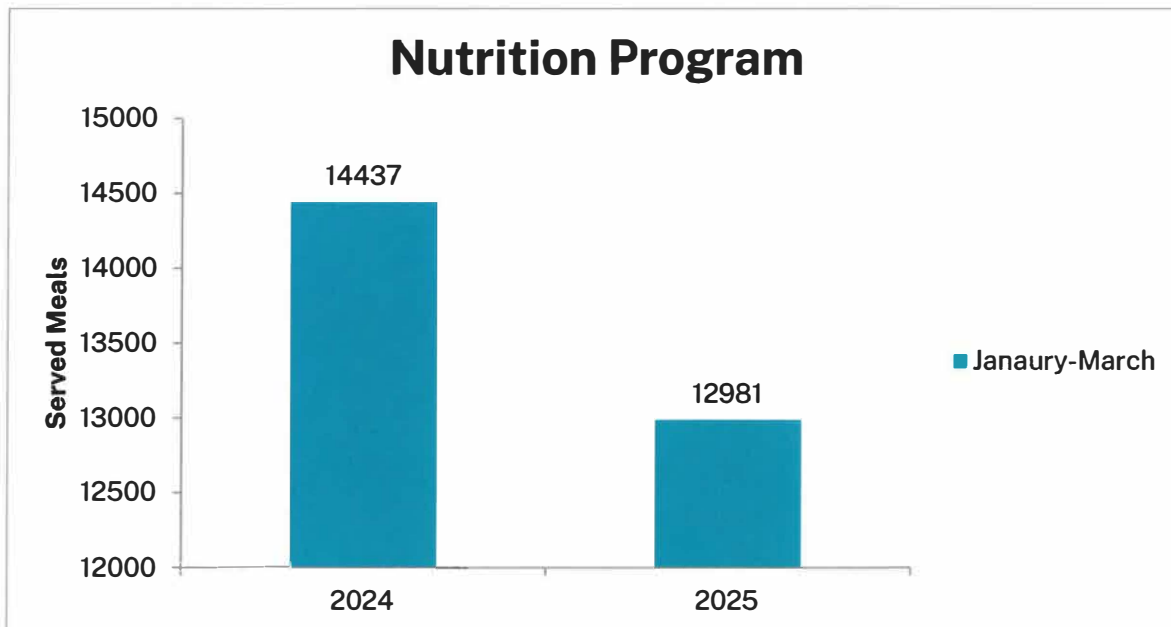
Pounds Lost by Diabetes Prevention Program Participants



March 2025

Highlights:

- Nutrition Program meals provided: 4,872 (3,739 home delivered, 827 congregate, 306 Milk Plant Tavern)
- Expanded in-home services for the elderly hours for February: 671.5 hours (housekeeping, personal care, and respite)
- Companion pets to help with social isolation/loneliness: 65
- Personal emergency response units: 54
- Home Energy Assistance Program clients served: 20
- Health Insurance Counseling clients served: 44



March 2025

Starting on March 27, 2025 you can apply for Child Support Services online at the following link: [Home | Child Support Services](#). Paper applications are still available by downloading or contacting DSS at 315-376-5400 and we will mail one to you. A recent assessment of Lewis County Child Support Services sampled 9 performance areas with Lewis County receiving a rating of 96% efficiency far exceeding the Federal Standards of 78%.

Applications for HEAP; regular and emergency benefits; stop being accepted at COB on April 7, 2025. On March 21st, 3 temporary HEAP employees ended their work. HEAP Administrative allocations were released with Lewis County receiving \$104,477 a decrease of \$9,013 from the year prior.

DSS was directed by OTDA to terminate overpayments on SNAP cases that resulted from late reporting during the Pandemic. 34 cases totaling \$34,000 were written off.

Child Care subsidy allocations were released with no additional funding for Lewis County. Unfortunately, DSS had to establish a waitlist that currently has 8 cases.

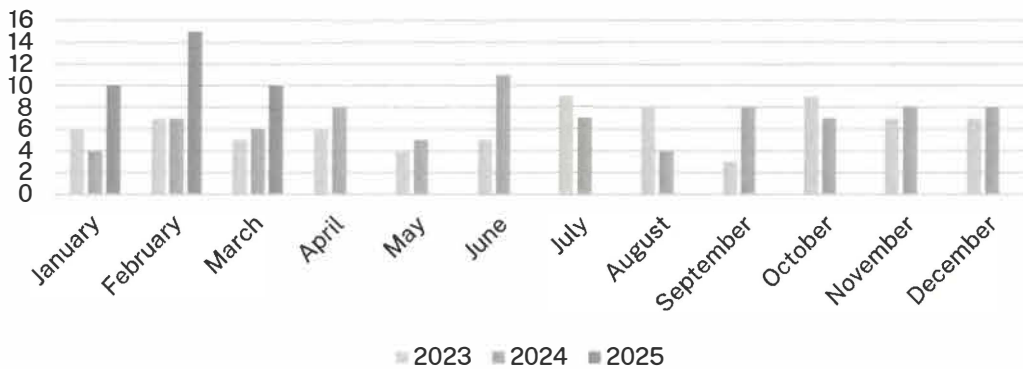
The Lewis County Warming Center and Trinity Daytime center are remaining open from April 1- April 30 through funding provided by SnowBelt Housing.

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Program Area Update	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025
Child Protective Reports	43	34	40
Children in Foster Care	10	10	14
Visitor Total DSS	1327	1185	1339
Visitor Total One Stop	242	176	211
Child Care Subsidy Cases	60	62	59
Temporary Assistance Apps	45	40	38
Temporary Assistance Undercare	80	79	78
Homeless BedNights	346	248	340
SNAP Applications	97	68	78
SNAP Undercare	1581	1585	1599
Medicaid Applications	56	36	59
Medicaid Undercare	1767	1773	1782
Applications HEAP	305	351	264
Total Case Denials	133	91	106
Total Case Transactions	1699	1736	1628
Fraud Referrals	20	27	39
Child Support Petitions Filed	35	28	22

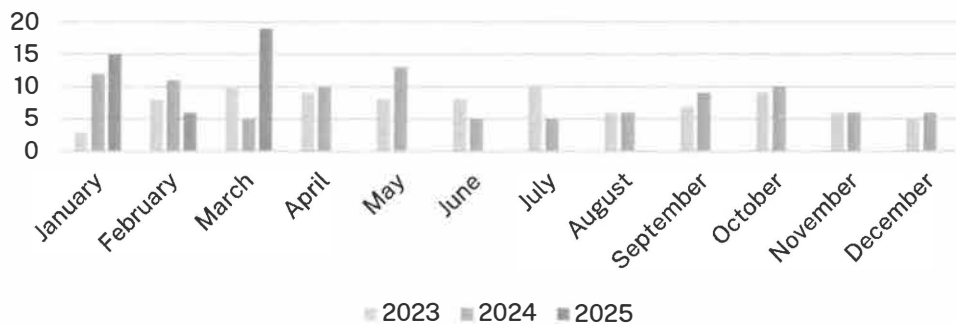
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- The Children’s Home of Jefferson County (CHJC) has been selected as the Mobile Crisis provider for Jefferson and Lewis Counties. The contract will be presented at Jefferson County’s April Board of Legislators Meeting for approval.
 - We received start up funds for this initiative from New York State Office of Mental Health and will be sending the funds to Jefferson County for disbursement to CHJC.
- Recruitment is underway for the next cohort of Getting Ahead. This cohort will be the first of six cohorts that will be funded by opioid settlement funds.
- Arranged evaluations from a CPL 730 – Competency to Stand Trial request received from Lewis County Court in February. Reports were submitted to the court for final determination.
- Shawna Berry will join the department as the Mental Health Services Coordinator on April 8.

Safe Act Reports



Single Point of Access/Entry (SPOA/E)* Referrals



*SPOA/E is a process, led by a SPOA Coordinator, that provides for the identification of individuals most in need of services and manages service access and utilization.