


**County of Jefferson**  
**Office of the County Administrator**



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September 13, 2018

**TO:** Members of Health & Human Services  
**FROM:** Sarah H. Baldwin, Deputy Administrator   
**SUBJECT:** Health & Human Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Health & Human Services Committee will meet on ***Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.*** in the Board of Legislators' Chambers. Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting:

**Resolutions:**

1. Amending the 2018 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid from NYS OMH and to Recognize DSRIP Funding for the Community Services Department
2. Amending the 2018 County Budget Relative to Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program and Authorizing Agreements in Relation Thereto
3. Authorizing the Commencement of Litigation by Jefferson County for the Purpose of Recovering Costs Associated With the Provision of Public Benefits and Services Associated with Opioid Abuse and Opioid Addicted Individuals
4. Amending the 2018 County Budget to Recognize DSRIP Funding for the Public Health Department
5. Establishing Charges for Certain Public Health Services
6. Authorizing Agreement with Allscripts ePrescribe
7. Amending the 2018 County Budget in Relation to Department of Social Services - HEAP

**Informational Items:**

1. Monthly Departmental Reports:

Office for Aging  
Veterans Service Agency

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

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cc: Office for Aging  
Community Services  
Public Health  
Social Services

Veterans Service Agency  
County Attorney  
County Treasurer

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Amending the 2018 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid from NYS OMH  
and to Recognize DSRIP Funding for the Community Services Department

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, The New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) has approved additional State Aid funding for an increase in the bed stipend for the North Country Transitional Living Services Supported Housing Program, and

Whereas, The North Country Initiative Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Year 3 incentive payment #2 has been received in the amount of \$377.38 and needs to be allocated for training purposes, and

Whereas, The 2018 County Budget needs to be amended to reflect the additional funds, and an amended agreement authorized for the local provider.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2018 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue

01431000 93488	State Aid Other Health	\$ 377.38
01431000 93490	State Aid - Mental Health	9,675.00

Expenditures:

01431000 04613	Training	377.38
01432000 04714	NCTLS Reinvestment	\$9,675.00

and be it further

Resolved, That the Community Services Board is hereby authorized to executed any necessary amended agreements related to these additional funds.

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Amending the 2018 County Budget Relative to Veterans Peer Support (P2P)  
Program and Authorizing Agreements in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, By Resolutions 119 and 231 of 2016, 47 and 260 of 2017 Jefferson County accepted funds from the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) as well as from the NYS Senate Initiative, for the Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program (formerly the PFC Joseph Dwyer Peer to Peer Support Program), for the periods of 7/1/2016 - 12/31/2017, and 7/1/2017 - 12/31/2018 and modified the 2016 and 2017 County Budgets to allocate said funds, and authorized agreements with the Jefferson County Mental Health Association, the River Hospital, and the NYS OMH, and

Whereas, Additional state aid in the amount of \$92,500 has been received from the NYS Office of Mental Health, and

Whereas, The funding needs to be recognized and contracts authorized for the 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019 period.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with the NYS OMH to receive the grant funds, and agreements with the River Hospital and the Mental Health Association for the new funding and to extend the operation of the Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program, through June 30, 2019, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators and the Community Services Director are hereby authorized and directed to execute the above agreements subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, that the 2018 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue

01431000 93490	State Aid Mental Health Services	\$92,500
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Expenditure

01432000 04735	Veterans Peer Support	\$92,500
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Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Authorizing the Commencement of Litigation by Jefferson County for the Purpose  
of Recovering Costs Associated With the Provision of Public Benefits and Services  
Associated with Opioid Abuse and Opioid Addicted Individuals.

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, Opioid abuse has become a local problem no less than it has on the state and nationwide scale, and

Whereas, Jefferson County and regional addiction treatment programs report significant increases in opioid addiction cases in recent years resulting from both prescription drug abuse as well as illicit substance abuse, and

Whereas, The impact on government functions and expenditures, direct and indirect, resulting from opioid abuse is almost incalculable, including burdens on the social services, addiction services, mental health services, law enforcement, the courts, health care, and the penal system, and

Whereas, The Board of Legislators has a fiduciary duty to the taxpayers to attempt to recoup the above expenditures, if possible, through any reasonable means at its disposal. Multiple municipal entities in New York State and throughout the nation have commenced lawsuits against one or more manufactures of opioid prescription drugs seeking compensations on several theories of recovery, and

Whereas, Several suitably staffed and experienced law firms are currently representing other New York State Counties and are available to evaluate Jefferson County's potential damages and causes of action subject to review, approval, and retention by the County Attorney as outside counsel for the County.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the commencement of litigation for the purpose of recovering costs incurred by Jefferson County associated with the provision of benefits and services for opioid abuse or addiction and directs the County Attorney to retain counsel for said purpose.

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Amending the 2018 County Budget to Recognize DSRIP Funding for the  
Public Health Department

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, A new preparedness mandate requires that the Jefferson County Public Health Service have a contingency communication system in place, and also to ensure the safety of our health professionals making home visits, and

Whereas, The North Country Initiative Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Year 3 Incentives payment #2 has been received in the amount of \$30,057.39 and needs to be allocated to purchase 30 additional radios for home care use and to meet the requirement of an alternative communication system for emergency use.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2018 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01405000 93488	State Aid Other Health Revenue	\$30,057.39
Expenditure		
01405000 04111	Trackable Durable Expenditures	\$30,057.39

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Establishing Charges for Certain Public Health Services

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolved, That, pursuant to Public Health Law Article 3, Section 356 Counties, new charges effective January 1, 2019, shall be as follow for the listed discipline of home health care provided by the Public Health Service:

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Established Charges</u>
Nursing per visit	\$230

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Jefferson County Public Health Service  
Established Charges**

**Briefing Summary**

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**I. Background**

Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA) charges are established by its governing authority for each discipline of care provided. These are used to develop Medicaid (MA) reimbursement rates, negotiate with private Health Insurance (HI) Companies and calculate sliding fees. Multiple cost projections, computations, comparisons and evaluations are accomplished in relation to Established Charges. The fees are set above projected per discipline expenses so a lesser of cost or charge penalty is not realized and adjustments may be completed with other HIs. Public Health changed its charges as costs fluctuated and revisions were needed.

- 01/03/90 via Board of Supervisors' Resolution, No. 35 for All.
- 12/11/90 via Board of Supervisors' Resolution, No. 379 for All.
- 01/05/99 via Board of Legislators' Resolution, No. 19 for Nursing only.
- 12/14/99 via Resolution, No. 274 for Nursing, P.T., O.T., and HHA hour.
- 01/02/01 via Resolution, No. 30 for HHA hour.
- 01/02/02 via Resolution, No. 21 for P.T.
- 08/06/02 via Resolution, No. 217 for Nursing, P.T., and O.T.
- 07/01/03 via Resolution, No. 155 for All Except S.P. and HHA Visit.
- 02/01/05 via Resolution, No. 52 for RN, P.T., and HHA.
- 12/09/08 via Resolution, No. 336 for All
- 12/08/09 via Resolution, No. 289 for HHA hour.
- 10/05/10 via Resolution, No. 205 for RN, MSW and HHA.
- 08/02/11 via Resolution No. 158 for All.
- 11/13/12 via Resolution No. 275 for All.

With completion of the 2017 Medicare cost reports and recent department assessments, The Bonadio Group and JCPHS determined certain Established Charge increase is necessary effective 01/01/19. Revised Charges will be promptly conveyed to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, NYSDOH and other HI Companies so reimbursement rates will be revised and paid appropriately.

For the CHHA rates only RN discipline of care require a change from those previously established in 1990 (2 times), 1999 (2 times), 2001, 2002 (2 times), 2003, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Resolutions 2000 to 2012</u>	<u>Revise 01/01/19</u>
Nursing	\$215 per visit	(08/02; 7/03; 2/05; 12/08; 10/10; 08/11; 11/12)	\$230

**II. Need**

Health and Human Services Committee approval to sponsor a Board of Legislators Resolution for the October 2018 meeting to revise Public Health CHHA Established Charges as of 01/2019 for Nursing.



**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Authorizing Agreement with Allscripts ePrescribe

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, The Public Health Service is mandated by the New York State Department of Health to electronically prescribe both controlled and non-controlled substances, and

Whereas, Prescriptions for clinic patients have been sent to pharmacies through an electronic prescribing website at no charge until now, and

Whereas, There are no longer free applications to fulfill this function, and

Whereas, Allscripts ePrescribe Basic Edition will ensure the Public Health Service maintains compliance with the electronic prescribing mandate.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with Allscripts for the ePrescribe Basic Edition at \$9 per month per practitioner for the period of 10/2/18 - 10/1/23, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Jefferson County Public Health Service  
Allscripts Electronic Prescribing**

**Briefing Summary**

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**I. Background**

On March 27, 2016 practitioners were mandated by the New York State Department of Health to electronically prescribe both controlled and non-controlled substances. The electronically transmitted prescriptions must:

- a. Contain the electronic signature of the prescriber.
- b. Electronically encrypt to prevent unauthorized access, alteration or use.
- c. Have the signature or initials of the pharmacist or pharmacy intern entered into the pharmacy's records to indicate acceptance of the prescription by the pharmacy.

The agency is required to prescribe treatment to patients coming in to our Sexually Transmitted Disease clinic that are contacts to a positive case or have a positive test results. If the individual has insurance, the prescription must be sent to a pharmacy electronically for it to be processed by the pharmacist. The Jefferson County Public Health Service's Preventive Unit does not have an Electronic Medical Record (EMR) so the practitioners are not able to electronically prescribe as required from an EMR. A facsimile is not considered an electronic prescription.

To ensure compliance with this mandate, research was completed to find software that would electronically prescribe for the practitioner. The Certified Home Health Agency uses NetSmart, previously known as Allscripts, so contact was made to see if they would be able to assist with the requirement. Allscripts offered ePrescribe, at no charge, an electronic prescribing website and the department started using that component without any issues and are meeting the requirements satisfactorily.

In August we received notification that utilization of the Allscripts electronic prescribing feature now has a charge of \$9/month for each practitioner requiring access. We currently have two practitioners using this feature. The feature includes a desktop application, electronically sent prescriptions, drug-drug and drug-allergy alerts, text messaging to cellular phone with alerts if there are urgent prescription issues, patient education information, and a mobile/phone app.

**II. Need**

County Administration knowledge and Health and Human Services Committee approval to sponsor a Board of Legislators' resolution authorizing an agreement with Allscripts to continue required, electronic prescribing at \$9/month per practitioner; total annual cost of \$216.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Amending the 2018 County Budget in Relation to Department of Social Services

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, The Department of Social Services HEAP program had a midyear adjustment that exceeds current appropriation, and

Whereas, Funds are needed to pay for this service and are available within the DSS budget for transfer.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2018 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

016141000 04600	HEAP	\$8,000
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**Decrease:**

01607000 05604	Client Services	\$8,000
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Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Office for the Aging Monthly Report to  
The Health and Human Services Committee  
2018**

**August 2018 Data:**

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Total No. of Home Delivered Meals Provided:	10,090	9222	9762	9601	10,676	10,947	9476	9834				
Total No. of Congregate Meals Served:	1718	1607	1837	1647	1758	1642	2073	1922				
Total No. of Clients Receiving Meals:	595	621	638	600	604	597	599	593				
Number of Clients Receiving Home Care/Case Mgt.:	105	108	106	125	125	122	121	116				
Number of Individuals Receiving Health Insurance Counseling:	108	86	98	69	94	87	74	74				
Number of Clients Coming Directly Into the Office:	102	101	94	86	87	200	133	130				
Number of NY Connects Contacts:	262	200	213	188	191	188	205	224				

Outreach Events:

8/8 – Flower Memorial Library – 8 people stopped by the display, white ethnicity, not able to track income or rural.

8/16 – Ives Hill Retirement Community – 30 people attended, white ethnicity, not low income, rural or socially isolated.

# VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY

## AUGUST 2018 MONTHLY REPORT

Month	Personal Contacts	Tel/Mail Contacts	Total Contacts	Total Services	New Claims	Maintained Claims
January	57	708	765	1816	28	9
February	100	541	641	1682	24	7
March	82	671	753	1841	24	12
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>1920</b>	<b>2159</b>	<b>5339</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>28</b>
April	78	671	749	1915	33	20
May	108	774	882	2242	40	10
June	87	663	750	1766	47	8
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>2108</b>	<b>2381</b>	<b>5923</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>38</b>
July	76	646	722	1665	34	10
August	138	632	770	1887	37	19
September						
<b>Sub Total</b>						
October						
November						
December						
<b>Sub Total</b>						
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>						

\*Contact: Personal visit, phone call, or mail received or sent to/from VSA

\*Service: Amount of assistance provided for each contact

Comments: All the August/2018 figures are higher than the same period last year except for the Total Services figure which saw a small decline. I attended the County Veterans Service Officer Association Annual Conference in Oneida, NY. New officers were elected for 2018 and the Association legislative agenda was discussed. There was a discussion on how to raise awareness of VSA activities with NYSAC.