Present: Committee Legislators Torrey, Hawley and Deleo. Legislators Mancuso, Yunker, Dibble and Klotzbach attended. County Manager Matt Landers, Deputy County Manager Tammi Ferringer, County Attorney Mark Boylan, Clerk of the Legislature Lisa Casey, Office for the Aging Director Jessica Riley, Mental Health Services Interim Director Peter Mittiga, Department of Social Services Commissioner Carla Mindler, Public Health Department Director Paul Pettit and Director of Veterans Service Agency William Joyce attended.

The meeting was opened on Monday August 31, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. Meeting location was at 7 Main Street, Old Court House in Batavia, New York. In the Legislative Conference Room.

Committee Chair Torrey appointed Legislator Mancuso to sit in Legislator Borrelli's empty seat, carried unanimously.

Committee Chair Torrey announced a quorum was established.

Minutes of the August 10, 2026 Human Services Committee meeting were approved as presented by Committee Chair Torrey.

Director of Veterans Service Agency William Joyce recommended accepting the donation of 30 ($50.00) Tops Friendly Market Gift Cards from Veterans One Stop Center to be redistributed to local Veterans. Legislator Mancuso motioned to amend the resolution to correct the number of gift cards from 30 to 60, seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Office for the Aging Director Jessica Riley recommended executing the necessary Memorandums of Understanding with the following: AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP volunteer stations: American Red Cross, Catholic Charities of Buffalo, Community Action of Orleans & Genesee, Crossroads House, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Genesee County Animal Shelter, Genesee County Health Dept., Genesee County History Department, Genesee County OFA, Genesee County Park and Forest, Genesee Senior Foundation, Inc., GO-ART, Holland Land Office Museum, Homecare and Hospice, Independent Living of the Genesee Region, LeRoy Pantry & Help Fund, Lifespan of Greater Rochester, New York State Veterans Home, Restore Orleans/Genesee, Richmond Memorial Library, RRH at United Memorial Medical Center, The Salvation Army, VA Western NY Healthcare System and YWCA. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Mancuso seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Public Health Department Director Paul Pettit recommended extending the Lead CDC Grant for the period of 9/30/2026 through 9/29/2027 and extending the full-time Public Health Educator position at $58,625 salary (Management Grade 110), effective 9/30/2026 through 09/29/2027. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Public Health Department Director Paul Pettit recommended executing a contract with Diversified Services for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech- Language Pathology and Audiology, LLC dba Children's Rehab Services of Western New York. for the provision of Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT) Services, Classroom Services (CB), and Evaluator Services in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program (PSSHSP) for the period of September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, per the 2025-2027 PSSHSP rate schedule. This was referred to the Ways

and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Mancuso seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Public Health Department Director Paul Pettit recommended executing the agreement with Health Research, Inc., for the acceptance of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness contract, for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, to accept funding in the amount of $52,099. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Public Health Department Director Paul Pettit recommended entering into a renewal contract with Western New York Independent Living, to provide .5 of an FTE Independent Living staff member to the Children with Special Health Care Needs program to perform grant work plan activities for the period of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Mancuso seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Services Interim Director Peter Mittiga recommended approving the 2026 Independent Contracting Agreement with Agri-Business Child Development at Batavia, for the purpose of coordinating care for shared clients and facilitating access to mental health and psychiatric services effective August 20, 2026 through August 20, 2027 or until terminated as set forth in the agreement. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Mancuso, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Services Interim Director Peter Mittiga recommended executing the necessary documents to implement a contract amendment between the County of Genesee and Trica L. Peterson, PhD, ABPP for the provision of consulting psychological services at a rate of $290 per hour for the period September 10, 2026 through December 31, 2026. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Mancuso seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Services Interim Director Peter Mittiga requested authorization to transfer funds within the 2026 Genesee County Budget within the following accounts; $114,000.00 to Psychiatrist #1 and $97,000.00 to Cont Svc Nurse Practitioner. $211,000.00 from Personal Services. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Mancuso, carried unanimously.

Department of Social Services Commissioner Carla Mindler recommended entering into an agreement with Blue Chip Technologies – US, Inc., DBA Guardian MPS, to provide personal safety devices, phone application, and 24/7 monitoring for Social Services field workers for the period October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, at the rate of $30.00/month per device. This was referred to the Ways and Means Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hawley seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Department of Social Services Commissioner Carla Mindler presented an annual report outlining budget status, program activity, service levels, staffing, and operational initiatives. Personnel, employee benefits, and program expenses remain generally on budget, although changes in federal and state funding are increasing local costs in areas including Medicaid, SNAP administration, and child welfare placements. She reported continued activity across its programs, including approximately 13,500 Medicaid recipients, 4,100 SNAP recipients, and increased access to Child Care Assistance. Homelessness remains a concern due to evictions, limited affordable housing,

and the freeze on HUD vouchers, while the Family Centered Services Program has provided intensive case management to more than 98 households and assisted 22 households in securing stable housing. Child welfare services continue to address significant needs, with 31 youth in foster care and 430 Child Protective Services cases reported through August. Preventive Services handled 38 cases involving 74 children, while efforts continue to recruit foster homes, particularly for sibling groups and teenagers. Adult Services has 135 open preventive and protective services cases, with DSS continuing its multidisciplinary efforts to address elder abuse and financial exploitation. She reported that Youth Bureau continued participation and growth in programs and events, including Youth Lead, Youth Court, the Youth Conference, youth recognition activities, and STOP-DWI initiatives. DSS will be upgrading its IT infrastructure, digitizing paper records in preparation for the anticipated Integrated Eligibility System and maintaining a 12-vehicle fleet to support transportation needs. There are nine vacancies, with the HELP Program assisting recruitment efforts, and continues to provide required employee training through a combination of virtual and in-person programs. Overall, she emphasized its continued focus on serving Genesee County residents, supporting employees, strengthening community partnerships, and highlighting the positive work performed by the department.

County Manager Matt Landers had no reports.

Clerk of the Legislature Lisa Casey announced the next Human Services Committee Meeting will be on Monday, October 5, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Committee Chair Torrey adjourned the Human Services meeting at 5:26 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF THE CLERK
STATE OF NEW YORK, County of Genesee, ss:
I, Lisa K. Casey hereby certify that the foregoing is a true report of the Human Services Committee of the Genesee County Legislature on Monday, August 31, 2026, at 4:30 P.M., typographical errors excepted.

Lisa K. Casey