

Action Plan determined by the Town of Jay Human Services Committee on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Attendance: Lynn Ladieu, George McCabe, Kathy Connelly, Wally Walters, Maddie Savage and Robin Licari

Robin has received and organized extensive information regarding the availability of agencies and programs in Essex County.

Committee members agree that a long-term goal is to create a welcome packet for new residents coming into the Town to include a summary of this information.

The following topics were discussed:

#### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE TOWN OF JAY :**

ADK Action pilot program discussed regarding providing a \$2,000 stipend to STRs to change to LTRs

George will contact Habitat for Humanity regarding whether they are working in the Town of Jay.

#### **BLIGHT WITHIN THE TOWN:**

George will research the availability of County junk removal days and Human Services Committee will promote these days within the Town of Jay. Human Services Committee will advocate for a county junk removal day to be held within the Town of Jay.

#### **DEPENDABLE LOW-COST TRANSPORTATION:**

Robin discusses the limited availability of bus routes but does report a Monday to Friday bus route that a person could utilize that goes from TOPS in Au Sable Forks to Clinton County Government Center, Plattsburgh and the Clinton Community College.

#### **CHILD CARE AND DAY CARE:**

Robin will contact Child Care Coordinating Council of the North Country for more details regarding the scope of their programs

#### **EXPANDING HEALTH CARE IN THE TOWN:**

Kathy reports that in her conversations with Seniors they are using Kinney Drugs to have their prescriptions delivered and they are happy with the program

Robin will research other pharmacies that will deliver to TOJ.

Robin will deliver Mercy Care pamphlets to the Au Sable Forks Health Center to promote friendly visitors program and parish nurse program

Robin will ask Mercy Care for many pamphlets to distribute to the community.

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES:**

Possible contact with Town Justice regarding giving lists of AA meetings in the Town of Jay to those in need

**RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH:** Discussion regarding library summer program conflicting with Summer Program at the Au Sable Valley Central School. Maddie will obtain more information regarding the Sweethearts and Heros program through the Au Sable Valley Central School District (all Towns contribute). Maddie reports that programs provide trips and nature programs for youth. We will try to continue to work with School District, Youth Programs and Library to coordinate their summer programs. Discussion regarding creating a Survey for school age children regarding what programs they would like to participate. Programs at the School pool discussed as a possibility. Will need to confirm if they have swimming lessons. Maddie states that High School Students are interested in finding jobs in the summer. She states that she has an interest in Writing Workshops.

**FOOD BANK:** Discussion regarding the limited use of the food bank, lack of advertising and limited content at the TOJ Food Bank.

Linda will contact JCOE regarding recommended foods to be at the Food Bank.

She will contact Black Brook Food Bank and Wilmington Food Bank to see if they know of TOJ residents using their food banks.

Robin will find out more information regarding a nutrition program through Medicaid.

ADK Action Fair Food Cards discussed, and members believed that this was a good program however there are not taking new people at this time and are at capacity.

Linda agrees to take on food accessibility in the TOJ.

Discussion regarding how we can get information to the TOJ residents including use of TOJ website, and JCN

Wally suggests meeting with the Town Clerk, Carol Hackel in order to discuss how she is already referring TOJ residents to community organizations.

### **SERVICES FOR SENIORS:**

Kathy will continue to work with the Office of the Aging

Her conversations with Seniors list the following needs:

Transportation to Town Hall for meals and activities at the Senior Center

Handyman services

Bringing in Aging Wisely program to the Community Center

Better cell phone services

Local diner

Spruce up room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Community Center that is used for Bingo

Members discussed working with Meals on Wheels program to distribute Mercy Care materials and also to try to get an idea of how many Seniors would take advantage of transportation to Senior Activities,