



TOWN OF JAY

Human Services Committee

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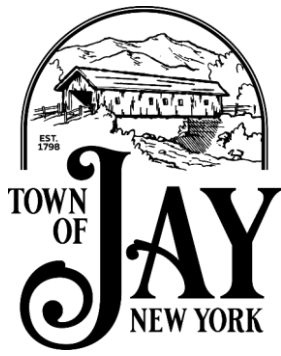
MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF JAY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: No new information at this time.

BLIGHT WITHIN THE TOWN: Robin submitted “Transfer Stations and Recycling Centers” to the Adirondack Dailey Enterprise for their Community Resource Guide 2026. Carol Swirsky from the Adirondack Daily Enterprise responded and stated she would use our information in their 2026 Community Resource Guide. They will list many of the organizations; however, businesses are asked to pay. Ms. Swirsky commended the Town of Jay Human Services Committee for their work in the community.

EXPANDING HEALTH CARE: Discussion regarding the increasing need for services to Seniors in their homes. State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli reports “New York has a moral obligation to care for its senior population. New York’s senior population continues to grow. The need for robust support systems and quality care has never been more critical”. Robin hopes to encourage more people to take the training that is offered 2X/year. Sue talks about how the training can be reduced to 4 hours instead of 6 hours and this might appeal to more people to take the training. Group discussion regarding a man in need of services in Keene. Sue offers to take this case. Robin states she will put on the intake referral form that Sue is willing to take this case. Sue talks about some of the “heartbreaking” family dynamics when family members are not involved in the Senior’s care.

CHILD CARE: Robin talks about her phone conversation with Alan Jones, Director of Child Care for ACAP. Alan confirms that ACAP funds the Early HeadStart and HeadStart program in Au Sable Forks. He states that the AuSable Valley School system provides the after school and before school program at the schools. Robin tried the childcare find link provided by ACAP and the response was that there were “no facilities”. Alan confirms that Child Care and Day Care is very limited in our area. Alan suggests that Town of Jay residents looking for child Care and Day Care call directly to Erykah Davis at 518-873-3207, Ext 246. Alan will email a link to the State system that will provide a listing of Child Care and Day Care for our area. Alan states Child Care and Day Care remain a struggle. Part of the problem is there are a lot of regulations to be a Child Care provider and training is also required. ACAP does provide this training.



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There is a struggle to find Child Care providers because often this field does not provide a livable wage. He believes that the State and Federal government is making this more of a priority. Alan states that he is glad that we have this Committee and states he will reach out regarding any new information and programs. AVCS now offers Pre-K program. Robin will get a list of Child Care and Day Care Centers. She will only be able to get the list of certified programs; however, 90% of the child care provided are not registered. Sue talks about Walmart and the difficulties that mothers had who worked at Walmart because hours were often cut and schedules were frequently changed which did not allow the mothers to seek Child Care. Robin talks about how \$100,000 was offered through the ARPA funds that needed to be committed to a project by the end of last year an expended before the end of this year. ACAP was administering the program. The program was poorly subscribed to, poorly administered and funds were removed to the Town of Jay but was reallocated because it was not utilized. There was no Child Care organization ready to utilize this funding. Robin suggests that Human Resources Committee collaborate with opportunities for funding if funding is offered in the future.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Committee decides to pursue Chalk the Walk Suicide Awareness Project. Robin will collect the posters and chalk from Essex County Behavioral Health in Elizabethtown and publicize in JCN. Benefits of QPR discussed. Robin states that people taking the QPR class would be more likely to save a life than CPR. Essex County Suicide Prevention Team would like their yearly 5K walk to be in the Town of Jay. The date of the 5K run is June 14 th . The Suicide Prevention Team would like to use the Iron Man Route through the Town of Jay for the 5K. Robin states that she has talked with Andre D'Avignon from the Postvention Team. Andre would like a chance to talk to the Human Services Committee about their program. Sue talks about the North Country Out of Darkness Suicide Prevention Awareness Walk happening this month in Lake Placid.

YOUTH RECREATION: Kathy has contacted Gabriella Schultz from the Upper Jay Arts Center. Gabriella expresses an interest in including teens in the January Jams sessions. This leads to a discussion about the difficulty contacting people within the AVCS. Committee would like to reach out to the music department of the Schools to publicize this event for their students.

FOOD BANK: Robin reports that Idris Morgan from Emerging Programs of the Regional



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Food Bank of the Northeast is the appropriate contact regarding the Food Bank. We continue to wait on whether the application of the St. James Episcopal Church will be accepted. Robin reads letter from Kristy Burger, Essex County WIC Director. Ms. Burger states that “judging from the latest Community Health Assessment a Food Bank is needed!”

NEXT MEETING: October 2, 2025