

Community Health and Well-Being Program Advisory Committee

March 2, 2026

4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Steuben County Annex Building, Conference Rooms C&D

The Community Health and Wellbeing Program Advisory Committee will serve the public through the connection of resources and education to improve the health and wellbeing of Steuben County.

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** – 4:02 – Present –C. Towner, T. McKinley, L. Zawrotny, K. Blencowe, L. Hayes, A. Rusak, K. Weigle, J. Hill, A. Heale
2. **Introductions**
3. **Approval of Minutes** – November 12, 2025: C. Towner moved to approve, and L. Hayes seconded. Approved unanimously.
4. **Time for input** –
 - Community Unmet Needs
 - i. Addressed many with Strategic Plan
 - Opportunities for Collaboration
 - i. A. Rusak shared Catholic Charities Steuben/Livingston opened a soup kitchen in Hornell (pick-up only - Tuesdays/Thursdays 1pm – 430pm). Reaching over 200 participants. Program expanded into Bath, Thursdays 2pm – 4pm
 - Pro-Action looking into ways to support
 - ii. Reviewed WIC analytics; highest engagement post: “Are you in need of free clothing?”
 - Highlighted resources:
 - a. Stacy’s Closet (clothing resource)
 - b. Facebook “Pay Nothing” groups
 - c. Painted Post Facebook group (donations for food and clothing)
 - Reminder to complete Sexual Harassment Training
 - K. Weigle will send Doodle Poll for April meeting
5. **Reports (10 minutes)**
 - **Board Rep** –

- i. Reminder of Volunteer Appreciation Night on 4/23/2026 6pm – 8pm. Event will be at CCE Steuben
- **Pro Action** –
 - i. Annual Poverty Simulation scheduled May 5th, 1pm – 4:30 pm (A. Rusak sending out info). Youth Mental Health First Aid scheduled for May 19th. Adult Mental Health First Aid date tbd
- **Office for the Aging** –
 - i. C. Towner shared Veggie Van will be at a new site this year at the Wayland-Cohocton Preschool. Veggie Van runs from week of July 20th through first week of October.
- **IHS-**
 - i. Sending The Provider out monthly, including info where to find food distribution and meal sites
- **SNAP-Ed New York** –
 - i. SNAP-Ed continues to look for funding. Advocacy efforts continue to have program added to NYS budget (\$30 million for entire state). Waiting for a decision from Creating Healthy Schools and Community Grant, which would allow for 3 staff
 - ii. There is a new farm participating in the 2026 Veggie Van season – Eggs ‘n Honey Homestead. Habee Farms and Lowery Family Farms will also be participating again. Veggie Van schedule is finalized. Looking to incorporate new promotional ideas for Veggie Van such as a ‘Meet the Farmer’ segment.
 - iii. FVRx and Veggie Van Voucher Program will continue in the summer. With functioning at limited capacity, only providing one full series in person at Lakeview. Will also be incorporating a hybrid series – utilizing the new Eat Easy online platform – the intro and final sessions will be help in person. Looking to hold in-person sessions for the hybrid series in Corning and in Hornell.
 - iv. A. Heale is currently focused mainly on providing nutrition education in schools. March is National Nutrition Month – A. Heale will be holding an in-person public workshop with a food demo at the Dormann Library on March 19th (collaborating with American Heart Association). Also hosting online self-paced Eat Easy classes. If participants complete at least 7 out of 9 modules, will receive \$20 voucher to spend on fruits and vegetables at Wegmans. Participants have until April 15th to complete modules. (Limited to 25 participants)
- **Financial Trends and Programs** –
 - Through non-profit networking, J. Hill has found there to be an interest in financial classes
- **Executive Director** –
 - i. Ag Week begins March 16th. 2nd graders in Prattsburgh will be read to by A. Bailey regarding agriculture. Received a \$50,000 grant to put a garden in Canisteo – 16 volunteers attended the first meeting. Garden will be on Village of Canisteo property – Produce will go to the food pantry in Canisteo. They are open 3 days, figuring out a plan how to divide produce on days the pantry is not open.

6. Old business

7. New business –

- Community Health and Well-Being PAC
 - i. Chair: L. Zawrotny
 - ii. Secretary: K. Blencowe
- Ad hoc
 - i. Personnel: A. Rusak
 - ii. Strategic Planning: L. Zawrotny and K. Blencowe
 - iii. Finance: L. Hayes

8. Any additional updates from Committee members

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9. Future Meeting Dates 2026 -

- April meeting TBD
- June 2
- August 4
- October 6
- December 1

10. Adjourn- 4:54 PM: motioned to approve by A. Rusak and seconded by L. Zawrotny. Approved unanimously.