

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



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June 20, 2024

**TO:** Members of Health & Human Services  
**FROM:** Robert F. Hagemann, III, County Administrator *REH*  
**SUBJECT:** Health & Human Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Health & Human Services Committee will meet on ***Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.*** in the Board of Legislators' Chambers. Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting:

**Presentation:**

Mobile Food Pantry Update - Caroline Feasler, Family Center Director, CAPC

**Resolutions:**

1. Authorizing An Agreement for the Provision of Caregiver Services Program to Provide Music Therapy for Older Adults who receive Respite Services and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto
2. Amending An Agreement for Provision of Respite Services with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc.
3. Appointing Member to the Office for the Aging Advisory Council
4. Authorizing An Agreement for Provision of Certain Professional Services to the Medical Examiner's Office
5. Accepting Funding and Authorizing an Agreement in Connection With Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program
6. Amending the 2024 County Budget Relative to Public Health Department Accounts for the Purchase of Wastewater Sampler Equipment

7. Authorizing Amended Agreement with Center for Disease Detection for Laboratory Services in Connection with the Public Health Service Diagnostic and Treatment Center
8. Appointing Member to Jefferson County Public Health Service Professional Advisory Committee
9. Re-Appointing Member to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board
10. Amending 2024 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue From NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Enhanced Adult Protective Services

**Informational Items:**

1. Monthly Departmental Reports:
  - Office for Aging
  - Community Services
  - Public Health
  - Social Services

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

RFH:jdj

cc: Office for Aging  
Community Services  
Public Health  
Social Services

Veterans Service Agency  
County Attorney  
County Treasurer

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

Authorizing An Agreement for the Provision of Caregiver Services Program to Provide Music Therapy for Older Adults who receive Respite Services and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto

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

Whereas, Music Therapy is structured to promote memory recall, stimulate imagination and encourage physical movement and interaction for seniors experiencing memory loss, cognitive decline, dementia and Alzheimers, and

Whereas, Jefferson County desires to contract for the provision of Music Therapy from Memcara CareSuite Program under Homemaker Services for caregivers of Older Adults and Respite Haven Program.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized to execute such agreement on behalf of Jefferson County, for the period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 with the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

**Increase:**

Expenditure		
01677200 04112	Memberships/ Dues	\$5,400

**Decrease**

Expenditure		
01677200 04416	Contract Healthcare	\$5,400

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

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

Amending An Agreement for Provision of Respite Services with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc

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

Whereas, By Resolution 252 of 2022 Jefferson County authorized an Agreement for provision of respite services through the Office for the Aging with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc, d/b/a Alzheimer's Association Center New York (CNY Chapter), for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, and

Whereas, Persons diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease often require invaluable caregiver services in order to remain safely in their homes, and

Whereas, The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc, d/b/a Alzheimer's Association Center New York (CNY Chapter) has been awarded a Caregiver support Initiative grant from the New York state Department of Health, to provide funding resources for the caregiver of a person diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia, including respite services, and

Whereas, Per the Caregiver support Initiative grant, CNY Chapter is proposing to increase the amount for Respite Caregiver Services from \$22,000 to \$24,000 for the period January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024.

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

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

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

Appointing Member to the Office for the Aging Advisory Council

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

Resolved, That, pursuant to Title III of the Older Americans Act, as amended, the below listed individual is hereby appointed as a member of the Advisory Council of the Jefferson County Office for the Aging for a three (3) year term to expire as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Debra Doyle	12/31/2026

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

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

Authorizing An Agreement for Provision of Certain Professional Services  
to the Medical Examiner's Office

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

Whereas, It is desirable to have Pathologists/Forensic Pathologists available for backup to support the operation of the Jefferson County Medical Examiner (M.E.) Program while the medical examiner position is vacant, and during those times when the Jefferson County M.E. is out of the area on vacation, on medical leave or other unexpected absences, and in instances involving complicated deaths, and

Whereas, By Resolution 240 of 2020, and Resolutions 60 and 280 of 2023, this Board of Legislators authorized agreements for similar contracted services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with Paul D. Gosink, MD, Pathologist on an as needed basis for the provision of professional autopsy and testing services for the term of July 2, 2024 through December 31, 2025, at the rates listed below, on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Record Review	\$ 250.00
External Examination	\$1,200.00
Full Autopsy	\$2,000.00

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

Accepting Funding and Authorizing an Agreement in Connection With  
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program

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

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service (JCPHS) has been allocated \$90,122 for a one (1) year term renewal from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Health Research Inc. (HRI) of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, to improve its preparedness to address Public Health emergencies, and

Whereas, These funds will be used to improve capacities to respond to public health threats pursuant to guidelines developed by the CDC and NYSDOH, and

Whereas, The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Plan and other improvements will require use of existing personal services authorized in the 2024 Budget, purchase and payment of certain operating expenses, all to be 100% funded by the grant.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Jefferson County hereby accepts such funding covering the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, contingent on continued state and federal funding, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to accept such funding and to execute a renewal agreement with HRI/NYSDOH, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

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

Amending the 2024 County Budget Relative to Public Health Department Accounts  
For the Purchase of Wastewater Sampler Equipment

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

Whereas, By Resolution No. 164 of 2021, this Board of Legislators accepted New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and Health Research Inc. (HRI) funding for Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity COVID-19 in the amount of \$387,316 for the period February 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023, and

Whereas, The NYSDOH and HRI notified Jefferson County of an amendment extending the contract period of the award through December 31, 2023, and by Resolution No. 332 of 2022, this Board of Legislators approved the amendment, and

Whereas, The NYSDOH and HRI notified Jefferson County of an additional amendment extending the contract period of the award further through July 31, 2024, and by Resolution No. 288 of 2023, this Board of Legislators approved the amendment, and

Whereas, HRI has approved utilizing the balance of funds for the purchase of wastewater sampler equipment to be utilized at the City of Watertown and the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage sewer treatment plants, and

Whereas, Jefferson County will be reimbursed for the wastewater sampler equipment purchased by the City of Watertown and the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2024 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue

01405000 94489	Federal Aid Other Health	\$140,000
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Expenditure

01405100 02100	Equipment	\$140,000
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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Amending an Agreement with Center for Disease Detection for Laboratory Services  
in Connection with the Public Health Service Diagnostic and Treatment Center

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

Whereas, By Resolution No. 237 of 2020, this Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with the Center for Disease Detection for laboratory testing, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service Medical Director recommends expanding the array of testing offered.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute such amended agreement with Center for Disease Detection to provide the following laboratory testing services to the Jefferson County Public Health Service at the rates listed below for the period July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

<u>Test</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Culture, Herpes without Reflex Typing	\$22.00
Culture, Herpes with Reflex Typing	\$31.90
HSV 1 / 2 DNA, Qualitative, PCR	\$31.90
HSV IgG Type 1	\$16.00
HSV 1gG Type 2	\$15.00

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

Appointing Member to Jefferson County Public Health Service  
Professional Advisory Committee

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

Resolved, That the following individual is hereby appointed as a member of the Professional Advisory Committee, as a mid-term replacement for Dr. Robert Kasulke, for a term to expire as indicated below:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Stephen T. Grybowski, MD	12/31/2025

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

Re-Appointing Member to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board

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

Resolved, That the following individual is hereby re-appointed as a member of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board for term to expire as indicated below:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Lance Ronas	12/31/2025

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

Amending 2024 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue From NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Enhanced Adult Protective Services

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

Whereas, The NYS Office of Children and Family Services has awarded additional funding to Jefferson County through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: Grants to Enhance Adult Protective Services (APS) administered by the Administration for Community Living in the amount of \$10,000, and

Whereas, The Enhanced APS funding will be used to enhance, improve, and expand the ability of APS to respond to and investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults, and

Whereas, Funding is available immediately and must be expended by September 30, 2024, and

Whereas, Funding will be used to assist APS clients with household needs, household goods and services, cleaning and sanitation services/supplies, and transportation assistance, and will additionally be used for training and portable technology to improve and support staff work in the field.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2024 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01601000 94610	Federal Aid Social Services Admin	\$10,000

Expenditure		
01601000 04118	Computer Hardware	\$ 1,000
01601000 04119	Computer Software	2,795
01601000 04613	Training	1,000
01601000 04624	Incidental Res/CInt/Inmte	5,205

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## 2024 COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE EXPENSE/REVENUE REPORT

6/13/2024

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTALS Y-T-D</u>	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>BALANCE AVAILABLE</u>	<u>% USED</u>
<b>EARLY INTERV.</b>																
EXPENSES	\$0	\$0	\$48,379	\$28,280	\$22,253								\$98,912	\$438,065	\$339,153	22.58%
REVENUES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$113	\$1,400								\$1,513	\$404,570	\$403,057	0.37%
<b>PRESCHOOL</b>																
EXPENSES	\$0	\$38,463	\$504,252	\$531,881	\$368,220								\$1,442,815	\$6,088,568	\$4,645,753	23.70%
REVENUES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0								\$0	\$3,572,698	\$3,572,698	0.00%
<b>OPWDD</b>																
EXPENSES(ADMIN)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0								\$0	\$14,614	\$14,614	0.00%
REVENUES	\$0	\$0	\$3,420	\$0	\$0								\$3,420	\$7,307	\$3,887	46.80%
<b>OASAS</b>																
EXPENSES	\$342,251	\$588,930	\$0	\$588,930	\$299,855								\$1,819,966	\$3,818,721	\$1,998,755	47.66%
REVENUES	\$955,671	\$0	\$955,670	\$17,663	\$0								\$1,929,004	\$3,631,025	\$1,702,021	53.13%
<b>OMH</b>																
EXPENSES	\$49,642	\$198,176	\$178,116	\$285,508	\$181,761								\$893,203	\$4,258,487	\$3,365,284	20.97%
REVENUES	\$1,042,123	\$0	\$967,121	\$4,110	(\$26,900)								\$1,986,454	\$4,071,357	\$2,084,903	48.79%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$391,893</b>	<b>\$825,569</b>	<b>\$730,747</b>	<b>\$1,434,599</b>	<b>\$872,089</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,254,896</b>	<b>\$14,618,455</b>	<b>\$10,363,559</b>	<b>29.11%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,997,794</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,926,211</b>	<b>\$21,886</b>	<b>(\$25,500)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,920,391</b>	<b>\$11,686,957</b>	<b>\$7,766,566</b>	<b>33.55%</b>

OPWDD= OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

OASAS= OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

OMH= OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH

**Jefferson County Public Health Service Monthly Statistical Performance  
For the Five Months Ended May 31, 2024**

**CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCY**

REFERRALS				MTD	YTD	2024	Amount of	Percent
	2021	2022	2023	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
CHHA	1,360	1,126	1,092	164	604	1,450	358	32.75%
AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS				MTD	YTD	2024	Amount of	Percent
	2021	2022	2023	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
CHHA	129	98	93	98	88	88	-5	-5.10%
VISITS				MTD	YTD	2024	Amount of	Percent
	2021	2022	2023	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
CHHA	7,958	6,128	5,393	497	2,057	4,937	-456	-8.46%
Skilled Nursing	4,480	3,943	3,718	303	1,437	3,449	-269	-7.24%
Physical Therapy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Speech Therapy	553	466	528	40	199	478	-50	-9.55%
Medical Social Worker	921	830	846	64	258	619	-227	-26.81%
Occupational Therapy	109	117	107	8	35	84	-23	-21.50%
Nutrition	1,387	745	963	81	369	886	-77	-8.04%
Home Health Aide	15,408	12,229	11,555	993	4,355	10,452	-1,103	-9.55%
Sub-TOTAL								
PREVENT				MTD	YTD	2024	Amount of	Percent
	2021	2022	2023	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
Skilled Nursing	21	3	2	0	9	22	20	980.00%
TOTAL VISITS				MTD	YTD	2024	Amount of	Percent
	2021	2022	2023	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
Skilled Nursing	7,979	6,131	5,395	497	2,066	4,958	-437	-8.09%
Physical Therapy	4,480	3,943	3,718	303	1,437	3,449	-269	-7.24%
Speech Therapy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Medical Social Worker	553	466	528	40	199	478	-50	-9.55%
Occupational Therapy	921	830	846	64	258	619	-227	-26.81%
Nutrition	109	117	107	8	35	84	-23	-21.50%
Home Health Aide	1,387	745	963	81	369	886	-77	-8.04%
GRAND TOTAL	15,429	12,232	11,557	993	4,364	10,474	-1,083	-81.22%
PARAPROFESSIONAL HOURS				MTD	YTD	2024	Amount of	Percent
	2021	2022	2023	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
CHHA	1,412	753	996	82	371	890	-106	-10.60%
Home Health Aide								

**MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH - COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE**

INDICATORS				MTD	YTD	2024	Amount of	Percent
	2021	2022	2023	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
Cases	0	8	74		48	115	41	55.68%
Average Daily Census (MIH Cases not on CHHA)	0	0.1	15	32	29	29	14	93.33%
Visits	0	48	1,013	123	559	1,342	329	32.44%

**PREVENTIVE SERVICES**

CASES				MTD	YTD	2024	Amount of	Percent
	2021	2022	2023	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
PREVENT	14,318	20,919	7,058	223	3,741	8,978	1,920	27.21%
Communicable Disease	34,523	3,119	1,115	89	350	840	-275	-24.66%
Immunizations	120	159	140	15	63	151	11	8.00%
PPDs								
Childhood Lead Poison Prevention Program+ *				MTD	YTD	2024	Amount of	Percent
	2021	2022	2023	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
Screens	2,332	2,624	2,999	229	687	1,649	-1,350	-45.02%
Tests with blood lead levels 5+	133	125	248	24	24	58	-190	-76.77%
Newborn Screening	15	27	2	0	11	26	24	1220.00%
PREVENT TOTAL	51,441	26,973	11,562	580	4,876	11,702	140	1.21%

\*CLPPP data will be reported in quarters (M, J, S, D).

**MEDICAL EXAMINER**

INDICATORS				MTD	YTD	2024	Amount of	Percent
	2021	2022	2023	Actual	Actual	Annualized	Change	Change
Cases	173	200	198	16	78	187	-11	-5.45%
Scene Investigations	3	29	15	1	4	10	-5	-36.00%
Autopsies	87	102	115	8	41	98	-17	-14.43%
Overdose Poisonings	32	25	28	5	5	12	-16	-57.14%
Pending Toxicology Confirmation	0	0	1	8				

# JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

## Public Health Service Awards of Distinction Briefing Summary

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### Overview.

The Jefferson County Public Health Service is actively pursuing national public health accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The mission of PHAB is to advance and transform public health practice by championing performance improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation. PHAB supports health departments in their work to promote the health of communities they serve through accreditation and recognition, education, technical assistance, and research and evaluation.

To ready the department to receive accreditation, all systems and units are under rigorous review by various internal committees to assess the department's capacities in carrying out the U.S. Centers for Disease Control 10 Essential Public Health Services, and to ensure PHAB standards are being met. A key PHAB component is building a competent public health workforce, that among many required capacities and measures, includes professional recognition of employees. Another PHAB component is community engagement and highlighting the work of agencies and/or individuals who partner with public health departments. To these PHAB ends, the department's workforce development committee has established three awards of distinction, recognizing outstanding public health professional excellence, public health clinical excellence, and public health community partnerships. The workforce development committee has also named the awards of distinction for past public health leaders.

The award for public health professional excellence is named for Jean A. Bilow, the first and longest-served Jefferson County Director of Public Health. Much of the department's current structure and programming was either put in place or greatly expanded over Jean's tenure. While programs have certainly evolved since her retirement, Jean had a vision that expanded public health's impact broadly into the greater health care system, and improved population health. Jean also led the department's response to a significant meningococcal outbreak, novel H1N1 influenza, and other communicable disease responses. Jean's tenure also saw the development of public health preparedness and response put in place following the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks.

The award for public health clinical excellence is named for Ginger B. Hall, the second Jefferson County Director of Public Health. Before Ginger became the department head, and during her time as Director, her tenure greatly advanced clinical care, quality assurance, and quality improvement standards in the home and clinic settings. Ginger also led the department's response through the COVID-19 pandemic, and she worked tirelessly to procure funding to establish the first community paramedicine program pilot in New York State, which is measurably and significantly reducing costly Emergency Department visits and hospital inpatient admissions in Jefferson County.

The award for public health community partnership is named for Robert J. Kasulke, MD, who served as Medical Director and Assistant Medical Examiner for Jefferson County over approximately three decades. Dr. Kasulke sadly passed away in November 2023. A hallmark of



Dr. Kasulke's career was service to the community and to the country. In addition to his work for the department, he was medical director for Hospice of Jefferson County, he served as a physician for the Gouverneur Correctional Facility, he was a Brigadier General in the U.S. Army Reserves, and he was actively committed to honoring veterans, through both honors programs for veterans that became patients of Hospice, and honor flights to Washington D.C. which supports aging veterans in visiting national war memorials. Dr. Kasulke served on many community agency boards of directors.

Employees nominated colleagues and partners over the Spring of this year, and the department's administrative team selected the following inaugural 2024 award winners:

The 2024 **Jean A. Bilow Award for Public Health Excellence** will be awarded to **Vonnice L Joels, Medical Investigator** with the Jefferson County Medical Examiner program.

The 2024 **Ginger B. Hall Award for Public Health Clinical Excellence** will be awarded to **Cathleen M. Biggs, RN** with the Preventive Services Unit of the department, and whom for many years also worked in the Certified Home Health Agency.

The 2024 **Robert J. Kasulke, MD Award for Public Health Community Partnership** will be awarded to **Anita Seefried-Brown, Director of the Alliance for Better Communities**.

Future awards 2025 forward will be presented annually every April during National Public Health Week.

**Need.**

County Administration and Board of Legislators awareness of these awards, and that a ceremony will be held at a soon-to-be determined date for award presentations.

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Jefferson County Department of Social Services

2024

<b>BALANCE</b>	2,861,395	1,106,723	(6,257)	11,634,300	2,993,987	7,401,088	400,000	2,653,977	56,727	59,962
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	Daycare 6055.46	* Recipient Services 6070.4604	Medical Assistance 6101.4	MMIS 6100.4	Family Assistance 6109.4	Child Care 6119.4	State Training Schools 6129.4	Safety Net Assistance 6140.4	Heap 6141.4	Emergency Aid to Adults 6142.4
<b>BUDGET</b>	4,278,572	1,600,000	1,000	20,206,293	4,000,000	11,500,000	400,000	4,500,000	95,000	85,000
<b>LOCAL SHARE %</b>	0.00%	35.00%	25.00%	100.00%	0.00%	30.00%	100.00%	71.00%	0.00%	50.00%
<b>AVG BUD</b>	356,548	133,333	83	1,683,858	333,333	958,333	33,333	375,000	7,917	7,083
JAN	2,367	293	0	1,997,805	133,182	463	0	322,666	485	1,579
FEB	342,652	70,834	0	1,598,244	188,705	947,406	0	358,567	35,544	3,327
MAR	364,005	68,210	514	1,598,244	232,459	888,941	0	394,597	8,421	8,464
APR	348,382	208,944	4,385	1,876,500	211,095	1,269,997	0	399,820	426	6,660
MAY	359,771	144,996	2,358	1,501,200	240,572	992,105	0	370,373	(6,603)	5,008
JUN										
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SEP										
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DEC										
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,417,177	493,277	7,257	8,571,993	1,006,013	4,098,912	0	1,846,023	38,273	25,038

<b>PROJ EXP: Forecast for Remainder of YEAR</b>	4,269,561	1,559,941	7,921	22,042,857	3,672,677	11,765,576	266,664	4,846,023	101,609	81,702
<b>PROJECTED BALANCE</b>	9,011	40,059	(6,921)	(1,836,564)	327,323	(265,576)	133,336	(346,023)	(6,609)	3,298