

H.E.W., Solid Waste & Veterans Committee
Tentative Minutes
November 14, 2023

1. Call Meeting to Order: Vice-Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Present: Asp, Finfrock, Huber, Ramsey, Simms, Williams. Others: Animal Control Administrator Tom Champley, Health Dept. Administrator Melissa Spangler, Solid Waste Director Paul Cooney, HR Director Amanda Jacinto, Regional Office of Education Superintendent Chris Tennyson, VAC VSO Luz Gilkey, and Arlene Sangmeister. Absent: Fox
2. Approval of Minutes - October 10, 2023: Motion by Asp to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Huber. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Regional Office of Education:
 - Monthly Bills: \$2,841.42. Motion by Simms to approve, 2nd by Ramsey. Motion carried.
 - ROE Superintendent Chris Tennyson reviewed highlights from his monthly ROE report. Chris states they are members of the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and they have been working together to do a ribbon cutting at their new facility. The ribbon cutting will be held on November 29th at 3pm and the Ogle County Board members are welcome to attend the open house. Ribbon cutting is not open to the public. Public is talking about the school's designations. Almost all of the schools in their districts are commendable. October 20th an event was held at Sauk Valley College in which 1,100+ 8th graders attended along with 70 businesses from Ogle, Lee and Whiteside counties to show the children available opportunities in the area post-graduation. First superintendents meeting occurred at the new office and there were great presentations. Sauk Valleys Nexxus programs has been able to help 87 families so far this year and together they have successfully helped those families reach over 175 goals. New attendance support team has been busy but doing very well with over 200 students who have been referred to them. Parent Teachers program was just recognized as a Blue Ribbon Affiliate. Education Outreach program is really picking up and was just able to hire another instructor. IMRF has begun audits and their intent is to rule out regional offices of education which have multiple counties stating they should be ROE employees rather than county employees. Simms asked what makes a school commendable? Chris expanded on what this could include and mentioned he could send the sheet the state uses to the committee members.
5. Health Department: Health Department Administrator Melissa Spangler stated they have talked to radio stations with communications. Kick off meeting about the action grant recently occurred. There are still some decisions to be made on where the community fridges and dry pantries will be located. Melissa is doing CPR training this week at Ogle County Courthouse. CPR will be offered again in the spring. Melissa is asking for guidance on a current situation that is occurring. The environmental department has been receiving complaints from the county and cities about bugs in homes. Currently the Health Department is just providing information on guidance on how to deal with the bugs. Melissa is asking at what point does the County want the Health Department to step in and help if at all? Melissa states they are able to help the cities adopt the same housing code they have in order for the cities to help in the same way the Health Department is able to. Is there a point where the Health Department

should be charging for their time and resources? The committee is agreeing the Health Department should continue to provide basic information as they currently do. If the issue continues to grow, then thoughts on charging for services was mentioned by members of the committee.

6. Solid Waste Department

- Department Claims: \$9,407.84 Motion by Finrock, 2nd by Huber. Motion Carries.
- Cooney updated the committee on the following:
 - i. Department claim amount included 3 clean up date grants that occurred in spring that were due by November 1st.
 - ii. Landfill audits: Cooney stated the audits are in and both are up in the 3rd quarter from the 2nd quarter.
 - iii. Orchard Hills Landfill: Cooney stated the audit is ongoing and they should be receiving results hopefully by the end of November.
 - iv. Recycling program:
 - Moving along well, no major issues. Usage is increasing which is great.
 - v. Recycling Events:
 - Electronics recycling for residents will be Friday, November 17th, 2023. Currently 130 people are signed up.
 - Christmas light bins are being put up throughout this week and that program will run through mid-January.

7. Animal Control

- Monthly Bills:
 - a. Animal Control Fund - \$12,083.16. Motion by Asp to approve, 2nd by Ramsey. Motion carried.
 - b. Pet Population Control Fund - \$1,356.00. Motion by Simms to approve, 2nd by Huber. Motion carried.
 - c. Animal Control Administrator Tom Champley provided an update they have hired a new Animal Control Warden. The new hire has mentioned he is used to having a body cam on at all times. After further discussion Dr. Champley has decided to purchase one for the department. The cost was approximately \$600.00 and will be monitored by their own department. Current Animal Control Warden, Kevin will work his last day November 30th. There will be a retirement party for him from 2-4 pm all are welcome to join. Court date of November 15th 2023 has been set for the cases involving a dog they are attempting to deem vicious as a result of attacking a 4-year-old.

8. Veterans Assistance Commission:

- VAC VSO Luz Gilkey states they have been working to hire a secretary and maybe veterans service officer but distance and pay is having a negative effect. It has now been posted with the Chamber of Commerce. Outreach events have been going well per Luz.

9. L.O.T.S. (Lee-Ogle Transportation System): Steve presented the following updates – Pictures were provided to committee members. Steve stated complete drawings are done and they are ready to move forward once transitioned to Reagan Mass Transit District. It will go before County Board letting them know that IDOT, lawyers and all others involved have agreed on the updated agreement in December to Steve's knowledge. A goal has been to expand ridership and that number has already surpassed last years. Winnebago has decided they

maybe would like to like to just become a part of the Reagan Mass Transit instead of going through the county. Winnebago has decided to wait on signing this agreement.

- No change on Hydrogen.
- Both visibility studies are at IDOT, they still have to come back to Steve he will begin his part in January and be done in July. This will include decided on which routes are best options.
- SPR is going to start in January, Northern will start their research to find out where parts of the two counties are not meeting all their transport needs. No new buses will be purchase at this time.
- Dixon facility has changed their plans to not add on to the existing building but to purchase more land and build new. They have a vision of becoming a maintenance center for the area.
- No movement from capital because they either cannot start or there is no contract yet.
- Finfrock informs Steve he does not know what the paperwork is for December as it has not been given to him, Finfrock states he needs the paperwork no later than December 10th in order for it to be put on the agenda for the board meeting.

10. Old Business: Approval of Senior Tax Levy Summary Worksheet – already in the budget and has previously been approved.

11. New Business:

- a. Board of Health renewal application, Denniel Witkowski: Motion by Asp, 2nd by Finfrock. Motion carried.
- b. Board of Health renewal application, Gregory Reckcamp: Motion by Asp, 2nd by Finfrock. Motion carried.

12. Closed Session: None.

13. Adjournment: With no further business, Vice-Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting. Time: 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cortney Hamrick



Report to HEW Committee of Ogle County Board

November 14, 2023 | 3:00 PM

1) ROLLING 3-MONTH RIDE DATA FOR SFY 2024

	August, 2023	September, 2023	October, 2023	Total for Period
RIDES	7,254	8,217	8,713	24,184
SERVICE HOURS	2,179	2,522	2,704	7,405
MILES OF SERVICE	63,372	64,587	72,976	200,935
FUEL COST	\$20,510.12	\$19,444.60	\$19,112.29	\$59,607.01

2) DEVELOPMENTS

a) Reagan Mass Transit District

- i) Chief Counsel (Attorney) for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has completed its review of the Definitive Agreement, which outlines the transition of assets to RMTD.
 - (1) The Definitive Agreement will now be presented to the Lee County Board and Ogle County Board for their consideration.
 - (2) State's Attorneys for Lee and Ogle Counties have already reviewed and given consent to the content.

b) Rural Winnebago County Transit Services

- i) The Winnebago County Board approved a resolution in September to move forward with the development of public transportation services in rural Winnebago County.
 - (a) The next step in the process is to complete an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Winnebago County for the provision of transportation services.
 - (b) Services would begin in the rural portion of the County on July 1, 2024.

c) Hydrogen Fuel Feasibility Study

- i) In partnership with the University of Illinois (Urbana/Champaign), LOTS has submitted a feasibility study proposal to the Illinois Center for Transportation to assess the potential use of hydrogen (and its local production) in public transportation vehicles.
 - (1) This 18-month proposal is requesting \$360,000 to consider the use (and production) of hydrogen in rural public transportation vehicles.
 - (2) This application is similar to the application submitted to the Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Grant program of the Build America program from the US DOT.
 - (a) Award announcements for this funding are expected by December.

d) City of Rochelle Feasibility Study / Technical Assistance Grant (Awarded) from IDOT

- i) Lee County / LOTS is awaiting Pre-Award Concurrence from IDOT to officially award RLS and Associates the contract to complete the Rochelle Feasibility Study.
 - (1) The expected timeframe for completion of this Technical Assistance/Feasibility Study 6-9 months with completion anticipated by summer of 2024.
 - (2) Focus of the Feasibility Study is to consider the development of a fixed route for public transportation in the City of Rochelle.

e) City of Dixon Feasibility Study / Technical Assistance Grant (Awarded) from IDOT

- i) Lee County / LOTS is awaiting Pre-Award Concurrence from IDOT to officially award RLS and Associates the contract to complete the Dixon Feasibility Study.
 - (1) The expected timeframe for completion of this Technical Assistance/Feasibility Study 6-9 months with completion anticipated by summer of 2024.
 - (2) Focus of the Feasibility Study is to consider the development of a fixed route for public transportation in the City of Dixon.

f) LOTS Awarded Funding to Complete SPR Funding on Transportation Needs

- i) In September, LOTS/Lee County received word from IDOT/State Planning and Research of funding it has been awarded \$243,594 to complete a two-year study on transportation needs of residents of Lee and Ogle Counties.
 - (1) LOTS will partner with Northern Illinois University's Center on Governmental Studies to complete this study.

g) Budget/Contracts for FY 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

- (1) Executed contracts for State Fiscal Year 2024 are as follows:
- (2) Contractual amounts for FY 2024 are as follows:
 - (a) 5311 Contract: \$282,700 *
 - (b) 5311F Contract (I-88): \$1,100,000 *
 - (c) 5311F Contract (I-39): \$929,606 *
 - (d) DOAP Contract: \$1,555,840

*These are being combined into a single contract by IDOT

h) Vehicle Procurement

- (1) LOTS collaboration with IDOT on a federal proposal to the Low/No Emission Grants.
 - (a) LOTS will procure two (2) electric buses via this proposal
- (2) LOTS has submitted the order for two (2) electric vehicles to the Michigan Department of Transportation. IDOT promoted this relationship, as it does not currently have electric vehicles on its state vehicle contract, although they will likely add EVs in the near future.
- (3) LOTS will also likely be the recipient of several "standard" fuel vehicles via a second federal grant – Buses and Bus Facilities – that IDOT wrote and were awarded funding for.

i) Architectural/Engineering Firm / Oregon facility construction

- i) Pre-award concurrence has been received from IDOT. Larson and Darby, an architectural firm out of Rockford, has been secured for the A&E process.
- ii) Architectural and Engineering firm has provided us with a 90% complete design of the Oregon facility.
- iii) This project is part of LOTS application under REBUILD Round 1

j) Architectural/Engineering Firm / Addition to Dixon Facility

- i) An architectural and engineering firm – Willett Hoffman – was selected for the addition project on to the Reagan Transit Center.
- ii) Project includes development of new offices at Reagan Transit Center and secured file room/storage room. Geothermal and Solar technologies will be incorporated into complex
- iii) This project is part of LOTS application under REBUILD Round 2

3) OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL RELATED DEVELOPMENTS

a) Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 1

- i) Application includes Construction of new Oregon location
- ii) Furnishings and equipment for Oregon facility
- iii) Implementation of video surveillance cameras into 17 of LOTS' buses and minivans (completed)
- iv) Three (3) new buses (Ford transit type vehicles)

b) Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 2

- (1) Notice of State Award being processed by IDOT
- (2) LOTS Proposal will allow for the following:
 - (a) Two electric vehicles for use in the LOTS system
 - (b) Three (3) new offices at Reagan Transit Center and secured file room/storage room
 - (c) Develop new Conference Room between Reagan Transit Center and Mechanical Bay
 - (d) Geothermal and Solar technologies will be incorporated into complex

c) Capital REBUILD Round 3

- i) IDOT announced that Lee County/LOTS will receive \$62,500 for the purchase of 2 service vehicles
- ii) The original proposal included the following:
 - (1) Add 72-feet onto the existing bus barn at Reagan Transit Center,
 - (a) This will provide for an additional twelve (12) slots for buses
 - (2) Add another bay onto the existing mechanical building
 - (3) Purchase service vehicles including one for maintenance



Regional Office of Education Report

November 2023

Ribbon Cutting and County Board Member Open House

I am excited to let everyone know that we are now fully moved into our new office location and totally unpacked. We are members of the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and they have scheduled a Ribbon Cutting for our new office on Wednesday November 29th at 3:00 PM. We also will have an open house from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the same time and I would like to invite all our county board members to stop by for a tour. We could not be in our new home without the support of all of you and hope you can find some time to come and take a tour!

Professional Learning & Educational Services

Current Programs - Office of Professional Learning & Educational Services
Induction & Mentoring
Community Partnership Grant
Education Pathway Endorsement
Manufacturing, Health Science & Agriculture Endorsement Programs
Elevating Special Educators
School Improvement & Strategic Planning
School Improvement Cooperative (instructional coaching, training, networking)
Social Emotional Learning/Trauma/Youth Mental Health First Aid/TRS I-A
Early Childhood Professional Learning

Family Education & Engagement
NEXUS Family Support Services
Student Attendance

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: School Improvement

Professional Learning

- Summative designations and SPP data is available to all of our schools and districts on the Illinois Interactive Report Card. Our team will be busy assisting with data analysis & interpretation and school improvement planning.
- A full schedule of Professional Learning is available on our website: www.roe47.org
- Our first in person LETRS training occurred in October 2023!! Lexia LETRS® stands for: Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling. LETRS is a professional learning course for instructors of reading, spelling, and related language skills. It provides educators with in-depth knowledge and tools that they can use with any reading program. Over 85 educators from Lee, Ogle & Whiteside counties are enrolled in this 2-year cohort.
- Over 1,100 8th grade students attended the ROE 47/SVCC Pathway Playground at Sauk Valley College on Friday, October 20, 2023. Students had the opportunity to engage with over 70 Lee, Ogle & Whiteside county businesses in hands-on career exploration activities.

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Community Outreach

- Team members continue to facilitate 2-3 community outreach events per month. Our next scheduled event is Blockfest in Prophetstown on September 30th.
- The 2nd annual Pathway Playground will be held Friday, October 20 at Sauk Valley Community College. Our team is still looking for business, industry, and community agencies to participate!

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Social Media

The department's social media presence continues to grow. Like our page on Facebook (Regional Office of Education #47) and download our ROE47 App for weekly teacher talks, instructional tips, news, giveaways, updates & more! Follow us on Twitter @RegionalOffice47

Want to hear from educators & students in the classroom? Check out our Teacher Talks on YouTube!

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: In the News

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Shutter to Think: Career exploration at SVCC highlights potential paths

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By Sarah Ford, AP Staff Writer

Regional Office of Education #47 of Lee, Ogle and Whiteside Counties hosted its annual Pathway Playground on Friday, Oct. 20 at Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon.

The event, now in its second year, was planned and organized by the ROE #47 Pathways team as a way to give eighth-grade students the opportunity to interact with businesses from Lee, Ogle and Whiteside counties.

More than a thousand students from Prophetstown-Lyndon-Tampico, Morrison, Rock Falls, River Bend, Byron, Amboy and Polo Middle Schools, Forreston Junior High, and Challand, Montmorency, and East Coloma schools attended the career exploration event to learn from experts in the field. The engaging event inspired students to think about their futures and align their interests with possible career paths.

Representatives from more than 70 businesses and industries set up shop for the day to provide insights into the work they do. Students were able to explore a variety of career opportunities through hands-on activities and discussions with professionals before heading back to school with bags full of goodies, products and brochures.

Students discovered career opportunities in manufacturing, engineering, technology, construction, trades, education, health care, meteorology, spa and salon, agriculture, criminal justice, law enforcement, funeral services, aviation and more. Representatives included Birkey's Farm Store, University of Illinois Extension 4-H, and Sterling Police Department's community service dog Brinkley, who was content with all the petting and attention.

Among the many activities offered were meteorology and green screens with WQAD, taking headshots of each other with Nicole Olinger Photography, learning how to install windows on garage doors with Raynor, and learning about law enforcement and healthcare careers. The Lee and Ogle County health departments provided information on public health careers and tested students' knowledge on vaping, smoking, and how to distinguish candy from drugs. Law-Jones Funeral Home had a skeletal "Jones' Bones" for examination.

"The Pathways Playground is a wonderful opportunity for students, teachers and businesses to connect and build partnerships to increase career exploration at the middle school level," said Chanda McDonnell of ROE #47's Pathways program. "This career exploration day plants the seed for area eighth-grade students of the careers available to them in their own backyard."

Upcoming Events

SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

• **KEYNOTE:** Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping the educational landscape for English teachers, paving the way for more engaging and efficient classroom experiences. Discover how AI can revolutionize your teaching methods and streamline your daily tasks. Explore AI's role in personalized learning, content creation, instant feedback, content generation, lesson adaptations, and real-time assessments.

• **BREAKOUTS:** Break out sessions include:
• What you need to know about portability
• Placement
• Implementing Transitional English
• State resources to support transitional English implementation
• Leveraging your Local Advisory Panel
• What are we preparing students for?
• Cultural responsiveness and text selection

2023 VIRTUAL SUMMIT FOR TRANSITIONAL ELA

Keynote: Ben Sondgeroth, Illinois LTC

Harnessing the Power of AI in the English Classroom

All High School English teachers, administrators and counselors, post-secondary English Faculty, Local Advisory Panel members should plan to join Sauk Valley Community College's PASS Initiative and Regional Office of Education #47

Friday, December 1
Virtual Connection
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Register by November 24 @ roe47.org and select the Professional Development tab.
Zoom link provided to registered participants the week of the Summit

Questions? Please contact Janis Jones:
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Contact: Shauna Dinges at sdinges@iesenetwork.org or Kelly Marcum at kmarcum@iesenetwork.org

Teachers: Join us as we explore a variety of topics in education while networking with other educators in the area.

Community of Practice (Cohort)	Topic	Date	Time
September 13	Starting Strong with Organizational Strategies	October 11	8:30-4:30
October 11	Stabilizing Situations Through De-Escalation	November 8	TBD
November 8	TBD	December 13	TBD
December 13	TBD	January 10	TBD
January 10	TBD	February 14	TBD
February 14	TBD	March 13	TBD
March 13	TBD	April 10	TBD
April 10	TBD		

**To be determined based on teacher requests
Please join us from 3:30-4:30 on Zoom

Targeted Improvement to Meet the Needs of Diverse Learners

Administrators and teacher teams: Join us as we explore special education data, reflect on current systems & practices, understand evidence-based practices, and consider systems development & refinement through a continuous improvement approach to support diverse learners.

December 5
February 6
April 9

Join us at Sauk Valley Community College
8:30-2:30

Developing Leaders in Special Education

Administrators and teacher leaders: Are you looking to grow your knowledge, skills, and leadership in special education?

In this series, participants will take a deep dive into processes and procedures for helping students with disabilities, from the early stages of intervention all the way through facilitating productive IEP meetings. Each session will feature a deep dive, opportunities to build your leadership toolkit exploration of current issues, community resources, and roundtable discussions.

YEAR ONE	
November 16	March 5
January 16	May 7

YEAR TWO - For those that participated last year, we will continue our work with developing special education leaders.

YEAR TWO	
November 14	February 27
January 9	April 1

Please join us at Sauk Valley Community College for either of these opportunities
8:30-2:30

Quarterly Professional Development

Teachers: Join us in these learning opportunities to learn, share, grow, and connect.

Sept. 29 Special Education Summit
Dec. 1 Diving Deeper into UDL*
Feb. 2 Putting UDL into Practice Workshop*

*ALL Educators Welcome! Come learn how to improve instructional strategies for ALL learners in your classroom. Brainstorm ways to overcome barriers to increase student learning and engagement.

Join us at Sauk Valley Community College
8:30-3:00

Special Education Summit

September 29, 2023

[REGISTER](#)

Brought to you by the IESEN Network in partnership with OSEP and ISBE.
The contents of this presentation were developed under a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, #H131213. However, these contents do not necessarily represent the policy of the U.S. Department of Education, and you should not assume endorsement by the Federal Government. Project Officer: Jennifer Goffey.

FAMILY FUN DAY

COME AND ENJOY SOME FAMILY FUN AT BUILD-A-PET CLUBHOUSE!

SATURDAY NOV 4 2-4 PM Admission FREE

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✓ Play Stations
✓ Sensory Play
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502 1st Ave, Sterling, IL

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November 17

8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Sauk Valley Community College

Early Childhood Summit

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Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning Events

Check out ALL of our opportunities [HERE](#)

November & December Schedule of Events

NOVEMBER	
11/8/2023	Communities of Practice (Special Educators Cohort)
11/15/2023	School Counselors & Social Workers Networking Session
11/16/2023 - 8/7/2024	Developing Leadership in Special Education (Year One)
11/17/2023	Early Childhood Summit: Play-Based Learning in STEM, Literacy & Math
11/28/2023 - 4/18/2024	Continuous School Improvement Workshop
11/29/2023	Social Science Quarterly Networking Session
DECEMBER	
12/1/2023	2nd Annual Transitional English Summit
12/1/2023	Diving Deeper into UDL
12/5/2023 - 4/9/2024	Targeted Improvement to Meet the Need of Diverse Learners
12/13/2023	Communities of Practice (Special Educators Cohort)
12/19/2023	Interventionists Teaching and Learning Networking Session

October Participants - 151

Tuesday, October 3

Ed Pathways Cohort 4 @ 3:15 p.m.

Thursday, October 5

Superintendent Networking Session @ ROE #47

Librarians Networking Session @ 2:30 pm

Tuesday, October 10

Team Based Challenge Training @ 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11

Special Educators Community of Practice Cohort @ 3:30 pm

Thursday, October 12

Health Sciences (Pathways) Networking Session @ 3:15 pm

Tuesday, October 17

LETRS Training @ ROE #47

Thursday, October 19

Developing a School Wide Trauma Action Plan @ SVCC

Tuesday, October 24

Interventionists @ ROE #47

Wednesday, October 25

Serving Students in Foster Care and Students Experiencing Homelessness @ Highland College

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Friday, October 27

Transitional Math Fall Networking Session @ SVCC

Monday, October 30

LETRS Check-In @ 3:30 pm

October in Photos





Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: NEXUS

For Nexus, we are working with 87 families this school year. With the work our team has done with the families we are working with, we have been able to help our families reach over 175 goals this school year. Unfortunately, this year, we don't have the funds to provide the same types of Thanksgiving and Christmas supports we have been able to. We are exploring ways to gather additional funds to provide those supports in the future, but this year, we will be supporting on a smaller scale and trying to get families referred to other programs.

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Student Attendance Support

Our Attendance Team has been busy meeting with our students and families this school year; we have worked with over 200 students. We are working heavily with our staff and the schools to correctly identify which students and families are genuinely truant and which students and families simply need some additional supports to address absenteeism. We see that parents are facing so many challenges and need support. They often will turn to the schools for that supports, but often, school districts may need more resources to work with those parents directly. That is what is great about our Nexus and Attendance Programs working together in partnership. We can address the family's needs and see if we can intervene in a more supportive manner.

Parents as Teachers First Years

Quality Endorsement:



We are thrilled to announce that our program has earned an endorsement as a Parents as Teachers Blue Ribbon Affiliate through the Parents as Teachers Quality Endorsement and Improvement Process (QEIP)! Blue Ribbon Affiliates are recognized as exemplary affiliates, delivering high-quality services to children and families. But we couldn't have done it without our valuable partners -- all of the families who participate in our program and graciously welcome our home visitors into their homes.

About the Parents as Teachers Quality Endorsement and Improvement

Process:

Implementation with quality and fidelity is vital in home-visiting programs as it determines a program's effectiveness in accomplishing its original goals and intended outcomes. It also verifies that a program is being implemented as designed.

The Parents as Teachers Quality Endorsement and Improvement Process helps ensure that Parents as Teachers affiliates are achieving fidelity to the Parents as Teachers model and facilitates continuous quality improvement. Parents as Teachers affiliates are required to engage in the Quality Endorsement and Improvement Process in their fourth year of implementation and every five years after that.

Parents as Teachers' rigorous endorsement process demonstrates an affiliate's accountability and credibility to the community, its funders, elected officials, and the partner organizations with which they work. Programs that earn the Quality Endorsement are recognized by Parents as Teachers National Center as exemplary Blue Ribbon Affiliates, delivering high-quality services to children and families.

Basic Assessment of Speech Sounds Research Project:

Also this year, our program is participating in a research project with the developers of the Ages and Stages Developmental Screening tool. The developers are researching the accuracy and usefulness of a new speech sounds production screening measure called the *Basic Assessment of Speech Sounds, Research Edition (BASS-R)*. Home visitors and parents both complete a screener on children ages 2 and above which is used to collect validity and reliability data on the BASS-R tool. Parents also have the option to complete an

additional online session with a researcher and their child. Following the submission of the tool to the research team and optional additional online session, parents are provided with a stipend as a thank-you for their participation. This is an optional assessment, but parents have been very receptive and willing to participate in this research project. What a great opportunity to be able to provide data for a future tool which may be used for early identification of potential speech difficulties!

Education Outreach Program

Bring on November! We are very busy moving forward and looking to fill our classrooms. The Education Outreach Program would like to introduce a new teacher for our Oregon office, Martha Mauch. Martha comes to us with years of experience teaching upper level high school Math. She will also meet with our Dixon students that have transportation as a barrier.

The Education Outreach Program is funded and partners with our friends at the Business Employment Skills Team, INC and will begin the process of planning some leadership activities for our students. One that was a big success in the past was the Reverse Job Fair. We look forward to organizing more activities to get our students set up for success in the workforce.

Lastly, we would like to congratulate Olivia on earning her Illinois High School Diploma. Olivia plans to obtain her Realtor Licensure and is scheduled to take the exam in February when she turns 18! Olivia completed her GED testing and Career Readiness skills in just 7 months; she is a true testament to what motivation and hard work can do.

McKinney Vento Homeless Program

Training has taken place to educate our districts on services and needs for Youth in Care. Mostly affected by this area are the students in the Foster Care System. This is a vulnerable population. Educational success is key to their overall success. Services and support continually are needed for providing educational supplies and resources. This is supported on a case by case situation. Proper identification is always the starting point for our program.

Regional Center for Change



Students from C4C made their annual trip to Selmi's pumpkin patch. Students earned the reward to attend Selmi's by demonstrating the following expectations: positive behavior, completing academic coursework, and improving attendance!



Staff, too, were able to enjoy time at Selmi's! We are so fortunate to have such an amazing staff!



Our first quarter students of the month at C4C. Jaylah comes to us from Sterling High School, and Matthew is one of our few students from Eastland. Way to go, Jaylah and Matthew. You are the antithesis of our C4C motto, "Center for Change, NOT Center for Staying the Same."



All C4C staff were trained and certified in non-violent crisis prevention. A special thank you to our trainers from Bi-County Special Education Cooperative for a great training! Above is Tony Crisp, trainer, demonstrating a hold on one of our paraprofessionals, Emme Anspach.

C4C total student enrollment = 61

Veterans Assistance Commission
Report for the Month of October 2023

Communication	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Phone	251	1867
Office Visit	117	659
Outreach (8/71) / Home Visits (0/1)	8	72
Email (50/288) / Mail (5/14)	55	302
Direct Submit (claims 13/92, ITF & other 44/314)	57	406
Fax	21	147
Other(149/743)/General Contact Log (13/208)	162	951
Employee Communications	603	3802
Employee Activity (date entered)	1144	7419
Total Veterans in System	25	710

VA AWARDANCE	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Monthly	\$3,953.00	\$27,029.00
Retro	\$0.00	145,593.00
Total	\$3,953.00	\$172,622.00

EXPENDITURES	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 11,936.89	\$ 95,401.31
Training and Meetings	\$ 214.53	\$ 4,346.90
Office Rent/Utilities	\$ 515.46	\$ 4,977.68
Office Build-Out	\$ 49.33	\$ 17,559.73
Other Expenses	\$ 1,701.84	\$ 11,974.62

Direct Assistance to Veterans	Number Assisted		
Shelter	0	\$ -	\$ -
Other	0	\$ -	\$ -
Drivers Per Diem		\$ 2,723.61	\$ 18,681.96
Other Assistance	0	\$ -	\$ -
Totals		\$ 17,141.66	\$ 152,942.20

Transportation Logs	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Trips	29	166
Hours Donated	175.6	999.3
Transported	30	172
Miles	5746.1	30736.6

BUDGET SUMMARY	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
Budget Submitted		\$ 276,895.00
Year To Date (Oct 2023) Expenditures		\$ (152,942.20)
Balance		\$ 123,952.80

Budget approved by Ogle County	51.644%	\$ 143,000.00
Actual Budget Received	64.718%	\$ 179,202.11



Veterans Assistance Commission of Ogle County
Statistical & Financial Report
November 14, 2023 Meeting of Ogle County H.E.W. Committee

Luz Maria Gilkey Superintendent/VSO Comments:

- At the VFW Rochelle October Outreach and few home visits, we were able to serve (8) Veterans/Families.
- Reported last month but this was an October event. The Autumn on Parade was a success we had good turn out and where able to walk around and spread the word that our VACOC is right here in town. Marched in the Parade with the VFW and distributed our business cards and mental health outreach info.
- We have interviewed 4 people for the secretary position and distance and pay was a concern.
- Reaching out to AG's Office for clarification on few items in the Military Veterans Assistance Act
- The VACOC was at the Rock River Wellness fair on 10/13/2023 we were able to connect with the community and get some wonderful contacts of services in the community and possible partnerships on many more outreach events.
- Our VACOC is having a Special Meeting to include 1st reading of bylaws, nominations for board. If you can make the meeting its at the VFW in Oregon 1310 W Washington street 10am November 15, 2023
- We have 710 Veterans in our system that we have had contact with currently.
- We have been very aware of our expenditures as should be and will continue in compliance with our budget.
- Open discussion of financials.
 - Month of October 2023 State of the Budget and year to date

Ogle County Animal Control
Warden Activity Record
October 2023

<i>Month of October</i>	<i>Monthly Total</i>	<i>Misc. Notes</i>	<i>2023 Year to Date</i>	<i>2022 Year to Date</i>
Miles Driven	2077	Regular duties - Check Complaints Stray pick up - Tag Doors for Non Vac	105085 83415	Miles Driven 2677
Bites Reported	8	7 Dogs 1 Cats	92	75
Strays	4	4 Ogle Co.	47	40
Notices to Comply Given	31	26 No Current Vac / Registration 5 Dogs Running @ Large	330	354
Citations Issued		Dogs Running @ Large No Rabies Shot and Tag	5	12
Welfare Calls	4	4 Dogs - No proper shelter - No water	44	36
Animal Bites on Animals	6	4 Dog on Dog 2 Dog on Cat	41	40
Assist Other Agencies	2	1 MT. Morris 1 Ogle County Sheriff	12	13
Dogs Deemed Dangerous			2	
Dogs Deemed Vicious				
Other Complaints	1	1 Picked up 3 kittens dumped	11	10

Submitted by:
Kevin G. Christensen - Warden
Ogle County Animal Control