

H.E.W., Solid Waste & Veterans Committee
Tentative Minutes
October 10th, 2023

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Present: Asp, Finfrock, Huber, Ramsey, and Fox. Others: Pat Nordman, Animal Control Administrator Tom Champley, Health Dept. Administrator Melissa Spangler, Solid Waste Director Paul Cooney, HR Director Amanda Jacinto, Regional Office of Education Jennifer, Director of Court Services Cindy Bergstrom, VAC VSO Luz Gilkey, VAC Steven Korth, Executive Director Lynn Knodle of Serenity Hospice & Home, Sinnissippi Centers Chief Clinical Officer Tammy Stewart, Arlene Sangmeister, LOTS Steve Davis, Judy Catlick Mental Health 708 Board Representative. Absent: Simms, Williams
2. Approval of Minutes -September 12th 2023: Motion by Finfrock to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Huber. Motion carried. August 23, 2023: Motion by Finfrock to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Asp. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment: Sinnissippi Centers Chief Clinical Officer Tammy Stewart addressed the committee to clarify that that additional ask for funding is not at all related to a brick and mortar. We are needing to expand our services as such, that's going to include additional staffing, more services. And really more importantly, to serve more of our Ogle county residents. We are pretty tight at our current locations. It's just really important to consider having additional space in another town, it can be Byron, it just depends on where space available. But we would prefer our local county residents get help here in this area versus having to travel to Rockford for the help. I just wanted to clarify that point and appreciate the time to do so. Thank you.
4. Regional Office of Education:
 - Monthly Bills: \$2,043.09. Motion by Asp to approve, 2nd by Ramsey. Motion carried.
5. Health Department: Health Department Administrator Melissa Spangler reported great news. We were approved for that action grant. The grant value is \$500,000 the first and second year; with the possibility of a third year. There are only five recipients nationwide. Ogle County was chosen! This goes off of the SDOH grant that was granted last year from the CDC. So that just set up the platform for this whole action grant. We have had multiple meetings to discuss the food, nutrition barriers and disparities throughout Lee, Ogle and Whiteside. We are going to include Carroll County also. In each of these counties, we're going to put one of those micro pantries or micro food banks .We found through the SDOH Grant that there's a lack of awareness, lack of education on health literacy, and preparation of nutritious meals. This grant is going to help, we're going to partner with UI's Extension program, and they have master gardeners. They will go out in the community in all four counties and have classes that will help the community garden, and then whatever they have planted we will show them how to use that, you know, so that they can use the food throughout the year because we can't have a garden all year long. We will provide hydroponics planters and all that stuff associated with them. This also includes having micro pantries. We will start working with fire departments and churches because we want to have sustainability. Sauk Valley Bank will help us keep them full in the meantime. We will be getting outdoor fridges, we will see if we can build something around them to insulate them. We already have a couple of people that said that they would build them or have the Eagle Scouts or the Boy Scouts try to build something for it. They have dry pantries,

too, they look like those libraries that they have at the parks. The survey administered with the SDOH grant showed Forreston does not have a grocery store, they can't get fresh food, there's no lean meats. There aren't any fresh fruits and vegetables around there. The leadership team includes KSB, U of I Extension, ROE 47, Sinnissippi Centers and the Sauk Valley Food Bank. They are all going to have classes to reach out to the community. We did hire an extra person at the health department to help with these meetings that we will with all of our partners. You will see us on TV and Radio Commercials, you'll start seeing a whole bunch of stuff. I have already reached out to our senators and our representatives to let them know that this is happening. We are trying to reduce the stigma of asking for help. We don't want people to think that it's a bad thing when they're asking for help. Chairman Fox encouraged Administrator Spangler to present this program to the Ogle County Board. The 26th of October is their orientation meeting with the CDC, after this day the real planning starts. Spangler will speak to Laura and Joyce that are spearheading the actual grant, to see if they could speak. It's a great opportunity because the press is at the Ogle County Board meetings and we can spread the word more; whenever you are ready for that.

6. Solid Waste Department

- Finfrock made a motion to pay Clean-up Day grant for the Village of Davis Junction in the amount of \$504.97. Ramsey seconds. The application was submitted months ago, Cooney will share that with the committee again. The motion carried.
- Department Claims: \$6646.64 the originally submitted number has been increased due to invoices received today. These invoices included credit card bills and radio ads. We're getting several ads per month, broadcasted over their Coyote Station, which is a much broader reach; we already have some people call on us about those ads. We had to get a vendor change for a publishing company due to the change of their corporate name. Motion by Asp to approve, 2nd by Huber. Motion carried.
- Cooney updated the committee on the following:
 - i. The outdoor stewardship days of which our department sponsored again this year, first time we did this since 2019. That was back on October 4 & 5th out of Lowell Park near Dixon. We did several presentations to third graders and all the staff and adults that came out there with all those students. It was a nice weather day. Both Matt and I did some presenting; this was new for him.
 - ii. The Illinois County Solid Waste Management Association conference is coming up in October down at Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center. We also sponsored that as well, this year is a \$500 sponsorship. Our county emblem will be there on the list of sponsors presenting at that event as a board member and an enforcement session. Matt and I are going down there to attend that conference in a couple of weeks.
 - iii. The recycling bin program information on the website has been updated. It is going well, the bins are seeing consistent use, but they're not being overwhelmed. Right now, we don't have a lot of issues, which I'm happy about. It seems like people are following most of the guidelines and things of that nature. Matt is doing a good job of going out and checking it out. It's going need consistent education. So those radios ads we purchased, press releases and our Facebook page, are helpful. We have information signs out at the stations as long as the weather permits.

- iv. Upcoming events. All events are over 99 pines Road in Oregon at the annex. We're doing an annual food drive during these next two events. People are going to bring nonperishables we can get to the county food banks. Saturday, October 14th, eight to noon, we got electronics recycling, free document shredding, aerosols, batteries, child car seats, and then the small propane butane cylinders. Friday, November 17th, is our final residential electronics from nine to four. This will wrap up our year, we have no December events.
 - v. Weights are down across the whole state and industry. Now, as electronics gets smaller and lighter, we're seeing a vast decrease in the CRT televisions, the tube televisions, finally, we are starting to see a real decrease in that. That has been a lot of our weigh. I am holding on to stuff longer now in the warehouse because I don't want to get charged for an underweight truck. According to the state law, if we're under a certain weight, our processor charges for shipping. This was written into the law by the manufacturers. Unfortunately, so that might be revisited when the law sunsets in 2025. Our weights are down, but we have the warehouse space, thankfully to accommodate that.
 - vi. Finfrock request an update on the Landfill in Orchard Hills. Cooney has not heard if they've gotten their materials ordered, the consultant should also be doing that around October 20. Getting all our materials for the consultant sector. We've received no bills from GBB yet. They really haven't started.
7. Animal Control
- Monthly Bills:
 - a. Animal Control Fund - \$6,484.57. Motion by Finfrock to approve, 2nd by Asp. Animal Control Administrator Tom Champley explained that \$1,697 is the Shelter Pro yearly fee and \$2,000.00 is rent for the office space. Motion carried.
 - b. Pet Population Control Fund - \$1,991.00. Motion by Huber to approve, 2nd by Ramsey. Motion carried.
 - c. Animal Control Administrator Tom Champley explained we have a bill for neutering a dog for \$440.00. And I need to investigate a little bit that's more than what we usually pay. Karla is sick today, so I will get it a straightened out when she returns. We did euthanize our first stray for the first time several years. It was the animals a disposition, I just could not get this animal to come around at all. I've told you that Jenkins from Pines Meadow is great at getting dogs to come around and she couldn't get it to come around. If she can't do it; nobody's going to. It is interesting we had a Brittany Spaniel. It's probably about six months old that a farmer had seen this dog in the field for at least two months, and finally got close enough to it that it could catch it and brought it into us. It had a severe autoimmune disease and just didn't make it. The interesting thing, is there have been about five Brittany Spaniel puppies, dumped from Winnebago County, Ogle County, DeKalb County and so forth. And it was probably a few months ago that they were dumped. This one apparently was not ever found and nobody could ever catch it. It stayed out in the field for this time, but I'm sure it was the same litter of puppies. A breeder spent money on these and why they dumped him; I have no idea. But I thought that was kind of interesting. We're working on filling our upcoming vacancy. We had two interviews for Animal Control warden. I think both are promising but one is concerned about being on call Monday through Friday, every week 24/7 and then every other weekend. Interesting thing a postal worker got bit on Saturday. She was built by a grey Pit-bull. Kevin went there today to investigate it. Well, the guy only

has a black lab. He said, Yeah, I think he might have jumped on her, but didn't bite her. Where this gray pit bull fits into it; we don't know. This is an example of some of the things he goes through trying to figure out what happens in some of these cases. We are still working on that one. Fox has received a couple calls about a cat bite over the last month. Champley sympathized that people get upset when they have to have a cat confined because they are not vaccinated for rabies; the associated costs can be an issue too.

8. Veterans Assistance Commission:

- VAC VSO Luz Gilkey reported the veteran's breakfast went really well. It was really nice to have a few of you attend. I had spoken to the commander of the VFW and Rochelle, they're doing something with the mayor, trying to get organizations to meet and they asked me to be there as well. If there's anybody else that wants to join they are encouraged to call the VFW and Rochelle to get the details. VAC VSO Luz Gilkey asked for an update on the insurance information? Human Resource Director Amanda Jacinto responded that we will be prepared at the time of open enrollment, which will take place in the month of November, we'll communicate all the open enrollment meetings, so you can come and attend them in person. Videos will be available if you're not able to attend in person, but you'd be included in the open enrollment communications and be eligible for medical and dental benefits 1 as of January 1. Autumn on Parade report, we originally had booth number two, they moved us to a new place. All of us that were moved, were a little disappointed. To supplement the move to a different location we walked around with our business cards and passed them around. We we're also in the parade. We distributed a sticker and our business card, those sticker had information on the suicide hotline. The handbook is a work in progress as you can see, we have 685 veterans now in our system, and we are swamped. There was no updates on the award, the monthly or the retro again, because we're busy. So when I have an update on that, hopefully, prior to next month, I will attach an update for this month for next month's meeting. VAC VSO Luz Gilkey invited VAC Steven Korth to comment. VAC Steven Korth commented we are going from being a kind of a volunteer organization, providing minimal services, to providing a full office and there's a lot of growing pains that go along with that. Sitting here the thought occurred to me that many of you probably seen the movie Field of Dreams, if you build it, they will come let's kind of what we are suffering from now. We are putting it together and they are coming through the door. We now have employees that we need to be taken care of. He expressed appreciation for all efforts and help on getting this established. VAC VSO Luz Gilkey shared they are looking for a secretary for all day Monday, Wednesday and Friday and then Thursday would be eight to noon as well as another full time certified VSO. This will be a total of three full time VSO's. This position was placed in the budget. Referrals are welcome. Chairman Fox asked VAC Steven Korth questions regarding the numbers and service being offered. There are 72 office visits reported; this is a little less than three a days. VAC VSO Luz Gilkey responded that they have had six on the schedule and some days are less due to other tasks but, there is never zero. Finfrock requested to have the data submitted in advance of the meeting; VAC VSO Luz Gilkey reported they are currently short staffed. VAC Steven Korth offered to see what he can do to help.

9. L.O.T.S. (Lee-Ogle Transportation System): Procurements; we added a few words because IDOT wanted us to when they did their case study then we added it put it before the RTD board and was baptized by them and then we're going to send it down to IDOT. The SPR funding that was awarded it is to find why people are not being able to use our services that currently aren't. So we're looking for deserts, dead zones, and improve our advertising to them so they know what we are doing and get them to where they need to be if there are needs there. 2025 is when we will start with Winnebago but right now, we are doing all the planning with Winnebago County to do their rural. So Rockford, mass transit will do all the urban and they have a distinct border after that. None of the rural Winnebago has ever been served before. So we kind of knew we would be starting something from scratch. We're excited about that and also terrified. Reagan Mass Transit District IDOT told me we should be able to present this to both county boards in November. Everybody's agreed to the language of the definitive agreement it should go to the boards because we'll have it back from IDOT with their blessing that they've also agreed to all the language and then after that we start with the asset transfer. Hydrogen feasibility study, this one we're doing with the University of Illinois, in Champaign. We went down to Champaign and looked at their hydrogen facility, Champaign Mass Transit District. We are going to, we already we have the funds to put a solar array behind our facility and Dixon. We have some space to do so in Oregon. We're not there yet, but we have space to do it there as well. But one of the byproducts of solar is you can make your own hydrogen and they're making their own fuel and fueling their own system and Champaign. But that's for urban. We will be the first rural to ever try this. But we're going to see if it's cost effective and we can do it. That's what the study is for. After five years, the city of Rochelle feasibility study is awarded and back in and I already have somebody ready to do them today. So they will start with a year and a half to come back with their findings. Coincidentally Dixon's also doing the same thing. So we're doing them together. In the year and a half, they'll go see people in the community be talking to people to see what is needed, and where if it's needed. Dixon YMCA is still pending. We run a service already with the park district on Mondays and Wednesdays pick kids up from school, take them directly to the park district. The YMCA would like us to do Tuesdays and Thursdays, which we said yes, still pending. They haven't got it figured out on their end. Budget and all of our rides and service hours are there. Vehicle Procurement: We have ordered two electric buses from Michigan Department of Transportation. They're being built out here. We have the CVP, where we have asked for 10 vehicles, we'll probably get like six because they're too expensive. I have rebuild one rebuild to another six vehicles that are supposed to be coming soon, because all of the ones that we have now are over their eligibility for years and age, every single one of them that I currently have. So we're running some of them worth 250,000 miles, we're doing fine, because I have a great guy keeping them running. But eventually, they're machines and he's not going to be able to keep fixing them. But we do have them coming eventually. Oregon Facility: Architects drawings are all done. We meet with them Friday to say hey, we really love how it looks. We still can't break out until everybody passes everything for the mass transit district so we're not transferring another asset. The architect drawings will be shared in the next meeting, it will be a bit smaller because our office space doesn't need to be as big in Oregon, still a big bus barn. Still offices for, seven, dispatch them a couple of other people. We have the space behind that we are leaving for right now. Either for solar or expansion as needed. We're going to start the Winnebago routes out of Oregon. Obviously this cuts out a lot of the mileage.

10. Old Business:

- a. Mental Health 708 Board Funding Request: We have the Mental Health 708 Board funding requests to take action on. Is there any discussion before I look for a motion and a funding amount? Fox explained this is funding for the entire 708 Board. Judy Catlick a member of the Mental Health Board spoke out apologizing for missing public comment, but making herself available for any questions. Fox explained we received everything that we had sked for. He opened up the floor for a funding amount for the Mental Health 708 Board. The requested amount was \$1,114,160. Copy of the worksheets were offered for reference. Discussion took place regarding two figures that raised concerns; but this vote if for the entire package. Asp commented that the two concerns are with LSSI is a 25% increase over last time, and then the SCI 13% increase. These are substantial increased for both of them. Fox confirmed we will be taking a motion on one lump number, if and whatever number you elect to choose. We will not be looking at the individual requests. If there's a \$10,000 chunk that you don't agree with, and you want to take that off the entire then you would make a motion. Finfrock confirmed that this reduces the whole bucket. Fox responded we are not going to decide on individual funding. The charter that we've put together establishes a lump sum. We can decide to fund at a different amount and then the 708 Board will decide how to divvy that up. Huber questioned if the worksheet represents the way the funds would be divvied up. Fox answered if we give them the full requested amount of money this is how the money will be divvied up. If we decide not to fully fund the amount they will have to adjust accordingly. We will not be dictating exacting how they divvy it up. Fox commented in total it's an increase from \$1,029,750 to \$1,114,160. An \$84,000 increase from year to year; an 8.2% increase. Asp made a motion to authorize the full amount; Fox 2nd. Huber commented this is their original submission. Asp followed up that historically we fully fund their request. The data was broken down for us as we requested. In couple instances there are pretty hefty increase from 13% to 25%. The concern was mentioned if we cut back the total amount; we don't how it will affect all the organizations. Fox confirmed that we will not be voting on each one; this is not how the submission were requested. We appoint the 708 Board to oversee this but we can ask for breakdowns and justifications. Vote called; motion carried.
- b. The Funding Hearing worksheet is complete.

11. New Business: None.

12. Closed Session: None.

13. Adjournment: With no further business, Chairman Fox adjourned the meeting. Time: 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Jacinto
Human Resources Director

Regional Office of Education Report

October 2023

School Resource Officers

Our office recently hosted the fall meeting of our School Resource Officers that serve our students and educators. We currently have 17 School Resource Officers serving our school districts and Sauk Valley Community College. Chris Tennyson had the privilege of serving as an SRO for Mundelein High School during his law enforcement career and it is important to him to provide support for the SRO's serving our schools. The group was able to meet on September 21st at Sauk Valley Community College to discuss issues that they are dealing with in their buildings. We also received a juvenile law update from ASA [Bridget Schott](#) from the Lee County State's Attorney's office. We finished up the meeting by running through some situations on the new use of force simulator that is owned by the Sauk Valley Police Academy. We are grateful to Jason LaMendola, the Director of the Sauk Valley Police Academy, for agreeing to help organize and host our meetings this year.

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 will soon be available to all of our schools and districts. 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

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!

Upcoming Events

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SERIES

SERIES SESSIONS:

- **SESSION 1:** Understanding & Leveraging the Power of Backstory
August 31, 2023
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- **SESSION 2:** Discovering & Developing Your Style of Leadership
November 30, 2023
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- **SESSION 3:** Designing & Building a Strong Team Culture
February 29, 2024
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- **SESSION 4:** Defining & Recapturing Healthy Classrooms
June 18, 2024
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Gain valuable insights on topics essential to the health and success of your individual schools and districts.

Administrators will receive:

- Tailored coaching that is focused on helping build practical leadership strategies to support teachers, students, and families
- Partnerships to encourage your journey
- Immediate implementation steps for transforming your district

24 PD Hours; Administrator Academy Credit available
Cost: Free for Ed Pathway Partner District Administrators;
\$500 co-op members; \$1000 non co-op members
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 14

To register for this series, please visit roe47.org and click on the **Workshops** link at the top of the page.

Academy leader Tom Toney is the founder of KUEST Student Leadership, a non-profit organization focused on developing systems, resources and training for empowering students and educators. Over the last thirty years, Tom has authored more than twenty student leadership and character development books, manuals and resources. As a certified DISC Personality Consultant, Tom coaches businesses and teams through his online CAB University system.






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SPECIAL EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Visit ROE47.ORG to register for these FREE learning opportunities

Contact Shauna Dinges at sdinges@iesetnetwork.org or Kelly Marcum at kmarcum@iesetnetwork.org



Community of Practice (cohort)

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

September 13	Starting Strong with Organizational Strategies
October 11	Stabilizing Situations Through De-Escalation
November 8	TBD
December 13	TBD
January 10	TBD
February 14	TBD
March 13	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 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.

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

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Illinois Elevating Special Educators Presents

SECOND ANNUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SUMMIT

Friday, September 29, 2023
Sauk Valley Community College
Registration 8-8:30 Sessions 8:30-3:00

Visit ROE47.org to sign up!



Register by September 15



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Cost: Free
Lunch is included

5.5 Hours
PD Credit

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Illinois Elevating Special Educators Presents

SPECIAL EDUCATION SUMMIT

Are you an enthusiastic school administrator looking to foster an inclusive and impactful learning environment for ALL students?
Would you like help supporting your teachers?
Join us for our annual summit featuring special sessions for administrators to build effective leadership around Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles and evidence based special education practices.

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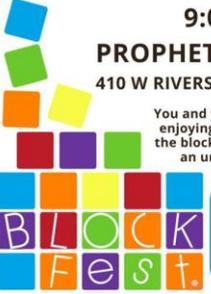
Special sessions & support just for admin!

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BUILDING IS FUN!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
PROPHETSTOWN PARK DISTRICT
410 W RIVERSIDE DR, PROPHETSTOWN, IL 61277



You and your child(ren) will move from station to station enjoying block play together. As you play together with the blocks, your child(ren) will engage in play that builds an understanding of math and science concepts.

SOCKS ARE NEEDED TO PLAY






REGION 47 SNAPSHOT INFOGRAPHIC

Using a Collective Impact Model, between September 2022 and June 2023, we led our Action and Family Councils through data discussions to identify gaps and needs for children and families. We coordinated focus groups, interviews, and surveys to gather input from community members across the Region.

 <p>8,878 Children Under the Age of 6 in Region 47</p>	 <p>3,455 Children 0-5 at 200% Federal Poverty Level</p>	 <p>2,168 Children 0-5 Without Publicly Funded ECEC Slots</p>
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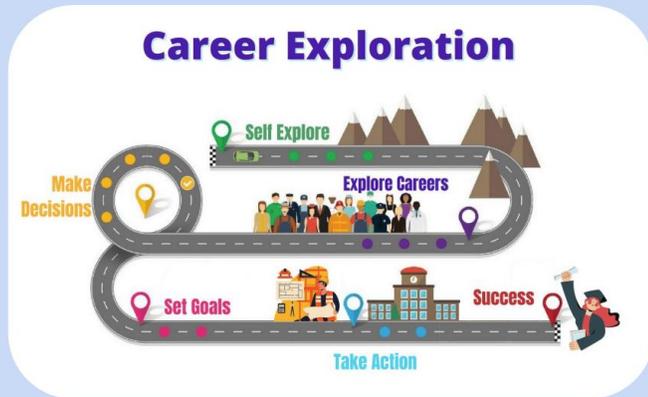
32% Percentage of children ages birth to five who have a slot at a licensed child care center or home

“It all comes back to the workforce. Without an Early Childhood workforce, we cannot expand the programming that families need. The Early Childhood workforce shortage is not only about the low pay, but respect, education, and support play a huge role.” - Action Council Member, Lee County

Data from the Illinois Network of Child Care Research & Referral Agencies (INCCRRRA) & Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM)

Pathway Playground!!

What is a Pathway Playground you ask? It is a day for your 8th grade students to explore the 16 career clusters recognized nationally. On October 20th, 2023, ROE 47, in conjunction with Sauk Valley Community College, we will be hosting our 2nd annual Pathway Playground.



Students will have the opportunity to explore careers with local Northern Illinois employers using a hands-on approach. Come experience over 50 different businesses from around the area.

Have questions? Want to participate? Contact Heather Waninger at hwaninger@roe47.org or Chanda McDonnell at cmcdonnell@roe47.org

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning Events

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

October Schedule of Events

Tuesday	October	3	Ed Pathway Cohort 4 Meeting
Thursday	October	5	Early Childhood Monthly Dev Screening
Thursday	October	5	Superintendent's Meeting
Tuesday	October	10	STARS
Tuesday	October	10	New Teacher
Wednesday	October	11	IESE Cohort
Thursday	October	12	Health Sciences Meeting
Thursday	October	12	Social Sciences Quarterly

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Friday	October	13	Community Partnership Advisory
Monday	October	16	Early Childhood Team Meeting
Tuesday	October	17	LETRS Training (Krista)
Tuesday	October	17	Continuous School Improvement
Tuesday	October	17	LETRS Training (Kelly)
Wednesday	October	18	Librarians Networking
Thursday	October	19	SEL Bootcamp
Friday	October	20	Pathway Playground
Tuesday	October	24	Interventionists
Friday	October	27	Transitional Math
Tuesday	October	31	IESE
Tuesday	October	31	IRIS User Meeting
Tuesday	October	31	LETRS Check In

September Participants - 295

Tuesday, September 5

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

Tuesday, September 12

Ed Pathways Cohort 2 & 3 @ 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13

Deanery School Improvement Networking Session @ Newman Catholic High School
Special Educators Community of Practice Cohort @ 3:30 pm

Thursday, September 14

Librarians Networking Session @ 3:30 pm

Friday, September 15

Administrator Networking Session @ SVCC

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

LETRS Training @ 3:30 pm

Wednesday, September 20

School Counselors & Social Workers Networking Session @ SVCC

Thursday, September 21

Teacher Tools Networking Session @ 3:30 pm

Tuesday, September 26

Navigating Child & Adolescent Anxiety @ Dixon Elks Lodge

LETRS Check-In @ 3:30 pm

Wednesday, September 27

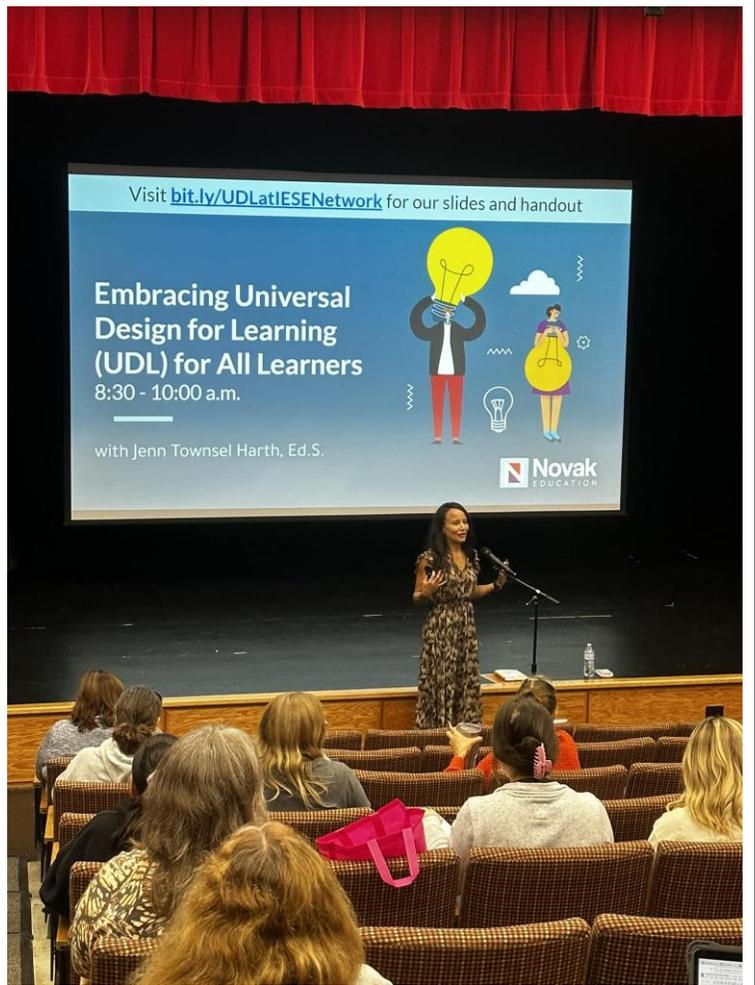
Preschool Family Support Specialist Networking Session @ 9:00 am

Friday, September 29

Special Education Summit @ SVCC

September in Photos







Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: NEXUS

Our Nexus team is currently working with 71 families within Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside Counties. Some of the struggles have been housing, financial issues, and mental health support. We are preparing for the holiday season to see what our program may be able to help families with this year.

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Student Attendance Support

Our Attendance Team is currently working with 137 students throughout Lee, Ogle and Whiteside Counties. Some of the barriers that we are seeing within our program are anxiety, school avoidance, and other social issues. We are looking at possibly offering some professional development to schools about positive interventions within the school system prior to sending a referral to Truancy.

Parents as Teachers First Years

September has continued to be a busy month for enrollment of families. We are almost at capacity! We have also been exploring new ways to connect our families with their communities and now have a parent educator who will be present at a community event each month. The goal is to help families engage more in their communities and take advantage of all the free activities available locally. We have noticed that since COVID, families are even more isolated and less likely to participate in activities outside of their homes. We have been thinking about how we can support families who are struggling to make social connections and want to get families more involved in their local community in order to build relationships and connectedness.

Education Outreach Program

October brings us into another season and with that, accepting change. As we continue to support our students in their educational plan, we also notice the need for preparation for the months to come. Some positive changes taking place are more structured classroom environments, encouraging employability skill work and community networking opportunities.

We have a number of students actively testing with their GED coursework and even another graduate! Congratulations Izzy on earning your Illinois High School Diploma and good luck on your post-secondary path.

McKinney Vento Homeless Program

The beginning of the school year brings its own unique opportunities. Identification is key. Grant funding allows for much support to help our students have the tools to allow for the best possible educational success. All district staff play a key role in making that happen. Therefore, having the entire district staff aware and informed is a vital key for the success of this program and the students we are serving.

Regional Center for Change



October at a Glance

- Theme for the Month of October is Spooky Halloween
- Students will take their annual fall field trip to Selmi's on October 20th
- First Quarter ends on October 17th

A True Phoenix - Bret Tegeler! Bret quietly goes about his day ensuring a learning environment where all students are engaged and learning. I can honestly say every time I have been in Mr. Tegeler's classroom this year students are quietly working on studies or quizzes on Apex. You will almost always see a student working with Mr. T at his desk. Bret has also been instrumental in our Meditation Mondays and College and Career Wednesdays at C4C. I was in Mr. Tegeler's classroom on Monday and the meditation was awesome, I think it helped bring my blood pressure down a few points! Bret went above and beyond last week and made homemade french fries with his class. Introducing students to a new skill and the fries were delicious! Whenever Bret encounters a problem he typically brings a few solutions with him! Thank you Bret for being a great teacher and mentor!

Enrollment as of 9/29/23

- Total Options = 45
- Total RSSP = 15
- TOTAL = 60

Ogle County Animal Control
Warden Activity Record
September 2023

Month of September	Monthly Total	Misc. Notes	2023 Year to Date	2022 Year to Date
Miles Driven	2020	Regular duties - Check Complaints Stray pick up - Tag Doors for Non Vac	103008 83415	Miles Driven 2990
Bites Reported	10	9 Dogs 1 Cats 0 Bats	84	64
Strays	2	2 Ogle Co.	43	36
Notices to Comply Given	20	18 No Current Vac/ Registration 2 Dogs Running @ Large	299	272
Citations Issued		Dogs Running @ Large No Rabies Shot and Tag	5	8
Welfare Calls	6	6 Dogs - No proper shelter - No water	40	34
Animal Bites on Animals	3	2 Dog on Dog 1 Dog on Cat	35	35
Assist Other Agencies	1	1 Ogle County Sheriff	10	12
Dogs Deemed Dangerous			2	
Dogs Deemed Vicious				
Other Complaints	1	1 Dog Hit By Car	10	10

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



Veterans Assistance Commission of Ogle County
Statistical & Financial Report
September 12, 2023 Meeting of Ogle County H.E.W. Committee

Luz Maria Gilkey Superintendent/VSO Comments:

- At the VFW Rochelle August Outreach, we were able to serve seven (7) Veterans/Families.
- Please Join us at the next Veteran Breakfast will be September 23, 2023, at the VFW Rochelle VFW 318 4th Street from 8 to 11am
 - All Board Members are welcome to the breakfast.
 - Oregon County Clerks' office, Education, Serenity House, Humana, Good Will will have a table to include a few others.
- **VACOC needs information on insurance plans offered and date when implementation of benefit.**
- **VACOC also needs the information and implementation date of IMRF**
- VACOC attended Outreach in Dupage County in August and is something we would like to do here
- Our Administrative Assistant is now a Veteran Service Officer (VSO) waiting on access to VA etc.
- We are registered for Autumn On Parade booth for October come join us next month
- VACOC working on our employee handbook, by-laws and on adopting and adapting county policies.
- Open discussion of financial status see reports

Attached:

- Month of Aug 2023 State of the Budget and year to date

Veterans Assistance Commission
Report for the Month of August 2023

Communication	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Phone	246	1451
Office Visit	85	470
Outreach (7/39) / Home Visits (0/1)	7	40
Email (32/212) / Mail (3/9)	35	221
Direct Submit (claims 7/65, ITF & other 50/229)	57	294
Fax	27	76
Other(105/522)/General Contact Log (28/177)	130	699
Employee Communications	509	2787
Employee Activity (date entered)	1046	5499
Total Veterans in System	30	657

VA AWARDANCE	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Monthly	\$3,824.00	\$21,272.00
Retro	\$38,317.00	122,038.00
Total	\$42,141.00	\$143,310.00

EXPENDITURES	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 11,772.15	\$ 71,717.44
Training and Meetings	\$ -	\$ 2,225.09
Office Rent/Utilities	\$ 525.58	\$ 3,936.64
Office Build-Out	\$ 515.93	\$ 16,348.41
Other Expenses	\$ 336.20	\$ 5,778.51

Direct Assistance to Veterans	Number Assisted			
Shelter	0	\$	-	\$ -
Other	0	\$	-	\$ -
Drivers Per Diem		\$	2,434.83	\$ 14,309.56
Other Assistance	0	\$	-	\$ -
Totals		\$	15,584.69	\$ 114,315.65

Transportation Logs	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Trips	19	122
Hours Donated	119.3	689.3
Transported	19	122
Miles	3818.9	22375.1

BUDGET SUMMARY	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
Budget Submitted		\$ 276,895.00
Year To Date Aug 2023 Expenditures		\$ (114,315.65)
Balance		\$ 162,579.35

Budget approved by Ogle County	51.644%	\$ 143,000.00
Actual Budget Received	42.051%	\$ 116,437.91