

Minutes

April 09, 2024

Commissioners present: Michael Pepple and William Bateson present. Timothy Bechtol absent.

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Lou Wilin and Kenzie Tucker.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the April 4, 2024 meetings were read with William Bateson making the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #207-24 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #208-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to the General Fund #1001. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #209-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - CASA Fund #2246. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #210-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Felony Delinquent Care & Custody Fund #2121. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #211-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Sanitary Landfill Fund #5042. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #212-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - General Fund #1001 (Prosecutor). William Bateson making the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #213-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioner's to appropriate to the General Fund #1001. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #214-24 – Authorizing Board of the Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District to enter into an agreement with Right of Way Management Co. of Saint Joe, Indiana for the ditch maintenance spray project for 2024 in Hancock County, Ohio. Cindy explained that one bid was received in the amount of \$120,612.44. This will cover the maintenance of forty ditches. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #215-24 – Authorizing solicitation of public bids for a monthly household hazardous waste (HHWP) collection program for residents of Hancock County, Ohio as part of the Hancock County Solid

Waste Management Plan. Cindy stated after the dates are determined for the legal notice it will be ready to post in the paper. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #216-24 – Contract with Maureen Veit as an adult protective services caseworker for the Hancock County Department of Job and Family Services. Cindy explained that the next three resolutions are to contract for an adult protective service caseworker to cover for Job & Family Services' case worker that is on a long term leave of absence. The caseworkers currently work for Wood County. Wood County has approved for us to contract individually with them. The contract is not to exceed \$10,000.00 for services plus mileage at the current federal rate of \$0.67. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #217-24 – Contract with Jessica Johnson to act as an adult protective services caseworker for the Hancock County Department of Job and Family Services. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #218-24 – Contract with Christina Bradner to act as an adult protective services caseworker for the Hancock County Department of Job and Family Services. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #219-24 – Authorizing entry into a contract with Clouse Construction Corp. for performance of removal, repairs, and replacement of five windows on the Hancock County Courthouse. Phil stated this is similar to the window repair project that was done last year. It is just with five different windows. The contract amount is \$17,875.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #220-24 – Authorizing entry into a contract with Duane George DBA George Masonry Restoration for performance of maintenance, and repairs upon the masonry at the Old Hancock County Home. Phil stated the contract amount is \$29,956.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #221-24 – Authorizing a contract with Pleasant View Lawn & Landscaping, Inc., for raising and grading the lawn areas of Dorney Plaza in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio. Phil explained there is some settling in the lawn area of Dorney Plaza. The contractor will raise the grading to ensure proper drainage. The contract amount is \$5,050.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #222-24 – Authorization for the purchase of one (1) press tool for use by the Hancock County Maintenance department in water issues at the Hancock County Justice Center and other facilities. Phil explained the purchase of this tool will allow maintenance staff to take care of repairs that have been previously contracted out. The cost for the tool is \$3,308.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #223-24 – Authorizing entry into a contract with Tooman Roofing & Painting, LLC, for performance of repair work on a county-owned structure at the site of the Old Hancock County Home. Phil explained that this is for the cleaning, repairing, and sealing of the liner in the gutters. The cost is \$4,450.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #224-24 – Authorizing entry into contract with Vernon Nagel, Inc. for the construction of cell (or phase) 3, of the Expansion Project at the Hancock County Landfill. Phil stated Vernon Nagel, Inc. submitted the lowest bid of \$1,861,179.00. This is the same contractor that completed the first phase. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Charity Rauschenberg stated that the first half of collections have been distributed. They are continuing to work out details for the fiber loop.

There were no public comments.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson was in Arlington for the solar eclipse. He feels that everything went really smooth.

Michael Pepple was in Jackson Township for the solar eclipse. In addition, Commissioner Pepple along with Christine Carrigan attended the CEBCO Annual Membership meeting. Commissioner Pepple was honored to get his picture taken with Jim Tressel, the keynote speaker.

Timothy Bechtol was absent.


At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Nichole Coleman. Christine Carrigan was also in attendance. Nichole stated the VA clinic is on track to open in August. Nichole explained the information on the March Staff Activity Report that is attached. She stated this is a report that she prepares monthly for the Veterans Service Board. Discussion took place regarding the collaboration of the veteran's community. In addition, discussion took place on attracting young veterans to actively participate in the Veterans Service Offices.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners met with Randall Galbraith. Christine Carrigan was also in attendance. Randy shared the financial report with the Commissioners. He stated levy funds were received in the amount of 1.16 million dollars. Randy stated that February was a pretty high month for reports received. March reporting came back down closer to what we normally see. We are still screening out between thirty and forty kids every month. Kids in care are down to eighty-two. There are forty-four kids in family foster homes and twenty-four in kinship placement. Ten kids are in group home settings. In March one kid entered care and six left care. The number of children receiving in-home services continues to go down. The foster parent recruiter has four families going through training right now. April is Child Abuse Awareness month. The pinwheels will be placed at the courthouse. On April 16, 2024, there is a program at the University of Findlay to recognize Child Abuse Prevention month and Sexual Assault Awareness month. Randy shared a report that shows the interpretation services that they have used since 2023. JFS currently has two fluent Spanish speaking employees on staff. Randy stated they are looking into an interpretation service called Propio. This service is better and less expensive than what is currently being used. There is a group of county directors currently working with ODJFS to get documents translated to Haitian Creole. Randy shared the Hancock County statistics for the SNAP and Medicaid programs. He stated the SNAP program is pretty stable. After closing out the Medicaid review, there is 14,668 people on Medicaid. This is lower than when the Pandemic started.

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Lee Rausch regarding the Township Rd. 230 widening project. Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Kyle Parker and Jeff Hunker were also in attendance. Lee explained with the Sheets facility going in at the Southwest corner of County Rd. 99 and Township Rd. 230 the city is committed to widening Township Rd. 230 and extending sanitary sewer down Township Rd. 99. Lee stated the project plan was presented last week to the township. The township trustees gave their approval and they are happy with the plan. Lee explained the details of the plan and provided the timeline of the project. Kyle stated weekly meetings were held to address the concerns of the Engineer's office and the Township Trustees. Cindy stated the Township Trustees are satisfied with the outcome and a road service agreement is in place for the part that is not annexed. Commissioner Pepple and Commissioner Bateson verbally agreed on the project.

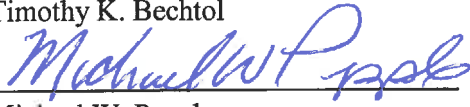
At 1:30 p.m., the Commissioners met with Bob Snavely. Christine Carrigan and Phil Johnson were also in attendance. Bob reviewed the Amendment #1 to Exhibit A for the Natural Gas Purchasing Program. He stated there are two main changes to the exhibit. The program term will go from five years to ten years. The current rate of \$0.20 per unit cannot be increased unless approved by the CCAO Board of the Energy Committee. Phil had a question regarding the program term and wanted clarification on the change from CCAOSCES to manager in the contract. Phil will prepare the resolution.


Respectfully submitted,



Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Timothy K. Bechtol


Michael W. Pepple


William L. Bateson

**Hancock County Veterans Service Office
Updates for Board of County Commissioners**

**April 9, 2024
Agenda**

- I. Update on VA CBOC
- II. Review monthly board report
- III. Request update on county office space for VSC

March Staff Activity Report

(Reflects activity for February 2024)

	MTD	YTD
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	\$3,397.76	\$5,492.99
Last year's total at this time	\$5,090	\$10,066

Interactions	Communication	Administration	Transportation	TOTAL	Last Year Combined Total Same Month	Last Year Transportation Same Month
344	986	652	72	*1,402	1,451	59

**Total excludes Administration but as of 1/1/23 includes Additional Submittals*

Actual Submittals

Records Request (NPRC, VA & 214)	Appeals	Healthcare	ID Card	Intent	Service Connected Disability	DIC	Pension	Death/Burial	Court
3	8	21	10	15	28	0	1	5	0

Next Board Meeting

April 17th at 5 PM

Our Mission Statement

“Compassionately empower and improve the lives of our veterans and their families by serving those who served”

Our Core Values

INTEGRITY, RESPECT, DEVOTION TO SERVICE, ACCOUNTABILITY

Upcoming Local Veterans Event

All of these events and others can be found on the Hancock County Veterans Community Calendar – a printed copy can be provided at the Veterans Office and it is also available on our website at hancockveterans.com

DETAILS FOR BELOW EVENTS ARE ON VETERANS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March & April – seeking Veteran Owned Businesses to join our list – see website for details

April 1-5 – Michele out for training

April 8 – Office closed for Solar Eclipse (county holiday)

April 22-26 – Jenna out for training

April 27th – Veterans Empowerment Fair AND VA Healthcare presentation & eligibility office

Key Notes

Veterans Empowerment Fair – Number of Resource Booths- 35 – Total Number of Attendees- 124 (70-Veterans / 54-Non-Veterans) (These numbers are a blend of Exhibitors, Visiting Veterans, their Families, and Our Staff).

Veterans Leadership Brunch – 10 attendees from MOPH, AmVets, DAV, VFW, American Legion, JDog (veteran owned business), Flag City Honor Flight, Preferred Care At Home, Guaranteed Rate – best attended and discussion at this event to date.

Marketing Report

<i>Media Type</i>	<i>Details</i>
<i>Radio Ads</i>	<i>Radio ads on WFIN, WKXA, 106.3 The Fox, WBVI, Live interviews on WFIN and WBVI, WFIN shared an edited podcast of the live interview about the CBOC so we could share it on our social media</i>
<i>Facebook Performance</i>	<i>Followers – 2,107, Reach - 11,500 up 103.6%, Content Interactions – 957 up 190.9%, Link Clicks – 60 up 400%, Minutes Viewed 284 up 438.3%, NOTE: we did not have any paid Facebook ads in February</i>
<i>Instagram Performance</i>	<i>Followers – 133, Post likes, comments and shares – 147 up 63.3%, Total account reach – 11,500 up 103.6%, Profile Visits – 13 up 30%</i>
<i>Website Performance</i>	<i>Sessions – 3,095, Users – 2,163, “Contact” most visited landing page & G4V a close second,</i>
<i>Direct Mailers</i>	<i>1st Quarter events mailer</i>
<i>YouTube Performance</i>	<i>Subscribers – 35, Videos – 16, Podcast 1 – 90 views, Podcast 2 – 84 views, Podcast 3 – 183 views,</i>
<i>Print Ads</i>	<i>½ page ad in Hancock Spirit Magazine by The Courier</i>
<i>Press Releases</i>	<i>1 on the Our Veterans, Our Story Campaign</i>
<i>Billboards</i>	<i>1 on the Veterans Empowerment Fair</i>

Staff Report

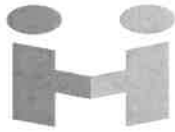
	Interactions	Communication	Administration	Records Request (214, STR, VA Rec)	Appeal	Health Care	ID	Intent	S/C	DIC	Pension	Death/ Burial	Court
Nichole	14	329	328	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle	48	42	40	0	3	3	0	3	9	0	1	0	0
Nicole	69	18	10	0	5	11	2	9	15	0	0	0	0
Michele	119	41	37	3	0	7	4	3	4	0	0	5	0
Jack	9	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ed	43	121	65	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jenna	42	370	172	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	344	986	652	3	8	21	10	15	28	0	1	5	0

Light Gray is from the Contacts section of the Tracker + support team members numbers – When all of the light gray numbers are added up it should equal what is reported as “TOTAL” on the front.

Interaction = Scheduled+Walk In+Community Outreach+ Additional Submittals

Communication = Phone+Email+Voicemail

Darker Gray is from the Submittals section of the Tracker and only report additional information. NOTE: The “court” information comes from the Assistance/Information section of the tracker



**Hancock County
Job & Family Services**

P.O. Box 270
7814 Co. Rd. 140
Findlay, Ohio 45839
TOLL FREE: (800) 228-2732
PHONE: (419) 422-0182

Randall L. Galbraith, Esq., Director

Commissioner’s Report – April 9th, 2024

Balance Brought Forward (end of December 2023 placements)	(353,941.57)
2024 YTD Foster Care Placement	535,045.46
YTD Adoption (county share)	31,545.36
IV-E Reimbursement for Placements	(132,758.67)
Title XX Reimbursements for Placements	-
SS & Child Support	(19,945.31)
MSY Reimbursement (May)	-
MSY Reimbursement	-
SCPA SFY23 used for foster care services	-
Levy funds received	(1,016,002.63)
30-Days to Family Salary, Benefits, & Shared Costs	23,551.02
Balance	(932,506.34)

- 1) Kids in Care
- 2) Foster Parent Recruitment
- 3) Pinwheels for Child Abuse Awareness Month
- 4) Interpreter Services
- 5) SNAP Stats
- 6) Medicaid Stats

Providing Help Today and Building Hope for Tomorrow

Child Support Enforcement
(419) 424-1365
Fax (419) 424-7288

Workforce Development
(419) 422-3679
Fax (419) 422-8349

Ohio Works First
(419) 425-6375
Fax (419) 422-1081

Childrens Protective Services
(419) 424-7022
Fax (419) 424-7485

PLACEMENTS SUMMARY STATEMENT *

Hancock County Job & Family Services

Providing Help Today and Building Hope for Tomorrow

7814 County Road 99
Findlay, OH 45840

DATE: 4/6/2024

To:

Honorable Board of Hancock County Commissioners
300 S. Main Street
Findlay, OH 45840

MONTHLY TOTALS **	Foster Placement	Shared Placements	Adoption	IV-E	Other reimb	Total County Owed
January	302,551.99	-	8,072.96	(74,037.28)	(9,634.96)	226,952.71
February	232,493.47	-	8,072.96	(58,721.39)	(10,310.35)	171,534.69
March	-	-	8,072.96	-	-	8,072.96
April	-	-	7,326.48	-	-	7,326.48
May	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	535,045.46	-	31,545.36	(132,758.67)	(19,945.31)	413,886.84

Bal brought fwd (353,941.57)

County Paid

MSY -

MSY -

SCPA Applied -

Levy funds

February -

Levy funds

February -

Levy funds

March (1,016,002.63)

Levy funds

April -

Levy funds

August -

Levy funds

September -

January 10,089.62

February 5,537.63

March 7,923.77

April -

May -

June -

July -

August -

September -

October -

November -

December -

TOTAL REC'D (992,451.61)

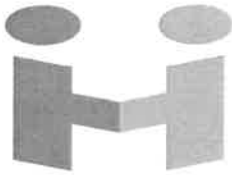
Balance (932,506.34)

NET BALANCE DUE (932,506.34)

* Detailed placement log report available upon request.

** Includes invoices and reimbursements known as of date of report.

All expenses and receipts will be recorded in month accrued/obligated, even if received at a later date.



Hancock County Job & Family Services

Children's Protective Services Unit

March

2024

Total Number of reports Received:	
January 2024	146
February 2024	189
March 2024	151
April 2024	
May 2024	
June 2024	
Screened In/Out	
January 2024	IN=45 , OUT= 98
February 2024	IN=53 , OUT= 131
March 2024	IN= 32, OUT= 110
April 2024	IN= OUT=
May 2024	IN= OUT=
June 2024	IN= OUT=
Breakdown of case Type Screened In:	
January 2024	TR=13 , AR=23, FINS= 7, Dependency= 2
February 2024	TR= 21 AR= 25, FINS=6 , Dependency=1
March 2024	TR= 5 , AR= 22 , FINS= 5, Dependency= 0
April 2024	TR= ,AR=, FINS=, Dependency=
May 2024	TR= , AR= , FINS= , Dependency=
June 2024	TR=, AR=, FINS=, Dependency=
Total Number of Kids in Care at months end	
January 2024	88
February 2024	88
March 2024	82
April 2024	
May 2024	

June 2024	
Breakdown of <u>Current</u> Placements	
Family Foster Home	44
Adoptive	1
Kinship Placement	24
Group Home	4
Residential	5
Independent Living	1
Detention	3
Hospitalization	0
AWOL*	0
Total number of Children Entering Care/Exiting Care	
January 2024	Enter= 3, Exit= 1
February 2024	Enter=2 , Exit= 4
March 2024	Enter= 1 , Exit= 6
April 2024	Enter= Exit=
May 2024	Enter= Exit=
June 2024	Enter= Exit=
	Enter= Exit=
Total number of Children Receiving In-Home Services	
January 2024	64
February 2024	45
March 2024	37
April 2024	0
May 2024	0
June 2024	0

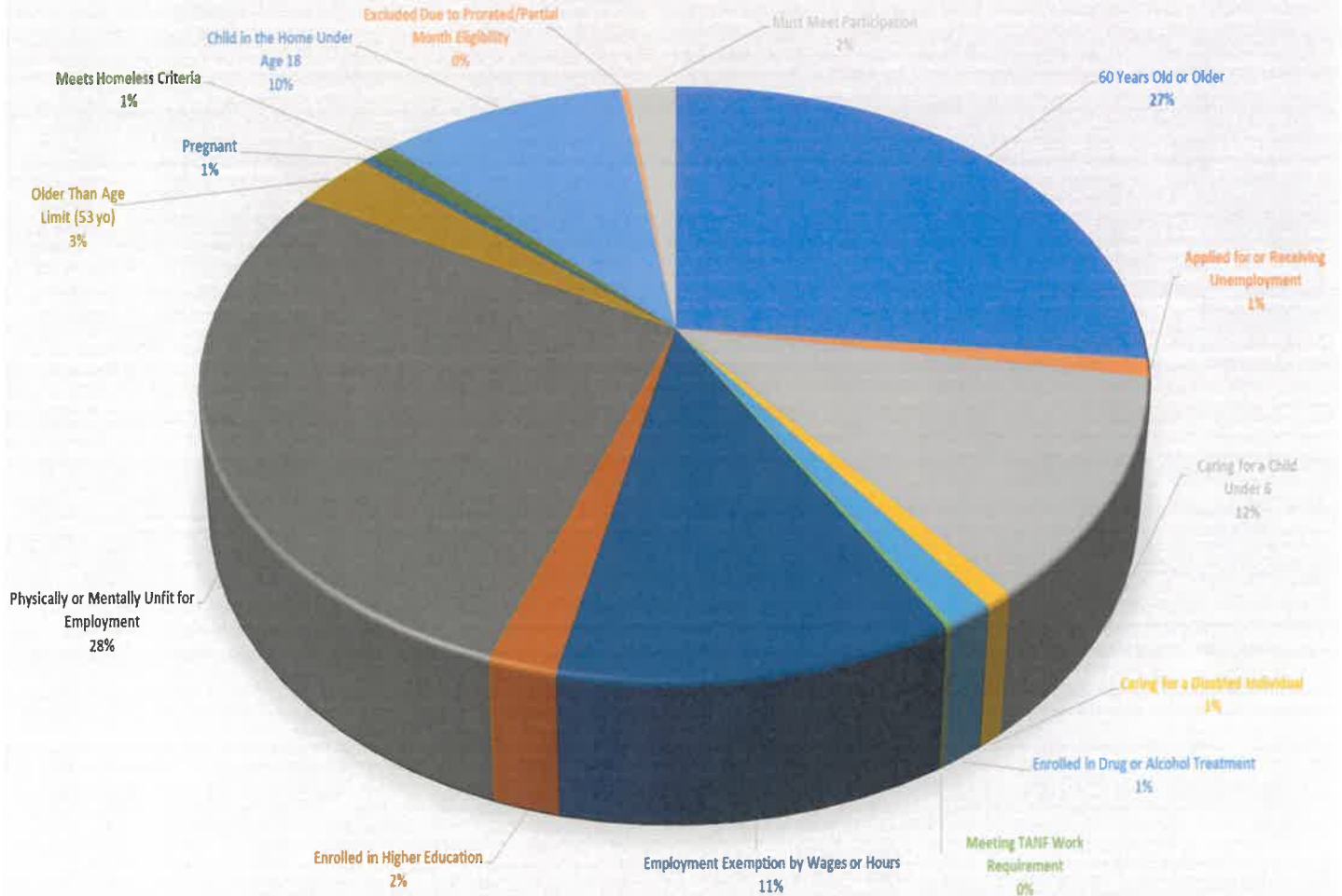
TR- Traditional Response
AR- Alternative Response
FINS- Family in Need of Services
AWOL- Absent without leave

Adults Receiving SNAP

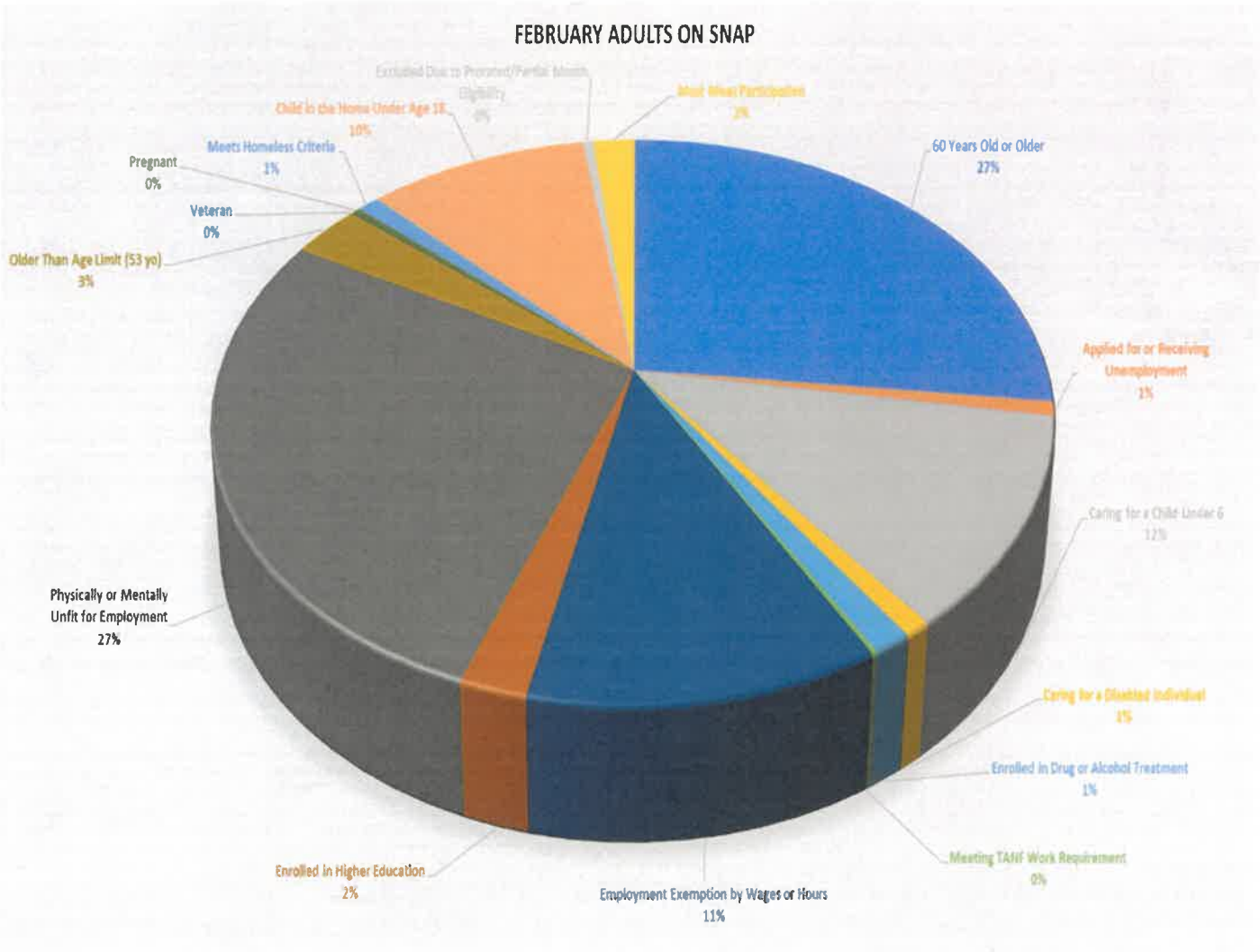
Total = 3611

Exempt for SNAP E&T	60 Years Old or Older	965
	Applied for or Receiving Unemployment	34
	Caring for a Child Under 6	429
	Caring for a Disabled Individual	30
	Enrolled in Drug or Alcohol Treatment	49
	Meeting TANF Work Requirement	7
	Employment Exemption by Wages or Hours	412
	Enrolled in Higher Education	72
	Physically or Mentally Unfit for Employment	1010
SNAP E&T Required but ABAWD Exempt	Older Than Age Limit (53 yo)	114
	Pregnant	15
	Meets Homeless Criteria	34
	Child in the Home Under Age 18	359
	Excluded Due to Prorated/Partial Month Eligibility	9
Must Meet Participation		72

JANUARY ADULTS ON SNAP



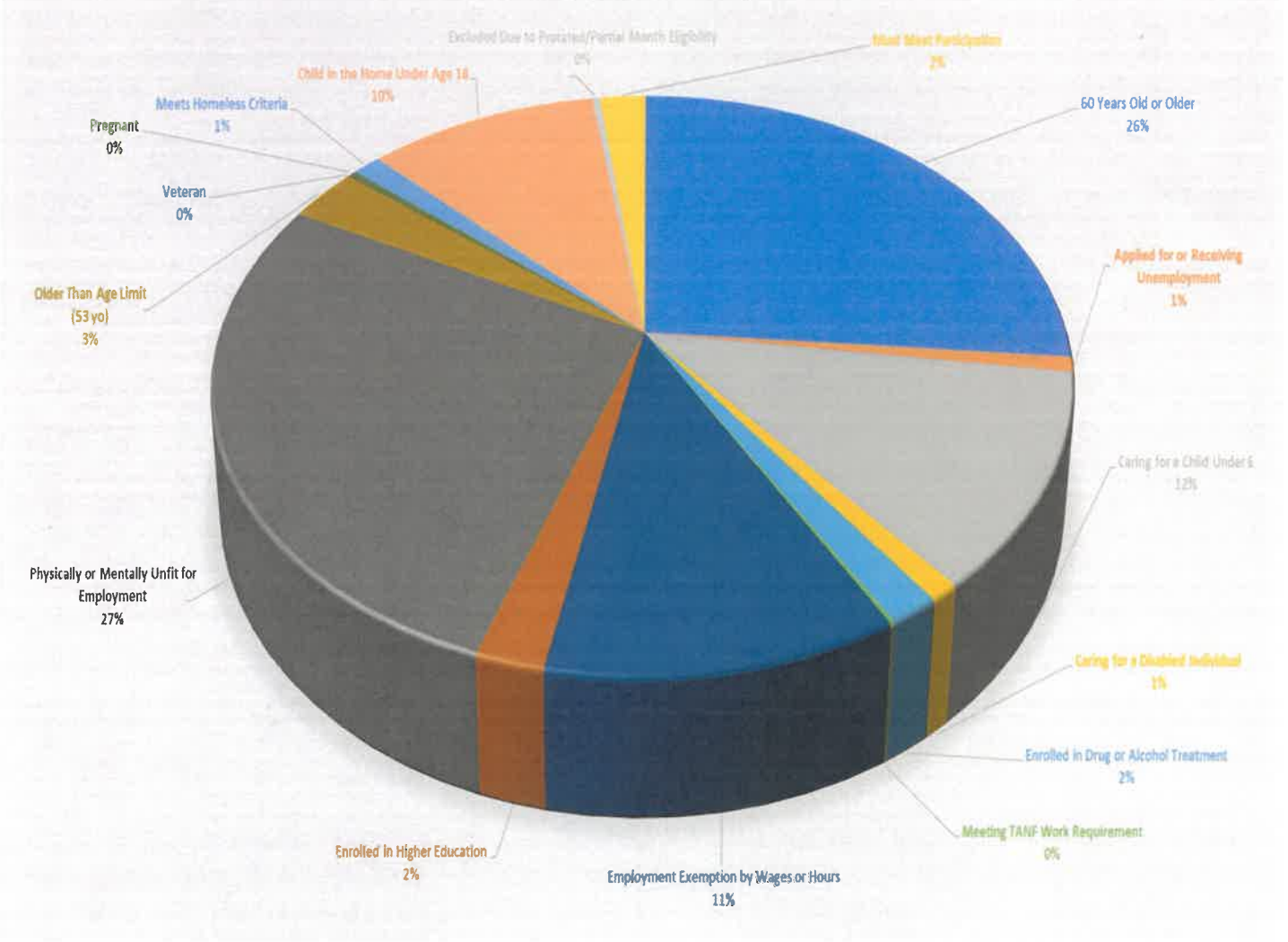
Adults Receiving SNAP		Total = 3617
Exempt for SNAP E&T	60 Years Old or Older	970
	Applied for or Receiving Unemployment	29
	Caring for a Child Under 6	433
	Caring for a Disabled Individual	31
	Enrolled in Drug or Alcohol Treatment	46
	Meeting TANF Work Requirement	7
	Employment Exemption by Wages or Hours	414
	Enrolled in Higher Education	80
	Physically or Mentally Unfit for Employment	993
SNAP E&T Required but ABAWD Exempt	Older Than Age Limit (53 yo)	115
	Veteran	2
	Pregnant	13
	Meets Homeless Criteria	36
	Child in the Home Under Age 18	362
	Excluded Due to Prorated/Partial Month Eligibility	18
Must Meet Participation		68



March 2024

Adults Receiving SNAP		Total = 3651
Exempt for SNAP E&T	60 Years Old or Older	963
	Applied for or Receiving Unemployment	30
	Caring for a Child Under 6	435
	Caring for a Disabled Individual	35
	Enrolled in Drug or Alcohol Treatment	59
	Meeting TANF Work Requirement	6
	Employment Exemption by Wages or Hours	409
	Enrolled in Higher Education	80
	Physically or Mentally Unfit for Employment	1001
SNAP E&T Required but ABAWD Exempt	Older Than Age Limit (53 yo)	114
	Veteran	1
	Pregnant	12
	Meets Homeless Criteria	46
	Child in the Home Under Age 18	373
	Excluded Due to Prorated/Partial Month Eligibility	13
Must Meet Participation		74

MARCH ADULTS ON SNAP



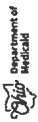
SNAP E&T (Employment & Training) and ABAWD (Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents) Work Registration Exemptions

SNAP Work Registration Exemptions:

- A person younger than 16 years of age.
- 16- or 17-year-old participant who is not the assistance group name.
- A 16- or 17-year-old participant who is the assistance group name and is attending school or enrolled in an employment training program at least half time.
- Person 60 years of age or older.
- A parent or other assistance group member who is responsible for the care of a dependent child under age 6 – in or out of the home.
- A parent or other assistance group member who is responsible for the care of an incapacitated person – in or out of the home.
- A person receiving Unemployment Compensation benefits.
- A person who has applied for but is not yet receiving Unemployment Compensation benefits and is complying with the requirements of the UC application process.
- A person determined by the county agency to be physically or mentally unfit for employment – either permanently or temporarily.
- Physically or mentally unfit for employment – either permanently or temporarily (receiving disability benefits).
- Physically or mentally unfit for employment – either permanently or temporarily.
- Assistance group member who applies for both SSI and SNAP benefits at the local Social Security office. *Note* Our local Social Security office does not offer this option.
- A regular participant in a drug addiction or alcoholic treatment and rehabilitation program on a resident basis.
- A regular participant in a drug addiction or alcoholic treatment and rehabilitation program on a nonresident basis.
- A student enrolled at least half time in a recognized school, training program, or institution of higher education.
- Assistance group member subject to and complying with any work requirement under the Ohio Works First (OWF cash assistance) program.
- An employed person earning weekly wages at least equal to the federal minimum wage multiplied by 30 hours.
- An employed person working a minimum of 30 hours weekly.
- A self-employed person working a minimum of 30 hours weekly.
- Migrant and seasonal farm workers under contract or similar agreement with an employer or crew chief to begin employment within 30 days.

ABAWD Exemptions:

- A person younger than 18 years of age.
- Person 53 years of age or older.
- Pregnant
- Parent with an Assistance Group member under age 18.
- Residing in an Assistance Group with an AG member under age 18.
- Person unhoused or homeless.
- Veteran who served in the Armed Forces or reserves.
- Under 25 years old and aged out of foster care.

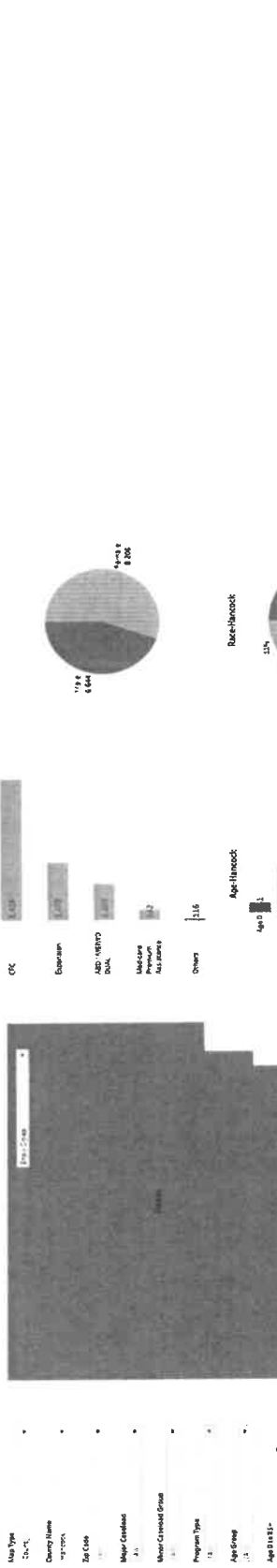


Enrolled Population for month of January, 2024

** Note: One Medicaid return to normal eligibility reported as February 1, 2024, after a three-year pandemic-related pause along with the implementation of the New Generation of Medicaid Care. **

Managed Care: 10,165 488 FQHCs: 1,718 1,000: 158 Total Enrollments: 14,851

Enroll Period: 1/1/2024 - 1/31/2024
Map Type: CHS
County Name: WYOMING
Zip Code: 82001
Major Condition: A
Major Condition Group: A
Program Type: 1
Age Group: 0-17
Age Range: 0-17
Gender: F
Age: 1
Age Group: 0-17
Ethnicity: 1
Race: 201M
Women of Reproductive Age: 1



Home Report Important Info