



TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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TO: Members of the Board of Health

FROM: A. Reigelman, Secretary

DATE: September 12, 2024

RE: Board of Health Meeting - Thursday, September 19, 2024,
7:30 a.m., **Conference Room B**, 2nd Floor of Health and Human Services
Building at 1062 St. Rt. 38, Owego, NY 13827.

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests-

- Susan Medina, Deputy Public Health Director

Presentation- None

Old Business

- Meeting Minutes (July & August)
- Enforcements
- Tioga Casting Property Update

New Business

- TCPH Audit Summary, Quarter 2 of 2024 (Medina)
- Slate of Officers 2025-2026
- Membership Reappointment Recommendation (Standinger, Raftis)
- Environmental Health Fee Schedule-Approval

Informational

- Agency Updates –July & August 2024
- Recredentialing Approval-TCPH Dentist

Additional Items

- None

Next Meeting Information

- Next Meeting is on October 17, 2024



TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES July 18, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (Attended In Person):

W. Simmons, Vice President
T. Leary, FNP (Departed at 8:58 a.m.)
J. Raftis, DO, FACEP
W. Standinger III, Legislator

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (Attended Virtually):

T. Hills, DVM, President
T. Nytch, DVM

ABSENT:

R. Kapur-Pado, DO

OTHER(S) PRESENT:

H. Vroman, Public Health Director
A. Reigelman, Secretary
D. Scherrer, Environmental Health Director (Arrived at 8:20 a.m.)
P. DeWind Esq., County Attorney (Arrived at 8:42 a.m.)

GUESTS:

Laura Bennett, Public Health Educator (Departed at 8:21 a.m.)

CALL TO ORDER: at 7:30 a.m. by Dr. Hills.

PRSEENTATION: Ms. Vroman introduced guest speaker Ms. Laura Bennett who presented on the Tioga County Public Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LPPP). Ms. Bennett provided an overview of lead (background/sources of lead), a summary of the LPPP (roles of Care Coordination versus Environmental Health assessments, lead testing and monitoring in children, follow up with providers/parents, prevention techniques, remediation practices, hotspot areas in Tioga County, etc.). Ms. Bennett distributed samples of a Lead Booklet and nutritional placemats that are given to parents/guardians of children with elevated blood lead levels and presented the XRF Analyzer which is used to detect lead in paint chips during home assessments. Ms. Bennett also discussed barriers experienced including compliance in follow-up testing of children and financing remediation repairs.

The Board discussed Renter's Rights and process for remediation with landlords/homeowners, the difficulty in parent follow-up in having children tested for lead during designated timeframes, and the lack of availability of lead testing options for providers in Tioga County.

Ms. Vroman noted that it might be beneficial to complete a survey for local provider's offices for an assessment of primary care provider barriers and can look for grant opportunities.

Ms. Bennett stated that they will be applying for a mini grant through the Floyd Hooker Foundation to assist in purchasing supplies for lead remediation for homeowners (specifically for parents/guardians of children with elevated blood lead levels). Supplies include cleaning equipment, paint vouchers, and HEPA vacuums which are used to specifically capture lead dust. Ms. Vroman requested that the Board motion for Tioga County Public Health to apply for the Floyd Hooker mini grant. Motion was made by Dr. Raftis to apply for the Floyd Hooker mini grant to address the lead poisoning prevention; seconded by Ms. Leary, all were in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Meeting Minutes: No discussion; motion to approve prior minutes made by Mr. Simmons; seconded by Ms. Leary, all were in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

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- Enforcements: Ms. Vroman provided additional information on enforcements. Mr. Scherrer detailed the enforcement of well cap replacement and explained UV daily testing.
- Tioga Casting Property- Ms. Vroman updated the Board on recent events with the property. Mr. Scherrer took additional soil samples at the end of June and is currently still waiting on results. After sending a co-signed letter with Legislative Chair Sauerbrey requesting a site visit, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) came for a site visit last Thursday. Mr. Scherrer stated that at the site visit, the DEC was reluctant to provide any information/recommendations when questions were asked, and only referenced the initial report that was issued in 2012, stating that the site at that time was zoned as industrial, not residential.

The Board discussed next steps. Noted that the encampment is encroaching closer to the fenced in parcel which may pose risk. Should document and send letter to the DEC requesting a response to their site visit in writing and draft letter to the Village of Owego to make them aware of the current zoning violation of the site. County Attorney DeWind stated that they have made headway on finding the property owner, but establishing ownership will most likely require legal action. Dr. Raftis shared his findings on the heavy metals associated with the property/ health effects/testing options with the Board and asked that Ms. Reigelman share the document electronically after the meeting. Discussion of offering testing options, signage/making people aware.

- Rabies Order: Noted that revised Rabies Order was approved by the Board at the June meeting. The order was posted publicly for public feedback/comment for 14 days on the Tioga County Public health website and no comment was received. Dr. Hills signed the order July 8, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sanitary Code Revision Approval-Ms. Vroman stated that the subcommittee, made up of herself, Mr. Simmons, Legislator Standinger, Dr. Nytych, Mr. Scherrer and Mr. Kopalek, have officially reviewed all Tioga County Sanitary Code articles. She thanked subcommittee members for their work in revising. All revised articles were distributed to the Board electronically prior to the meeting for their review. Ms. Vroman noted that a new Article on *Air Pollution Control, Section Open Fires* has been drafted based on discussion with County Attorney DeWind and Mr. Scherrer. This additional section was presented to the subcommittee, feedback was received that warranted full Board discussion.
 - Mr. Simmons inquired if Public Health has the staff to enforce this. Mr. Scherrer stated that most burning complaints will go to the DEC first (as they do now), but with this addition we would be able to assist with chronic complaints that the DEC is not handling. County Attorney DeWind noted that this addition gives us a chance to enforce locally versus waiting on the DEC. Mr. Simmons also noted that language of “outside of a boundary of 1/8 mile of the periphery of any city or village” should possibly change.
 - Legislator Standinger inquired on process for enforcing. Mr. Scherrer explained that there would be a fine attached and there would be an opportunity for a hearing.
 - Also clarified Article 2, Section 1- confirmed with County Attorney DeWind that fees for hearings cannot exceed New York State’s fees, therefore the amount listed in this section will change to meet New York State regulation. However, our permit application fees can be higher than New York State.
 - Due to not meeting quorum requirements at time of this discussion, the Board was unable to make a motion for the approval of the Sanitary Code revisions.
- Fee Schedule-Ms. Vroman stated that the subcommittee agreed to remove article on fees from the Sanitary Code as they could be subject to change. Instead, they will be referred to in an addendum. After reviewing the current fee schedule, will be updating fees to correspond with necessary wage increases, and include fees for permits that are now issued (tanning, migrant farms, etc.). Plan to bring the revised fee schedule to the Board in September. Will send a revised fee schedule prior to that meeting for Board review.

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- Board members discussed and decided to call a special meeting in August to be able to vote on Sanitary Code revisions and touch base on the Tioga Casting Property. Ms. Vroman stated that Ms. Reigelman will send a meeting poll to the Board after the meeting with tentative dates/times.

INFORMATIONAL:

- Public Health Technician position has been posted and will be backfilling Mr. Scherrer's previous Public Health Sanitarian position in a few months in anticipation of the retirement of Public Health Sanitarian Albert Knapp at the end of the year.
- New Public Health Educator started a month ago, recruited her from Broome County. She will be taking over work in ASAP Coalition/ opioid overdose program.
- Accomplished tasks:
 - Held lead certification training for contractors for free.
 - Passed out water at the Strawberry Festival 5K
 - Yesterday, Ms. Vroman attended a B-TAM training which went over ways to prevent threats/incidents before they occur (through Department of Homeland Security).
 - Distributed annual Summer Safety Guides to all Tioga County school districts.
 - Educational outreach on tickborne illnesses.
 - Upcoming tabling events at Tioga County Fair and Sundaes at the Farm.
 - Working with Town of Newark Valley in the Creating Healthy School and Communities Grant

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Abigail Reigelman.

Terry Hills, DVM, President

Abigail Reigelman; Secretary

Minutes approved September 19, 2024

TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES August 5, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (Attended In Person):

T. Hills, DVM, President
W. Simmons, Vice President
J. Raftis, DO, FACEP
T. Nytech, DVM
W. Standinger III, Legislator (Arrived at 1:04 p.m.)

ABSENT:

R. Kapur-Pado, DO
T. Leary, FNP

OTHER(S) PRESENT:

H. Vroman, Public Health Director
A. Reigelman, Secretary
D. Scherrer, Environmental Health Director
P. DeWind Esq., County Attorney (Arrived at 1:11 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER: at 12:57 p.m. by Dr. Hills.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tioga Casting Property- Ms. Vroman updated the Board on recent events with the property. Received back additional soil samples at the end of July. All samples came back with high levels of cadmium and lead. Lead levels were much higher than what is within a normal limit for what is naturally occurring. Mr. Scherrer noted that levels are acceptable for industrial/commercial zoning but not residential living. Ms. Vroman stated that a letter was received from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) responding to the follow up letter that was sent inquiring of next steps (after site visit). In the letter, DEC suggests that local and state police be contacted and that local zoning laws should be enforced as the site is zoned for industrial/commercial use only. Ms. Vroman also stated that a meeting occurred at the end of July, made up of County/municipality/community representatives, to discuss a plan for the individuals living at the site. Would like to approach as voluntary initially. Some discussion of changing property ownership as well as a plan to dissuade individuals from coming back to the site.
 - Meeting attendees discussed next measures; what can be done by the Board of Health at this time. All agreed that the individuals living onsite need to be made aware of health risks and move offsite. Discussed process for issuing a Public Health order as well as a notice of violation of public health regulations to the property owner, and internal timeline/timeframe for when measures need to be in place.
 - Ms. Vroman stated that she feels an order should not be issued until conversations are had with the individuals living on the property. Board members agreed that invested community members should notify the individuals of the site of having to vacate by September 1, 2024. If any do not voluntarily leave, then the Board will issue a public health order by the next Board of Health meeting on September 19, 2024. Meanwhile, a notice should be sent to the property owner of the public health violations that are occurring on the property at this time. Ms. Vroman stated that she will send an email to those involved in the previous meeting and will also attend the next Legislative Worksession. Will also draft a public health order and send to the Board for review to have ready for next meeting.

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- Sanitary Code Revision- a finalized copy of the amended Tioga County Sanitary Code was sent to the Board electronically prior to the meeting to review. Ms. Vroman asked members if there were any further comments/edits prior to final approval. Board members had no further edits. Motion to approve the sanitary code changes made by Mr. Simmons; seconded by Dr. Nytych, all were in favor, none opposed, motion approved.
 - Ms. Vroman noted that the amended code will be presented to the Legislature at the September meeting for their approval, then will be sent to the Center of Environmental Health for their review/filing.

NEW BUSINESS: None

INFORMATIONAL:

- Ms. Vroman stated that along with the sanitary code revisions, the department is also looking at Environmental Health fees. Currently have internal staff members reviewing. Hope to bring changes to the Board at the next Board of Health meeting.
- Ms. Vroman added that she will be out of town this coming week but will still be checking email.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Abigail Reigelman.

Terry Hills, DVM, President

Abigail Reigelman; Secretary

Minutes approved September 19, 2024



August & September 2024 Enforcements

<u>Business</u>	<u>Type of Violation</u>	<u>Fine Paid/Date</u>	<u>Repeat Violation(s) within 12 Month Period</u>
Evan Anastasakos River Rock Diner 904 State Route 17C Owego, NY	Food	\$700.00 8/30/2024	No
Allan R Jochum Big Belly's Deli 1108 State Route 434 Apalachin, NY	Food	\$450.00 9/9/2024	No
Lynn Walsh The Terrace 8624 State Route 434 Apalachin, NY	Food	\$325.00 9/9/2024	No
Tioga Downs Hotel Food Service Tioga Downs Racetrack, LLC 2384 West River Rd. Nichols, NY	Food	\$250.00 9/9/2024	No



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Heather Vroman, MEd., Public Health Director



AGENCY REPORT

June 20 -July 24, 2024

Highlights

- We welcomed our new summer clerk, Kiran Sharma, and are canvassing for a Public Health Technician.
- 11 Public Health staff members completed their CPR recertification training, 4 additional staff were newly certified.
- Our media release on the uptick in Tickborne illness cases in Tioga County was picked up by several media sources. Interviews were conducted with WENY and Fox 40 to speak on the increase in cases and to promote the importance of prevention.
- We tabled at the Tioga County Government Services Expo and Sundaes at the Farm! The Mobile Dental Van premiered at the Touch a Truck Event at the Newark Valley Trout Pond. It's been a busy summer!

Health Education

- Two Public Health Educators completed a two-day training on Public Health Risk Communication.
- Met with Rural Ministry and A New Hope Center to discuss cancer-prevention policies, including sun safety and paid time off for cancer screenings.
- Attended the Drop-in Screening Day event hosted by Tioga Opportunities at the Newark Valley Community Connection Center, which offered blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, and lead testing.
- Presented to the Board of Health on our Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Board approval was received for us to move forward with applying for the Floyd Hooker Foundation mini grant to help address common challenges in the program, specifically providing cleaning supplies and supplies to make repairs in order to mitigate lead hazards.
- We are wrapping up our 2024 Climate Change & Health Adaptation Grant project, Tick Smart Tioga! The final report and presentation have been created and are in the review process.
- Delivered "Back to School" yard signs around the county.

Environmental Health

- Four wellhead projects were completed, two were for a new program component for aquifer protection.
- NYSDOH-Environmental Health representative came to assist in training staff in public water supply regulations.
- Had a site visit with Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) at Tioga Castings property.
- Met with Stray Haven Director about doing Parvo and distemper vaccines at all of our Rabies Clinics.
- Attended the Waverly Water Systems Improvement Project monthly progress meeting.

Patient Services (EI, Dental, Clinic)

- Dental Van is back at the Health & Human Services Building for the Summer and spent four days at the Richford Town Hall providing services to the residents of Richford, Berkshire and Newark Valley!
- School Based Dental Program data summaries for the 2023-2024 school year were distributed to each Tioga County School District. Program summaries include each district's number of student's participating in program, number of screenings, cleanings, restorations, extractions, etc.

- Early Intervention continues to have a provider shortage, especially for Physical Therapy in the Waverly area. A waitlist is sent to providers making them aware of children in need of services. EI Service Coordinators continue to offer parents guidance and support to assure children get high quality case management.
- EI Service Coordinator is now a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician and is qualified to install child passenger seats, teach, and provide recommendations to families to assure that children are as safe as possible in vehicles.

Administrative Services

- PHD, Deputy, DPS and Health Educator met with the new executive director at Mothers & Babies Perinatal Network touring their facility and discussed ways to work together to improve maternal-child outcomes.
- Director of Administrative Services attended the ArcGIS training.
- Revised/Updated our Article 28 policy manual.
- PHD attended a B-TAM training for basic threat evaluation.
- The Preschool Medicaid Cost Report was submitted!
- Offered a Public Health 101 overview to a medical resident of a local provider’s office providing insight into the world of Tioga County Public Health. Staff from all areas of the department shared about program specifics.
- Finished revising the Tioga County Sanitary Code with the help of Board of Health subcommittee. Awaiting final approvals prior to making effective.
- Held several strategic plan meetings to discuss status of goals and next steps.

Ongoing Support/Partnerships

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allies in Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition - Child Fatality Review Team - Family Enrichment Network (Head Start) - Lourdes PACT Advisory Board - Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network - New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) - New York State Association for Rural Health (NYSARH) - New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) - Racker Center - Rural Economic and Partnership (REAP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rural Health Network - Safe Harbor Committee - S2AY Pivotal Partners Finger Lakes - Team Tioga - Tioga County Board of Health - Tioga County Commissioner’s Advisory Council - Tioga County Council of Governments - Tioga County Immunization Coalition - Tioga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - Tioga County Mental Health Sub-Committee - Tioga County Non-Profit Network - Tioga Opportunities |
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Attachments:

1. Financial Snapshot, YTD thru 6/2024.
2. Flyer: “What the Health!?,” July 2024.
3. Bulletin Board: “Rockstars use the Cross Walk,” Health & Human Services Building, Owego, July 2024.
4. Billboards: “Don’t Drink & Drive!” & “Cute Yes, Rabies Maybe,” July 2024.
5. Data Spreadsheet June 20- July 24, 2024.

Financial Snapshot
Year-to-date through June 2024*1

	Budget 2024	Actual YTD 2024	Percentage of 2024 Budget
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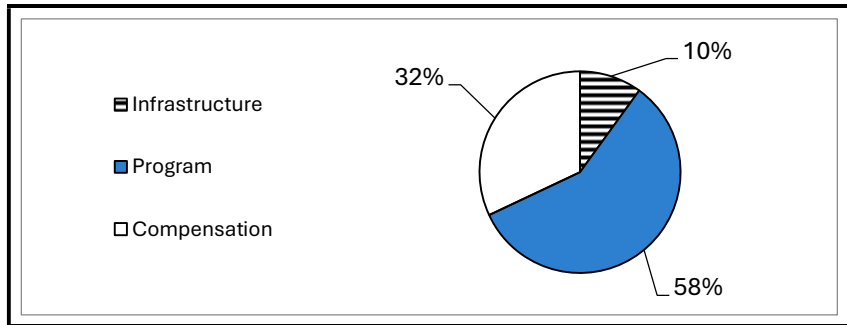
REVENUES

Fees	1,257,068	272,859	22 %
State/Federal	3,779,346	1,171,830	31 %
Local	3,394,573	1,501,084	44 %
TOTAL	8,430,987	2,945,773	35 %

EXPENSES

Compensation	2,602,358	925,802	36 %
Program Expense	5,307,116	1,713,192	32 %
Core Infrastructure	521,513	306,779	59 %
TOTAL	8,430,987	2,945,773	35 %

Allocation of Expenses
Year-to-date through June 2024



***Notes:**

1. Most of January & February revenue are adjusted back to prior year as payments during this time are for services performed in the prior year. State Aid reimbursement is reported a couple months after each quarter ends.

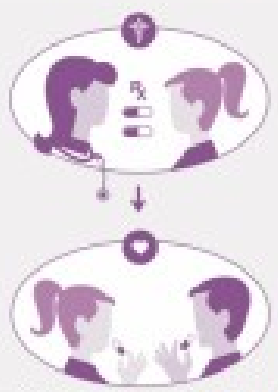


What the Health!?

July 2024

EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY (EPT)

EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY (EPT) PROCESS



EPT treats sexual partners of patients diagnosed with chlamydia or gonorrhea by providing prescriptions to the patient to take to their sexual partner(s) without the provider first examining the partner(s).

**TIOGA OPPORTUNITIES
FAMILY HEALTH
SERVICES:
607-687-5333**

Image from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Skin Cancer ABCDEs!

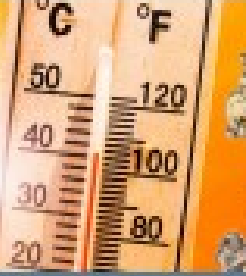
If you have moles or spots with any of these characteristics, schedule an appointment with your doctor to get it examined.

A symmetry	Is one half of the spot unlike the other half?	
B order	Does the spot have an irregular, scalloped, or poorly defined border?	
C olor	Does the spot have colors that vary from one area to the next?	
D iameter	Is the spot greater than 6mm in diameter (about the size of a pencil eraser)?	
E volving	Has the spot changed in size, color, or shape?	

BEAT THE HEAT!



**SCAN TO
FIND PLACES
TO COOL OFF!**



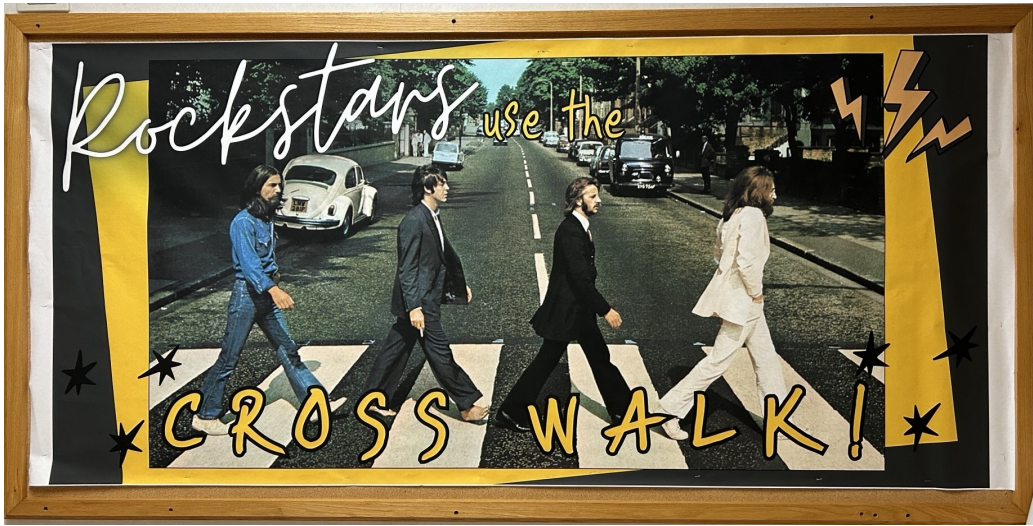
HYDRATE! HYDRATE! HYDRATE!

Water...

- Aids digestion
- Flushes toxins
- Promotes kidney function
- Lubricates joints & muscles
- Supports healthy skin
- Regulates body temp

Tips for Drinking More Water:

- Add fruit like lemons or strawberries.
- Tie it into a routine. For example, drink a glass of water every time you use the bathroom.
- Take a water bottle with you whenever you leave the house.
- Eat it! Many fruits and vegetables, like watermelon and cucumber, have high water content.



Large Bulletin Board: HHS Building, July 2024



Billboards, Various Locations, July 2024



DATA SPREADSHEET

June 20-July 24, 2024

<u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>Y-E 2022</u>	<u>Y-E 2023</u>	<u>Jun-24</u>	<u>Jul-24</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Community Health					
Communicable Disease	885	2438	102	117	1934
- General Infectious Diseases (Campylobacteriosis, Salmonellosis, etc)	N/A	61	7	4	256
- Zoonotic Diseases (Anaplasmosis, Lyme, etc)	220	375	68	49	226
- Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (COVID-19, Influenza, etc)	400	1897	21	56	1380
- Hepatitis	89	15	0	3	11
- PPD Test Administered	0	6	0	0	1
Child Passenger Safety Seats Inspected	40	47	16	5	31
- Child Seats FAILED Inspection	31	36	15	5	29
Immunizations total child and adult	35	62	0	1	14
Children Lead Tested (6 years and under)	712	913	78	71	497
Newly Identified Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels	N/A	22	1	0	6
Current Children with EBLL Caseload	N/A	N/A	34	34	N/A
- Welcome Baby Packets Mailed	N/A	77	20	28	181
People Trained w/ Narcan	1	145	0	0	11
Opioid Overdose Reporting Forms received	3	3	1	1	4
Dental					
New Clients	340	311	28	30	178
Dental Screenings	1120	1141	103	89	648
- Clients with Low Decay Risk	265	374	38	32	254
-Clients with Moderate Decay Risk	496	419	30	22	146
- Clients with High Decay Risk	347	344	35	38	253
Extractions	100	102	14	19	85
Children Services					
Early Intervention Referrals	148	206	14	15	106
- Early Intervention CURRENT Caseload *Monthly total	N/A	N/A	36	31	N/A
- EI children waiting for service(s)	N/A	N/A	3	2	N/A
Preschool					
- Children in tuition based program	N/A	N/A	36	28	N/A
- Children receiving transportation services under Serafini contract	N/A	N/A	21	21	N/A
- Children receiving transportation by parents	N/A	N/A	15	7	N/A
Child Find					
- Current Children being served	17	N/A	15	16	N/A

Environmental Health	Y-E 2022	Y-E 2023	Jun-24	Jul-24	Y-T-D
Animal bite investigations	153	198	30	31	144
- Individuals requiring Rabies Series (N)	7	2	1	2	33
Rabies Clinics	7	8	1	1	6
- Number of Animals Vaccinated	1012	1098	171	176	1036
Food Establishment Inspections	151	247	13	13	127
Temporary Food Inspections	57	66	23	2	31
Clean Indoor Air Act Complaints (Smoking)	6	0	0	0	1
Mobile Home Park Inspections	12	37	3	0	14
Swimming Pool Inspections	18	11	3	2	6
Tanning Inspections	0	1	0	0	0
ATUPA Checks (Underage Tobacco Sales)	70	108	37	3	75
- ATUPA Violations	2	3	1	0	2
Wellhead Replacement Projects In Progress	N/A	N/A	8	7	
Wellhead Replacement Projects Completed	N/A	N/A	9	4	25
Temporary Residence Inspections (Hotels, motels, campgrounds)	2	12	0	1	3
Children's Camp Inspections	8	7	5	6	11
Agriculture Fairground Inspections	2	2	0	1	1
Nuisance Complaints	16	7	2	3	8
Enforcement Actions	29	72	8	1	25
Weights & Measures					
Inspection Sites	123	110	20	22	112
-Devices Inspected	475	604	22	52	185
Training Hrs/Equipment Maintenance	24	27	16	2	32



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Heather Vroman, MEd., Public Health Director



AGENCY REPORT

July 25 -August 21, 2024

Highlights

- Louise Dorsey, Public Health Nurse was nominated as Team Member of the 2nd Quarter!
- Staff attended various tabling events/outreach events including the Catholic Charities' Back-to-School Event at Tioga Center, Toothbrush Fun at the Berkshire Library, 2024 Lyme Conference hosted by Southern Tier Lyme Support, Inc., and of course at the Tioga County Fair!
- Conducted Quarter 2 program record audit and presented findings to our Medical Consultant. We continue to see improvements in documentation thanks to an emphasis on improved procedures, updated forms and staff education.
- All Public Health staff were FIT Tested to ensure proper fitting of N95 masks; to be prepared in an emergency situation.
- At August's Public Health All Staff Meeting, we heard from representatives from 211 Susquehanna River Region about their helpline collective resource database. Admin Directors also put together a presentation discussing the ins and outs of internal processes.

Health Education

- We continue our efforts in improving and building our Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). One of our MRC leaders attended a 2-day conference to learn strategies to help grow our MRC. We completed Volunteer Management Plan and created an orientation video for Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers.
- Advocacy, Support and Prevention (ASAP) Coalition staff met individually with each coalition Sector Representative to build relationships and learn the needs of coalition members. The Drug Free Communities report was finalized and submitted to the CDC. Staff were trained in "Reach Collaboration," the new data collection base for the new evaluator. ASAP held its monthly meeting where Tioga County Sheriff's Investigator Delmage shared information about current drug trends in the area.
- Staff partnered with Tobacco Free Broome Tioga and attended the Village of Spencer and Village of Owego trustee meetings to discuss smoke free policies.
- Refilled Public Access Narcan (PAN) Boxes for the Candor Library, 56 Main Street and the Open Door Mission.
- Met with new staff at CASA-Trinity to learn about the programming they will be doing in the schools in the upcoming school year.
- Presented our Tick Smart Tioga project to NYSACHO. This project consisted of targeted outreach on tickborne illness prevention to populations with the highest rates of tickborne illness in Tioga County.
- Presented to DSS Child Protective Services Unit on Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.
- Hosted a Child Safety Seat check at the Health & Human Services Building. Five seats were checked for proper installation.
- Disseminating lots of messaging on Back-To-School Immunizations.

Environmental Health

- Director of Environmental Health attended Tioga County Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting where he shared information about the Wellhead Program and mentioned that we still have fire safety equipment from the Healthy Neighborhoods Program. He also attended the Waverly Water Systems Project meeting and spoke about water sampling requirements for new water extensions.

- With the recent Listeria outbreak of Boars Head sliced meat products, Environmental Health contacted Tioga County food establishments, and we made multiple Facebook posts to keep the community informed.
- Met with staff from the Town of Owego to discuss the proposed Tractor Supply plans.
- Completed “Sign checks” for tobacco retailers in Tioga County. These checks ensure that the retailers post signs regarding the prohibited sale of tobacco products to minors.

Patient Services (EI, Dental, Clinic)

- The Dental Van is working with Tioga County Veterans Services Agency to try and provide dental services to Tioga County Veterans.
- Investigated two cases of pertussis in Tioga County and disseminated a press release advising the community of common symptoms and precautions.
- Early Intervention staff members attended a 2-day conference learning about New York State Department of Health’s new EI Hub documentation system which will be implemented and will replace the current system (NYEIS).
- Early Intervention service coordinators have been busy working with families that have children transitioning from EI to the Committee of Preschool Special Education (CPSE). We continue to have a shortage of providers, specifically physical therapy and speech therapy, in all areas of the county.

Administrative Services

- Completed annual review and policy revisions for the School-Based Health Clinic Dental Policy Manual.
- All staff completed annual review of Public Health trainings.
- As part of Strategic planning efforts to bolster our community partnerships Deputy PHD met with Owego Rotary Club and PHD met with Kiwanis to present Public Health updates and current initiatives.
- Admin services team members have been tackling Early Intervention insurance denials to assist in reimbursement for service coordination activities.

Ongoing Support/Partnerships

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| - Allies in Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition | - Safe Harbor Committee |
| - Child Fatality Review Team | - S2AY Pivotal Partners Finger Lakes |
| - Family Enrichment Network (Head Start) | - Team Tioga |
| - Lourdes PACT Advisory Board | - Tioga County Board of Health |
| - Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network | - Tioga County Commissioner’s Advisory Council |
| - New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) | - Tioga County Council of Governments |
| - New York State Association for Rural Health (NYSARH) | - Tioga County Immunization Coalition |
| - New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) | - Tioga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) |
| - Racker Center | - Tioga County Mental Health Sub-Committee |
| - Rural Economic and Partnership (REAP) | - Tioga County Non-Profit Network |
| - Rural Health Network | - Tioga Opportunities |

Attachments:

1. Financial Snapshot, YTD thru 7/2024.
2. Photographs: Public Health Staff at Tioga County Fair, August 2024
3. Article: Public Health Advisory Issued for Tioga County: Cases of Whooping Cough Reported,” Tioga County Courier, August 7, 2024.
4. Flyer: “What the Health!?” August 2024.
5. Bulletin Board: “Keep Your Water Clean,” Health & Human Services Building, Owego, August 2024.
6. Billboards: “Don’t Wait to Vaccinate!” August 2024.
7. Data Spreadsheet July 25- August 21, 2024.

**Financial Snapshot
Year-to-date through July 2024*1**

	Budget 2024	Actual YTD 2024	Percentage of 2024 Budget
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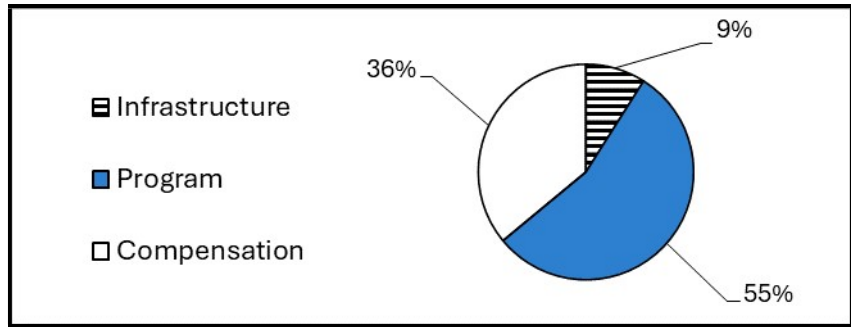
REVENUES

Fees	1,257,068	395,710	31 %
State/Federal	3,779,346	1,279,144	34 %
Local	3,397,408	1,859,130	55 %
TOTAL	8,433,822	3,533,984	42 %

EXPENSES

Compensation	2,818,444	1,273,417	45 %
Program Expense	5,088,313	1,947,248	38 %
Core Infrastructure	527,065	313,319	59 %
TOTAL	8,433,822	3,533,984	42 %

**Allocation of Expenses
Year-to-date through July 2024**



***Notes:**

1. Most of January & February revenue are adjusted back to prior year as payments during this time are for services performed in the prior year. State Aid reimbursement is reported a couple months after each quarter ends.



Public Health Staff at Tioga County Fair, August 2024

Public health advisory issued for Tioga County: Cases of whooping cough reported

Tioga County Public Health is advising the public that multiple cases of pertussis (also known as whooping cough) have been reported in Tioga County, N.Y. According to a news release from the department, pertussis is a highly contagious bacterial infection affecting the respiratory system that is spread through droplets when a person coughs or sneezes. Residents are advised to do the following:

Review the listed symptoms, make sure your family is up to date on their pertussis vaccination (also known as Tdap for adults or DTaP for children), and contact your healthcare provider if you have concerns about yourself or someone else in your household showing signs of the virus. Symptoms usually appear between five and 10 days after exposure to pertussis.

Early symptoms: Stage 1 — Early symptoms can last for one to two weeks and usually include:

- Runny or stuffed-up nose
- Low-grade fever (less than 100.4°F)
- Mild, occasional cough (babies do not do this)
- Apnea (life-threatening pauses in breathing) and
- Cyanosis (turning blue or purple) in babies and young children.

In its early stages, whooping cough appears to be nothing more than the common cold. Therefore, doctors often do not suspect or diagnose it until the more severe symptoms appear.

Later symptoms: Stage 2 — One to two weeks after the first symptoms start, people with

whooping cough may develop rapid, violent, and uncontrolled coughing fits. These coughing fits usually last one to six weeks but can last for up to 10 weeks. Coughing fits generally get worse and become more common as the illness continues.

Coughing fits can cause people to:

- Make a high-pitched “whoop”

sound when they are finally able to inhale at the end of a coughing fit

- Vomit during or after coughing fits

- Feel very tired after the fit, but usually seem well in-between fits

- Struggle to breathe

Because whooping cough can be extremely dangerous for young children and those with a weakened immune system, those who are experiencing symptoms

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are advised to stay home from school or work and avoid close contact with those around you. Cups, utensils, and other personal items should not be shared with others during this time.

Make sure you and your family members are up to date on your whooping cough vaccines. While these vaccines are effective, they are not perfect. Symptoms are usually more mild for those who become infected but are vaccinated.

These vaccinations are especially important for pregnant women who should receive the vaccine during her third trimester (of all pregnancies) to help protect her baby during its first few months of life.

If you think you or your child has whooping cough or if you have further questions, please contact your health care provider or one of our Public Health Nurses at (607) 687-8600. For more information, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/>.

Tioga Co. Courier, Aug. 7, 2024



What the Health!?

August 2024

Be A Happier "You" in the Workplace!

- Personalize your workspace.
- Practice mindfulness.
- Focus on your strengths.
- Stop comparing yourself to others.
- Show gratitude toward team members.
- Talk it out with a trusted coworker.
- Accept rather than judge feelings.
- Get outdoors and take a walk.
- Do things for others.
- Find the humor & laugh it out.
- Keep learning new skills.
- Slow down and self-reflect.



Don't Wait to Vaccinate! 🌈

♥ Schedule Back-to-School Immunizations Now!

Upcoming Events in Tioga County:

Tuesday, August 6 - 10:

Tioga County Fair

All Day!

Tioga County Fair Grounds

Monday, August 12:

Back to School Party

10:00am - 12:00pm

Tioga Central School

Thursday, August 8:

Car Seat Check Event

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Waverly Police Department

Thursday, August 29:

Rabies Vaccination Clinic

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Rawley Park in Richford
Pre-Registration Required

Friday, August 9:

Car Seat Check Event

9:00am - 11:00am

Waverly Police Department

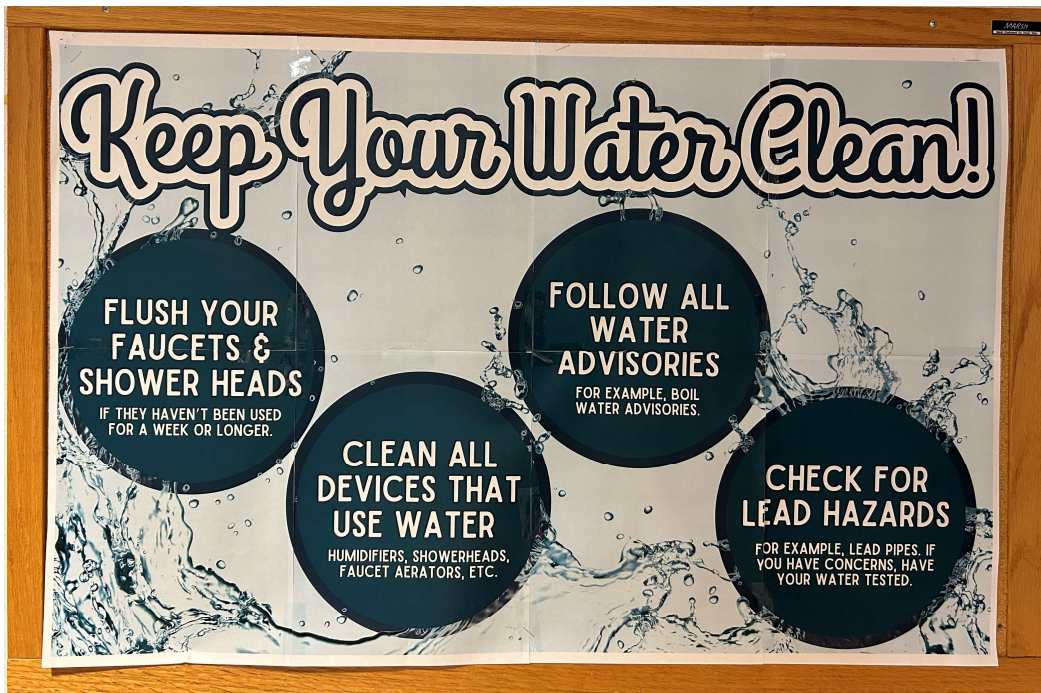
*Replacement seats available

Thursday, August 29:

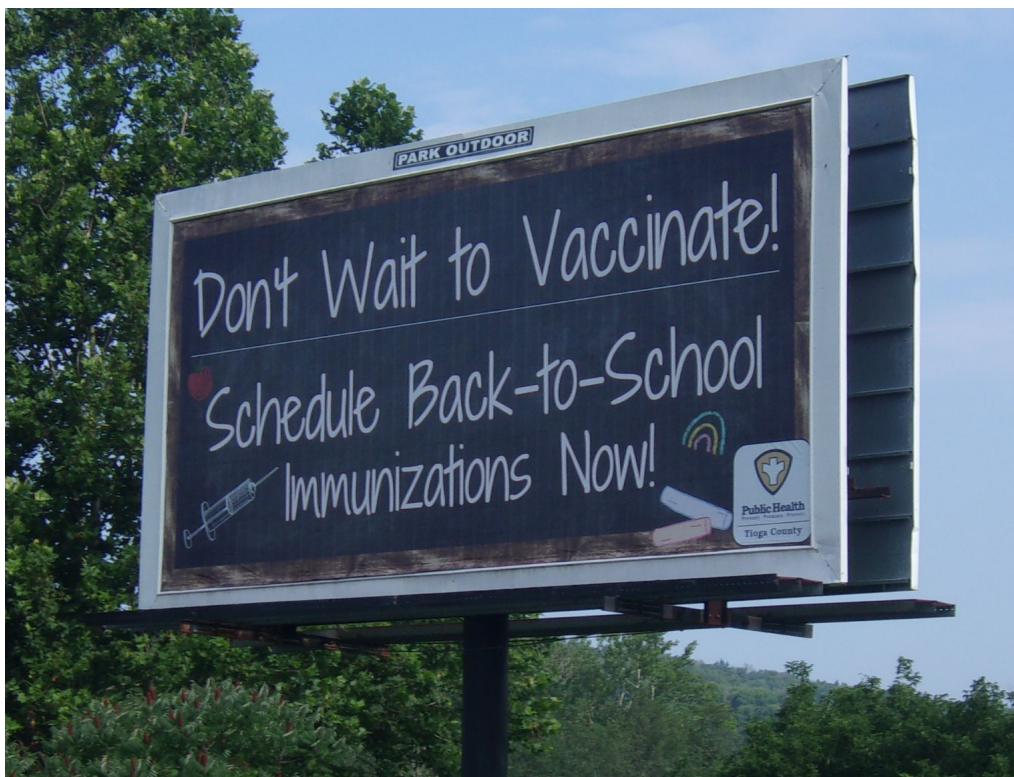
Overdose Awareness Vigil

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Draper Park in Owego



Bulletin Board: Health & Human Services Building, August 2024



Billboard Design, Various locations, August 2024

DATA SPREADSHEET

July 25-August 21, 2024

<u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>Y-E 2022</u>	<u>Y-E 2023</u>	<u>Jul-24</u>	<u>Aug-24</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Community Health					
Communicable Disease	885	2438	178	160	2155
- General Infectious Diseases (Campylobacterious, Salmonellosis, etc.)	N/A	61	6	2	260
- Zoonotic Diseases (Anaplasmosis, Lyme, etc.)	220	375	64	16	257
- Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (COVID-19, Influenza, etc.)	400	1897	98	136	1558
- Hepatitis	89	15	2	1	11
- PPD Test Administered	0	6	0	0	1
Child Passenger Safety Seats Inspected	40	47	5	8	39
- Child Seats FAILED Inspection	31	36	5	3	32
Immunizations total child and adult	35	62	1	0	14
Children Lead Tested (6 years and under)	712	913	71	57	554
Newly Identified Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels	N/A	22	0	0	6
Current Children with EBLL Caseload	N/A	N/A	34	34	N/A
- Welcome Baby Packets Mailed	N/A	77	28	34	215
People Trained w/ Narcan	1	145	0	0	11
Opioid Overdose Reporting Forms received	3	3	1	0	4
Dental					
New Clients	340	311	30	20	198
Dental Screenings	1120	1141	89	74	722
- Clients with Low Decay Risk	265	374	32	32	286
-Clients with Moderate Decay Risk	496	419	22	15	161
- Clients with High Decay Risk	347	344	38	27	280
Extractions	100	102	19	16	101
Children Services					
Early Intervention Referrals	148	206	15	14	120
- Early Intervention CURRENT Caseload *Monthly total	N/A	N/A	31	29	N/A
- EI children waiting for service(s)	N/A	N/A	2	1	N/A
Preschool					
- Children in tuition-based program	N/A	N/A	28	33	N/A
- Children receiving transportation services under Serafini contract	N/A	N/A	21	20	N/A
- Children receiving transportation by parents	N/A	N/A	7	13	N/A
Child Find					
- Current Children being served	17	N/A	16	15	N/A

Environmental Health					
Animal bite investigations	153	198	31	29	173
- Individuals requiring Rabies Series (N)	7	2	2	5	38
Rabies Clinics	7	8	1	0	6
Food Establishment Inspections	151	247	13	14	141
Temporary Food Inspections	57	66	2	19	50
Clean Indoor Air Act Complaints (Smoking)	6	0	0	0	1
Mobile Home Park Inspections	12	37	0	4	18
Swimming Pool Inspections	18	11	2	1	7
Tanning Inspections	0	1	0	0	0
ATUPA Checks (Underage Tobacco Sales)	70	108	3	0	75
- ATUPA Violations	2	3	0	0	2
Wellhead Replacement Projects in Progress	N/A	N/A	7	8	
Wellhead Replacement Projects Completed	N/A	N/A	4	3	28
Temporary Residence Inspections (Hotels, motels, campgrounds)	2	12	1	0	3
Children's Camp Inspections	8	7	6	2	13
Agriculture Fairground Inspections	2	2	1	1	2
Nuisance Complaints	16	7	3	4	12
Enforcement Actions	29	72	1	2	27
Weights & Measures					
Inspection Sites	123	110	22	17	129
-Devices Inspected	475	604	52	16	201
Training Hrs/Equipment Maintenance	24	27	2	2	34