



TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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TO: Members of the Board of Health

FROM: A. Reigelman, Secretary

DATE: January 9, 2025

RE: Board of Health Meeting - Thursday, January 16, 2025,
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- None

Presentation- None

Old Business

- Meeting Minutes (November)
- Enforcements

New Business

- By-Law Review
- Member Roles and Responsibilities

Director's Report

- Agency Updates –November & December

Additional Items

- Member Picture

Next Meeting Information

- Next Meeting: February 20, 2025



TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES November 21, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (Attended In Person):

W. Simmons, Vice President
J. Raftis, DO, FACEP
T. Nytch, DVM
T. Leary, FNP

ABSENT:

T. Hills, DVM, President
W. Standing III, Legislator
R. Kapur-Pado, DO

OTHER(S) PRESENT:

H. Vroman, Public Health Director
A. Reigelman, Secretary
P. DeWind, Tioga County Attorney
J. Bailey, Tioga County Administrator
S. Medina, Deputy Director of Public Health
D. McCann, Director of Administrative Services
M. Miller, Director of Patient Services
D. Scherrer, Director of Environmental Health
N. Whitmore, Director of Dental Health Services

CALL TO ORDER: at 7:30 a.m. by Mr. Simmons.

PRESENTATION: Senior management gave program highlights and provided a few challenges seen in 2024. Program highlights were provided to Board members in hardcopy as well.

Mr. Scherrer:

Highlights-

- Mr. Albert Knapp, Public Health Sanitarian, will be retiring at the end of the year. Mr. Alex Knapp, Public Health Technician, will be taking over the septic program and feel there will be no hiccups in transition.
- All larger water supplies did their EPA required lead service line inventory this quarter. The lead service line inventory will be updated annually for all unknown service line connection types.
- The new EH fees are set to start on January 1, 2025. Letters have been mailed already to our existing owners/operators to inform them of fee changes.
- Risk types assigned to our food service establishments will be reviewed in early January with our State Department of Health field coordinator to adjust inspection frequency.
- Mr. Stephen Mastro, Public Health Sanitarian, is currently being trained to inspect food service establishments.

Challenges-

- Critical need to have new staff, however training for new employees is time consuming.
- New lead and copper rule revisions (as of 10/16/24) has been challenging for water operators with submitting plans.

Additional Comment- One new Indian restaurant due to open within the next year in Apalachin.

Ms. Medina:

Highlights-

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- Growth and development in Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Internal improvement with creating processes, updating forms, and staff training. Externally, have met with community partners (Village of Waverly Mayor and health care providers) to provide education. Coordinated and hosted a Lead Renovate, repair and Paint certification training for local contractors and today we are hosting a separate educational training for code enforcement officers.
- With becoming lead agency for the Drug-Free Communities Grant and coordinating ASAP Coalition, we have hired a Program Coordinator and strengthened relationships with community partners. Have done a lot with outreach and media campaigns.
- Coordination of Quality Assurance/Improvement Activities has resulted in a more structured approach to our record auditing process. Have had more programs signed on to do audits, which is great for an in depth look at our programs/services and look at process updates.

Challenges-

- Working within constraints of some of our grants. We are nearing the end of one of our grants and have had to jump through some extra hoops, staff having to take on extra work that we were not made aware of at the beginning of this grant. We have been able to meet requirements though. (discussion of the Creating Healthy Schools and Communities Grant).

Ms. Miller:

Highlights-

- Held Immunization Clinic hours in the fall to prevent children from being excluded from school.
- Held flu clinic for employees.
- Have become more independent with our communicable disease cases (i.e.. Hepatitis). We were recognized by the State for one larger case, please with how it was completed.
- Public Health Nurse did outreach to emergency rooms for Rabies Post Exposure Treatment protocols.
- Now have access to EPIC with UHS and Guthrie hospital systems, which has been very beneficial.
- Trying to build up our Medical Reserve Corps. Our program coordinator and Public Health Nurse is now an American Red cross CPR instructor.

Challenges-

- Early Intervention Program now has new online documentation system rolled out by New York State. Staff have been training with the new system, but challenges are being felt state-wide with the functionality of the system, issues with billing.
- Communicable Disease- New York State Department of Health is putting more responsibility on local health departments to follow up with syphilis cases, but they have been very supportive with training efforts.

Ms. Whitmore:

Highlights-

- Have new electronic enrollment form. Post cards contain QR code to be able to scan to access the online enrollment form. We can also email the link to the form to parents and schools have been posting the link to their websites and social media. Not completely paperless, but goal for the future.
- Trying to increase classroom education to talk about the importance of homecare. Have only had one willing class (which will be in December).

Challenges-

- Discussion of issues with trying to recruit a part time dentist. Ms. Vroman stated that an alternative solution is in the works to have current dentist work more hours, conversations being had with County representatives on granting additional benefits.
 - Additional discussion of dentist shortage and toothbrushes being offered.
- Spent three weeks at Waverly Middle School. 48 out of 96 students seen at the dental van had active decay, 14 out of those 48 were considered urgent need (5 or more cavities or abscesses), extracted 15 teeth.

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- Dental provider shortage within Tioga County. There are six providers, and only one (along with the dental van) takes Medicaid. Having to refer children to Dinosaur Dental or facility in Rochester, but both locations have long waitlists.
 - Discussion of fluorinated water in Tioga County, stigmas of fluoride, opportunities for outreach.

Mr. McCann:

Highlights-

- Successfully completed first electronic payment, and since this document was put together have had payments in almost all program service areas. This was not an easy undertaking and attribute success to Mr. Jason Davis, Assistant Director of Administrative Services.
- 2025 Budget request was submitted, and it has met all County requirement. All assessed needs are still included. Due to be approved in December.
- An Office of Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) review found five Medicaid payments for clients with other insurance. We were able to respond proving that only one did, and that client had only provided us with their Medicaid coverage. Our systems do work!

Challenges-

- Billing software issues in three of our programs (Dental, Early Intervention and Preschool), all of which are New York State Medicaid issues, are delaying revenue. Providers are not getting paid. Because of Ms. Whitmore's additional efforts, we are in a good place with Dental revenue.
- New York State delays in responding to fiscal/administrative calls is holding up some of our work and has caused delays in some of our submittals.
- County Attorney is extremely busy and pulled in many directions, delaying responses and/or reviews of contracts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Third Quarter 2024- Quality Assurance Record Audit: Ms. Medina provided summary of the third quarter record audit review. 132 program records were reviewed with the Public Health Director and Medical Consultant, Dr. Zevan. Recommendations made to conduct record spot checks, revisit record-keeping processes, complete staff education on record completion/process and update clinic forms to be more streamlined. Each quarter, satisfaction surveys are mailed to those that record audits are completed for. This quarter, 26 surveys were returned, all highly rated, with some recommendations for the Dental Program and Rabies Post Exposure Treatment Program. Ms. Medina noted some highlighted comments. Quality Improvement Projects ongoing for Animal bite investigations, Environmental Health electronic forms and Dental Van security efforts. No patient complaints were received and no sharps injuries occurred within the third quarter. Next record audit will be completed in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Meeting Minutes (October): Motion to approve prior minutes made by Ms. Leary; seconded by Dr. Raftis, all were in favor, none opposed, motion approved.
- Enforcements: Brief discussion of McDonalds violations.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS:

- Proposed 2025 Board of Health Calendar was sent electronically and hardcopies distributed. Ms. Vroman noted that agenda items are similar to last year with the inclusion of By-Law review, Quality Assurance Summaries, Management and Fiscal updates. No meetings to be held in August and December. Ms. Vroman inquired if there should be anything added.
 - Dr. Raftis stated that a presentation on how Tioga compares to other counties with Public Health programs/services. Those present discussed who would be best to reach out to for this topic. Ms. Vroman offered possibly inviting New York State Department of Health representatives for each division to discuss program expectations. The Board was agreeable to this suggestion. Dr. Raftis commended Ms. Vroman for the work completed

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during her time as Director, but inquired what this department can expand upon (Ms. Vroman noted that she will touch on this topic while speaking on 2025 goals).

- Mr. Simmons added that he would like to have a discussion surrounding expectations/ roles of the Board of Health members. Ms. Vroman stated that would be a good topic to include, important for the direction of the department and to help prevent what happened under previous administration.

INFORMATIONAL:

- Legislation is currently on the Governor's desk regarding expanding eligibility for Board of Health members to allow lower level practitioners to serve on the Board. Doesn't affect us now, but good for the future.
- Tioga Castings- Last meeting discussed summary from hearing officer. Had meeting with some members of the legislature, discussed pushing back on Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Also had email correspondence on this topic with County Attorney DeWind. The letter from the hearing officer has not gone to the DEC; not within Ms. Vroman's direction to do so.
 - County Attorney DeWind spoke to where the County is now; discussion of cleanup efforts and property ownership difficulties.
 - Further discussion of pushing back on the DEC of putting fence around full property, who to pushback on this (requires further outside discussion).
 - Ms. Vroman made the Board aware of a grant applied for by Economic Development and Planning to complete assessments on vacant/Brownfield sites.
- Awarded two grants-
 - Floyd Hooker Grant for Healthy Homes (\$25,000)
 - In collaboration with Broome County/Child Fatality Review Board for railroad/traffic safety (subcontract for \$20,000). Ms. Vroman explained yearly expectations of the three-year grant.
- Tuberculosis Services contract with UHS Hospitals Status- Contract is with Peter for his review. Discussion of TB in jail, communication between jail and Public Health.
- Strategic Plan- Ms. Vroman explained that Public Health's strategic plan is tied to the County's strategic plan, made up of four main areas. Started as a one-year plan then became a three-year plan. Distributed tracking tool to the Board. Most of the objectives listed are one-year goals. Each objective is being lead by one of our six Directors, then staff were assigned to assist. Ms. Vroman explained that this form is Mr. Bailey's template to show where we are at. Four goals are more than 75% complete, one goal complete fully complete. Ms. Vroman highlighted each objective, noting status/ results.
 - Taxpayer Value-Probably most difficult to capture, working on moving forward with it. Finalizing handout that captures what public health does to show taxpayers how their money supports what we do.
 - Community Needs Assessment- Identified primary needs in a survey that was sent to stakeholders. Needs included: Healthy Homes, healthy living education, substance use and oral health.
 - Leveraging Technology- Can now accept electronic payments which is a major highlight for the year. Administrative staff have worked very hard on implementation. Next step is getting a card reader on the Dental Van and at rabies clinics.
 - Training Needs Assessment- Staff survey results outlined a training plan which identified four main areas: technology, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, and Public Health programs (services each program offers, day-to-day operations, so staff know thoroughly), and miscellaneous training areas (i.e. De-Escalation-which we have a speaker scheduled for at the beginning of the year).
 - Community Partnership- This objective is complete. It was a big part of our 2023 theme of "Reset, Renew, Reimagine." We reached out to old partners and reconnected to provide the new face of Public health and discuss opportunities to keep partners engaged.
 - Mr. Bailey commended Ms. Vroman's efforts with Public Health's strategic plan.

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- 2024/2025 Goals- Ms. Vroman provided handout of 2024 goal statuses and tentative 2025 goals. The overarching goals for 2024 were all completed:
 - Retain current workforce-Very successful; only had one full-time permanent employee resign; had four new hires and one seasonal employee; three current employees moved into new roles; two of which were promotional.
 - Complete assessment of services needed in the community and utilize new Public Health On the Go trailer-Survey provided insights to where we should focus needs. Public Health On the Go trailer is used for rabies clinics.
 - Provide Greater Access to public Health services by leveraging technology- Currently accepting credit card payments. Will also be working on putting permit applications on-line as well.
 - Quality Assurance/Improvement Program renewal/expansion-QIP efforts were stopped for five to six years. QA is critical for evaluation of programs and is a requirement for Article 28 services. All staff have buy-in into this program and we are seeing a difference internally and in the community. Proud to see how our staff feel about this.
- 2025 Tentative Goals: Ms. Vroman explained that these goals were just shared with Senior Management, so some goals may change depending on feedback.
- Expand and retain workforce-We are receiving new grant awards, taking on more work creating a need for additional staff. Also see how we can promote internally (senior titles, etc.).
 - Complete and implement a three-year strategic plan- Would like to bring in an outside consultant to help incorporate existing efforts and prioritize what we need to do.
 - Implement new and/or improved programs/services identified in the community needs survey.
 - Dr. Nytych inquired about working relationships with community partners. Ms. Vroman stated that there is lots of overlap and have good working relationships.
 - Focus on clinic and how to best utilize the CLIA (clinical Laboratory License) to serve the community-Discuss additional testing that can be offered within the scope of our nurses' licenses.
 - Complete the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan-New York State requirement for 2025.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Discussion of employee salary reviews and adjustments within Tioga County. Mr. Bailey and Ms. Vroman explained process within the County. Ms. Vroman also noted that Public Health is in going into Year 3 of the Public Health Infrastructure Grant which allows for Public Health employee incentives. Appreciative of Tioga County Legislature and CSEA for being agreeable to this grant. Mr. Bailey also noted Tioga County's very good benefit plan.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Abigail Reigelman.

Thomas Nytych, DVM, President

Abigail Reigelman; Secretary

Minutes approved January 16, 2024



December 2024 & January 2025 Enforcements

<u>Business</u>	<u>Type of Violation</u>	<u>Fine Paid/Date</u>	<u>Repeat Violation(s) within 12 Month Period</u>
Brian & Angela Richardson The Golf Club at Owego 2771 Watis Rd. Owego, NY	Water	\$100.00 11/13/2024	No
Dollar General Candor 1140 Owego Rd. Candor, NY	Water	\$200.00 11/20/2024	No
Dollar General Berkshire 12343 St. Rt. 38 Berkshire, NY	Water	\$200.00 11/20/2024	No
Tom Hurd Broome Tioga Sports Center 50 Shaffer Dr. Richford, NY	Water	\$400.00 12/2/2024	No
Comfort Inn 7662 St. Rt. 434 Apalachin, NY	Food	\$225.00 12/2/2024	No
Chris Patel Hampton Inn Swimming Pool 1030 St. Rt. 17C Owego, NY	Swimming Pool	\$200.00 12/13/2024	No
Johnathan Bump Links At Hiawatha Landing 2350 Marshland Rd. Apalachin, NY	Water	\$100.00 12/13/2024	Yes
Jamison Reeves Reese's Hideaway Diner 579 Broad St. Waverly, NY	Food	\$525.00 1/2/2025	No



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AGENCY REPORT

October 24-November 20, 2024

Highlights

- Sue Medina, Dan Scherrer and Kylie Holochak graduated from Leadership Tioga.
- The Legislature has approved the new Environmental Health Fee Schedule, which will go into effect on 1/1/2025.
- We processed our first credit card payment this month and have since processed electronic payments in almost all program areas! A shout out to Jason Davis, Assistant Director of Administrative Services, for his diligent work in seeing this through!
- Exciting Staffing Updates: We welcomed our new Public Health Sanitarian, Megan Gilbert, AmeriCorps member, Isabella Benenati, and Lisa Schumacher was promoted to an Office Specialist III!
- Created and instituted a new Healthy Homes checklist for field staff to use when assessing home safety, such as smoke detectors and child-proofing items
- Public Health will now be taking leadership in the Tioga County Suicide Coalition, Katie Wait was appointed Chair.
- Albert Knapp was nominated Team Member of the Third Quarter!
- The Broome-Tioga Child Fatality Review Team (CFRT) has been awarded a grant to support railway safety education in Broome and Tioga Counties! We have also been awarded the Floyd Hooker Foundation grant to assist homeowners in lead paint remediation!
- Hosted Drug Take Back Day in partnership with Tioga ASAP, Tioga County Sheriff's Office and Waverly Police Department with drop off locations in Waverly and Owego. 114 pounds of medication and five large boxes of sharps were collected for safe disposal.

Health Education

- Facilitated educational activity with Head Start in Waverly as well as two other Head Start classrooms in Owego. The activity included carpet time demonstration and lesson, as well as a handwashing activity.
- Participated in PACT's Trunk or Treat held at the Health & Human Services Building. About 100 children attended the event!
- Facilitated a lesson on nutrition at the Candor Family Resource Center.
- Presented to an Ithaca College class about the public health field.
- Attended the Tioga County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting, where they did a tabletop exercise about long-lasting power outages.
- In promotion of quitting smoking, we submitted a proclamation to the Tioga County Legislature for the Great American Smokeout!
- Met with and delivered materials to five local food establishments in Owego and Waverly about alcohol safe server training, which the ASAP coalition is supporting.
- Conducted a community scan to identify any trends in drugs in Tioga County. We visited gas stations and smoke shops to look at alcohol, tobacco products, or cannabis paraphernalia items for sale, prices and any items we did not recognize which will be presented to ASAP Coalition members.
- Completed Narcan training with seven staff from the Owego Church of the Nazarene and two school nurses at Candor Central School District and provided Narcan kits to both locations. 18 Narcan kits were also distributed to refill PAN boxes to Catholic Charities, Catholic Men's Transitional Home and Newark Valley High School.

- Held meetings with Waverly School District, Newark Valley School District and the Boys & Girls Club to discuss possible partnerships with the Tioga ASAP Coalition. Insight was collected regarding what staff are seeing from youth in vaping trends and other substance use.

Environmental Health

- With the upcoming change in Environmental Health fees, we mailed letters to all of our existing owners and operators to inform them of the update.
- Our New York State Department of Health representative came to meet with staff and provide training on food establishment inspections.

Patient Services (EI, Dental, Clinic)

- The Early Intervention team continues to become more acclimated to the new NYSDOH documentation system, the EI Hub, which has been in use since October 15th. Our staff had trained extensively and were well prepared for the new system. Unfortunately, the system has had vast issues that have affected us and all of the EI programs in the state. The NYSDOH Bureau of Early Intervention is well aware of the situation and is working with the EI Hub's developer to get the issues resolved and to help minimize the consequences that providers and children are experiencing.
- Immunization clinic staff have participated in trainings that will help us increase our vaccination rate in Tioga County. These included a 2-day training on Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) visits and a New York State Immunization Coalition meeting about adult immunizations.
- The dental van finished seeing kids at the Waverly Middle/High School and Lincoln Street Elementary School in Waverly. We moved to Tioga Central School District.
- Our Dental Director and Dental Hygienist attended the New York State Dental Hygiene Association Conference in Poughkeepsie.
- The dental crew participated at the Nichols Fire Department's Trunk-or-Treat.
- Dentist is currently booked through the end of January.

Administrative Services

- Staff and our medical consultant, Dr. Zevan, conducted the third quarter record audits reviewing 132 record. From these audits, we have identified opportunities for improvement. This includes improving workflows, documentation and work procedures and staff education.
- We received our first payment from an EI Hub claim and were able to submit respite claims from 2023! It wasn't easy, and many hours were spent troubleshooting until it was resolved.

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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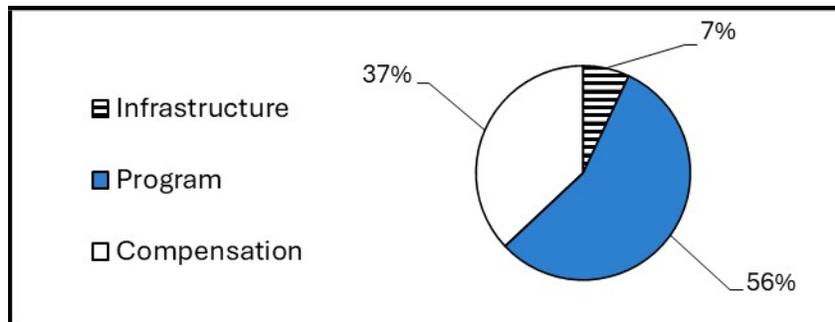
1. Financial Snapshot, YTD thru 10/2024.
2. Photos: Leadership Tioga Graduation 2024, Public Health Employees 2024 Class, Dental Staff at Nichols Fire Dept. Trunk-or-Treat, Public Health Staff at Drug Take Back Day at HHS, Owego.
3. Flyer: "What the Health!?", November 2024.
4. Bulletin Boards: "Turkey Trot!," Health & Human Services Building, Owego, November 2024.
5. Bulletin Board: What's the Real Cost of Vaping," "What do Tioga County Employees Do for Wellness," 56 Main Street, Owego, November 2024
6. Billboards: Speeding Education, Vaping Education, Vaccination Education Various Locations, November 2024.
7. Data Spreadsheet October 24-November 20, 2024.

Financial Snapshot
Year-to-date through October 2024*1,2,3

	Budget 2024	Actual YTD 2024	Percentage of 2024 Budget
REVENUES			
Fees	1,076,622	597,890	56 %
State/Federal	3,779,346	2,238,866	59 %
Local	3,399,287	2,377,390	70 %
TOTAL	8,255,255	5,214,136	63 %

EXPENSES			
Compensation	2,820,323	1,901,375	67 %
Program Expense	4,907,717	2,924,814	60 %
Core Infrastructure	527,215	387,947	74 %
TOTAL	8,255,255	5,214,136	63 %

Allocation of Expenses
Year-to-date through October 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.
2. These figures represent the most recent 'closed out' month by the Treasurer.
3. Additional funds not including in the reported numbers above are JUUL Settlement Funds & ASAP Coalition grants. These are excluded as they are outside of our County approved budgets and would skew the figures to not being accurate reflections of financial status.



Photo: Leadership Tioga 2024, Public Health Graduates



Photo: Drug Take Back Day, Health & Human Services Bldg., Owego



Photo: Nichols Fire Dept. Trunk-or-Treat



What the Health!?

November 2024

WHAT IS ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE?

Antibiotic resistance happens when germs like bacteria and fungi change in some way to reduce or eliminate the effectiveness of the antibiotic.

It does not mean your body is resistant to antibiotic or antifungal medications.

Antibiotic resistance can be driven by overuse and misuse of antibiotic and antifungal drugs.

DO I NEED AN ANTIBIOTIC?

Take antibiotics only if you need them. Antibiotics only treat certain infections caused by bacteria such as strep throat and Urinary Tract Infections.

Antibiotics DO NOT work on viruses such as the common cold and the flu.

IMPROVE ANTIBIOTIC USE!

If your doctor decides an antibiotic is the best treatment when you are sick...

- Take the medication exactly as your doctor tells you.
- Do not share your medication with others.
- Do not take antibiotics prescribed for someone else.



*Healthy Habits
Aren't Autumn-atic
So make them a priority!*

- Take a break from social media
- Aim for 7 hours of sleep a night
- Ask for help when needed
- Tidy your home a little each day
- Eat 3 balanced meals
- Set productive goals
- Spend time with loved ones



PREVENT TICKBORNE ILLNESS

Before Hunting:

- Consider treating your gear with permethrin
- Apply bug spray
- Dress in long-sleeved clothing



After Hunting:

- Examine clothing, gear, and pets for ticks
- Shower soon after coming inside & check yourself for ticks
- Wash your clothing in hot water, then tumble dry clothes on high heat



WASH YOUR HANDS!

Hand hygiene is one of the best ways to prevent employees from getting sick and spreading germs to others in the workplace!

Handwashing can reduce respiratory illnesses, like colds, by 21%

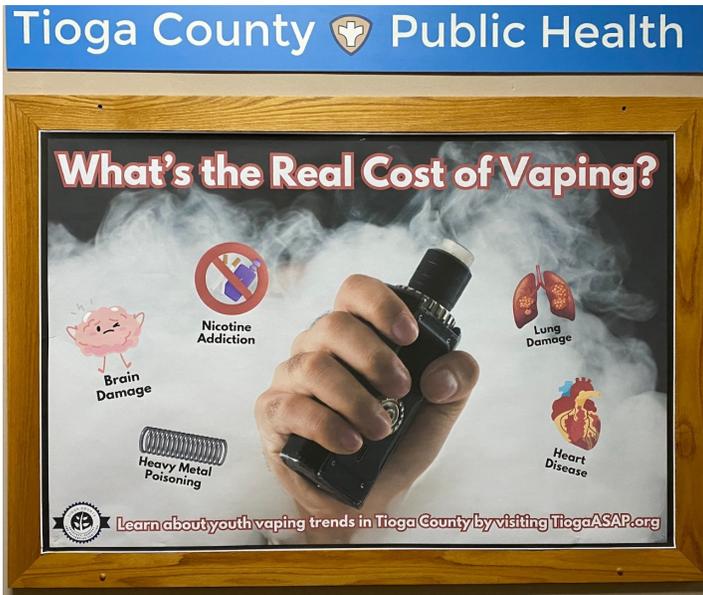
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GET VACCINATED AGAINST THE FLU!

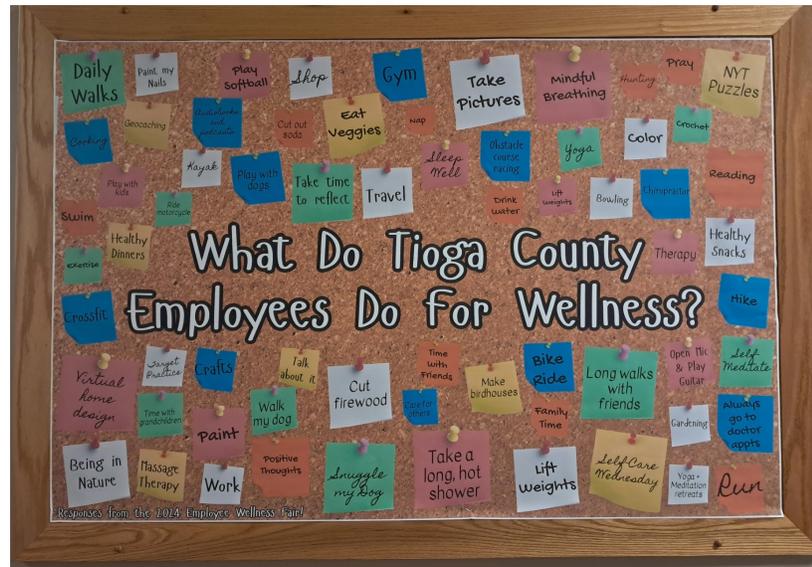


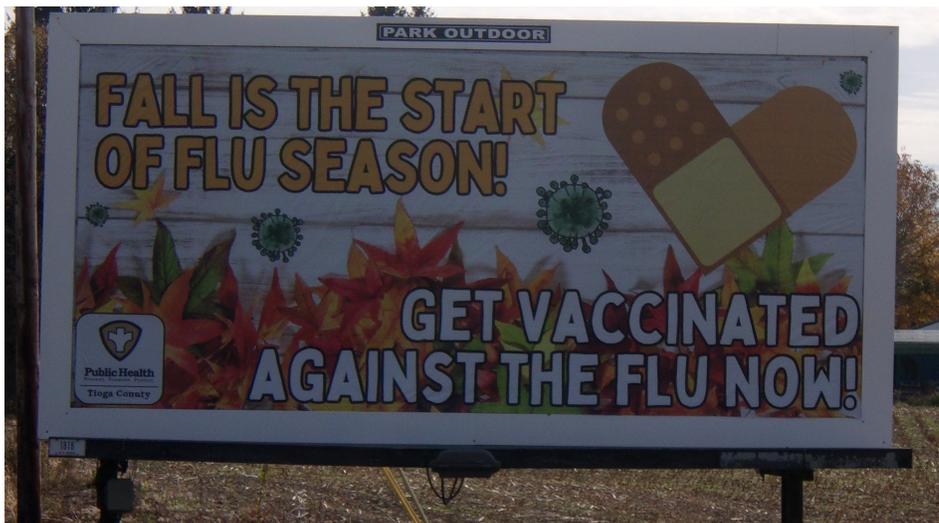


Bulletin Board: Health & Human Services Building, November 2024



Bulletin Boards: 56 Main Street, Owego, November 2024





Billboard Designs, Various locations, November 2024

DATA SPREADSHEET

October 24- November 20, 2024

<u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>Y-E 2022</u>	<u>Y-E 2023</u>	<u>Oct-24</u>	<u>Nov-24</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Community Health					
Communicable Disease	885	2438	174	50	2825
- General Infectious Diseases (Campylobacterious, Salmonellosis, etc)	N/A	61	4	2	280
- Zoonotic Diseases (Anaplasmosis, Lyme, etc)	220	375	19	13	329
- Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (COVID- 19, Influenza, etc)	400	1897	138	30	2111
- Hepatitis	89	15	3	2	17
- PPD Test Administered	0	6	0	0	1
Child Passenger Safety Seats Inspected	40	47	1	3	47
- Child Seats FAILED Inspection	31	36	1	2	38
Immunizations total child and adult	35	62	23	1	73
Children Lead Tested (6 years and under)	712	913	63	51	756
Newly Identified Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels	N/A	22	2	1	9
Current Children with EBLL Caseload	N/A	N/A	25	24	N/A
- Welcome Baby Packets Mailed	N/A	77	20	27	284
People Trained w/ Narcan	1	145	76	9	96
Opioid Overdose Reporting Forms received	3	3	0	0	4
Dental					
New Clients	340	311	26	37	289
Dental Screenings	1120	1141	138	127	1125
- Clients with Low Decay Risk	265	374	38	52	419
-Clients with Moderate Decay Risk	496	419	36	22	251
- Clients with High Decay Risk	347	344	60	52	456
Extractions	100	102	26	20	167
Children Services					
Early Intervention Referrals	148	206	18	18	181
- Early Intervention CURRENT Caseload *Monthly total	N/A	N/A	27	26	N/A
- EI children waiting for service(s)	N/A	N/A	3	3	N/A
Preschool					
- Children in tuition based program	N/A	N/A	21	20	N/A
- Children receiving transportation services under Serafini contract	N/A	N/A	11	13	N/A
- Children receiving transportation by parents	N/A	N/A	10	7	N/A

Child Find					
- Current Children being served	17	N/A	16	18	N/A
Environmental Health					
Animal bite investigations	153	198	10	14	220
- Individuals requiring Rabies Series (N)	7	2	0	3	47
Rabies Clinics	7	8	1	0	9
- Number of Animals Vaccinated	1012	1098	123	0	1377
Food Establishment Inspections	151	247	18	23	215
Temporary Food Inspections	57	66	6	0	59
Clean Indoor Air Act Complaints (Smoking)	6	0	0	0	1
Mobile Home Park Inspections	12	37	2	7	30
Swimming Pool Inspections	18	11	0	2	9
ATUPA Checks (Underage Tobacco Sales)	70	108	4	0	116
- ATUPA Violations	2	3	0	0	2
Wellhead Replacement Projects In Progress	N/A	N/A	8	14	
Wellhead Replacement Projects Completed	N/A	N/A	1	3	29
Children's Camp Inspections	8	7	0	0	13
Agriculture Fairground Inspections	2	2	0	1	3
Nuisance Complaints	16	7	3	4	22
Enforcement Actions	29	72	3	3	38
Weights & Measures					
Inspection Sites	123	110	22	16	187
-Devices Inspected	475	604	67	54	390
Training Hrs/Equipment Maintenance	24	27	5	2	41



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AGENCY REPORT

November 21-December 25, 2024

Highlights

- Nicole Whitmore, Mel Miller and Mark Griep graduated from Institute for Advancement (I4A)!
- Staff participated in a panel discussion with SUNY Broome students on prevention work in Tioga County. There were about 15 students that were in attendance. Staff highlighted the Tioga ASAP coalition, prevention initiatives and provided students with some examples of promotional items and outreach work.
- The End of Year Recognition for Public Health staff was a success! Thank you to Employee Recognition Committee for planning and coordinating!
- Employee Recognition Committee hosted a great Holiday Spirit Week, thank you Katie W. for facilitating activities! Congratulations to the Dental Van crew on winning the movie-themed decorating contest!

Health Education

- Health Educators, who attended the National Emerging Drug Trends Conference in October, presented their findings from the conference to the ASAP Coalition.
- Staff attended the "Coalition's Rising" virtual conference which focused on using environmental scans as a data collection tool, working in rural communities on suicide prevention, and working with businesses to enhance prevention efforts.
- Staff interviewed with WICZ on the Great American Smokeout and discussed the need for continued tobacco prevention work in Tioga County.
- Provided 25 lock boxes to United Health Services' Methadone Clinic for their Tioga County residents.
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator attended the Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition (HEPC) meeting in Syracuse.
- In our Welcome Baby Program, this month we placed one successful referral to PACT and shared information on Mothers & Babies' smoking cessation program.

Environmental Health

- Hosted a Lunch'n'Learn for Tioga County Code Enforcement Officers titled "Public Health & Code Enforcement-Working Together," where staff presented on lead paint hazards, water, septic program, rabies exposures and public health nuisances to share about our work and identify areas for collaboration to make our communities safer and healthier. It was very well attended.
- Environmental Health staff attended a webinar training on inspecting breweries and supermarkets.
- New York State- Environmental representative for the water program conducted additional onsite training for our staff.
- We have a new water operator in the Town of Owego.

Patient Services (EI, Dental, Clinic)

- Early Intervention Service Coordinators delivered educational holiday stockings to children in our Early Intervention program.
- Service Coordinators continue to advocate for the children in our program and continue to show resilience in spite of NYSDOH's EI Hub system. Additionally, due to the provider shortage our Service Coordinators have been doing more outreach to providers and having to provide explanations to parents.
- Grant evaluators from Eastern Tennessee University came to evaluate our dental program and learn how the funds we received from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) benefited the

community. Their evaluation included interviewing program participants, school administration, county staff, including a few of our own staff members.

- As part of Quality Improvement project to improve the security on the dental van, Captain Yaegar from the Sheriff's Department did a walk-through of the dental van and recommend several security measures. The Quality Assurance Team will continue to develop a safety plan.
- Tioga Smiles hosted a Tioga Central Kindergarten class for a tour of the dental van, learning the sights and sounds of a dental office and discussed ways to have a healthy smile.
- Public Health Nurse (PHN) has been busy following up on Pertussis cases in the county to ensure that close contacts have access to post-exposure prophylaxis and educating on several prevention tips. It is now considered an outbreak in Tioga County.
- Along with Pertussis, we have seen an uptick in sexually transmitted infections, COVID and flu are on the rise, and we have seen a decrease in tick borne diseases.
- PHN conducted her first CPR and basic first aid training with two of our staff members.

Administrative Services

- Senior staff presented program updates to Board of Health at November meeting.
- Director of Admin Services presented on the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)-Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) conference call sharing our approach and success using the PHIG funds with other New York counties.
- Our Quality Assurance Improvement Team is actively working on quality enhancement projects and is making progress with the department's initiative to implement electronic forms by developing an e-application for Temporary Food Permits.
- PHD attended NYSACHO Membership Meeting in Albany.

Ongoing Support/Partnerships

- 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)
- 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

Attachments:

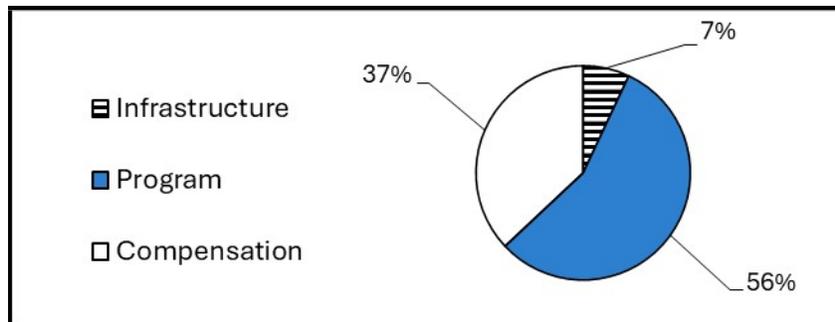
1. Financial Snapshot, YTD thru 11/2024.
2. Photos: Leadership Tioga Graduation 2024, Public Health Employees 2024 Class, Dental Staff at Nichols Fire Dept. Trunk-or-Treat, Public Health Staff at Drug Take Back Day at HHS, Owego.
3. Flyer: "What the Health!?", December 2024.
4. Bulletin Boards: "Test Your Smoke Alarms!," Health & Human Services Building, Owego, December 2024.
5. Bulletin Board: "Don't Drink And Drive!," 56 Main Street, Owego, December 2024
6. Billboards: "Get Your Flu Shot Today," "Want Lyme?" "Don't Drink And Drive!" Various Locations, December 2024.
7. Data Spreadsheet November 21-December 25, 2024.

Financial Snapshot
Year-to-date through November 2024^{*1,2,3}

	Budget 2024	Actual YTD 2024	Percentage of 2024 Budget
REVENUES			
Fees	1,076,622	619,763	58 %
State/Federal	3,779,346	2,401,592	64 %
Local	3,399,287	2,616,934	77 %
TOTAL	8,255,255	5,638,289	68 %

EXPENSES			
Compensation	2,820,322	2,083,375	74 %
Program Expense	4,906,718	3,160,374	64 %
Core Infrastructure	528,215	394,264	75 %
TOTAL	8,255,255	5,638,289	68 %

Allocation of Expenses
Year-to-date through November 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.
2. These figures represent the most recent 'closed out' month by the Treasurer.
3. Additional funds not including in the reported numbers above are JUUL Settlement Funds & ASAP Coalition grants. These are excluded as they are outside of our County approved budgets and would skew the figures to not being accurate reflections of financial status.



What the Health!?

December 2024

Tips to Reduce Holiday Stress

1. Plan Ahead...Write down your to-dos and what's most important.
2. Put yourself first... set time for things you enjoy!
3. Set a budget and stick to it.
4. Don't be afraid to say no.
5. Remember, you matter. Call, text, or chat with 988 if the holiday stress is too much!



Planning for a Baby in September?

Fun Fact: September is the most popular month for birthdays!

If you're family planning goals don't include a little one next year, make sure to use protection!

For more information, follow Tioga Opportunities Family Health Clinic on Facebook, or call 607-687-5333.



CAN YOU SPOT ALL 4 FIRE HAZARDS?





Bulletin Board: Health & Human Services Building, December 2024



Bulletin Board: 56 Main Street, Owego, December 2024



Billboard Designs, Various locations, December 2024

DATA SPREADSHEET

November 21- December 25, 2024

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES	Y-E 2022	Y-E 2023	Nov-24	Dec-24	Y-T-D
Community Health					
Communicable Disease	885	2438	76	231	3082
- General Infectious Diseases (Campylobacterious, Salmonellosis, etc)	N/A	61	6	46	330
- Zoonotic Diseases (Anaplasmosis, Lyme, etc)	220	375	23	13	352
- Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (COVID-19, Influenza, etc)	400	1897	41	159	2281
- Hepatitis	89	15	2	0	17
- PPD Test Administered	0	6	0	0	1
Child Passenger Safety Seats Inspected	40	47	3	2	49
- Child Seats FAILED Inspection	31	36	2	2	40
Immunizations total child and adult	35	62	3	12	87
Children Lead Tested (6 years and under)	712	913	51	56	812
Newly Identified Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels	N/A	22	1	1	10
Current Children with EBLL Caseload	N/A	N/A	24	25	N/A
- Welcome Baby Packets Mailed	N/A	77	27	14	298
People Trained w/ Narcan	1	145	9	0	96
Opioid Overdose Reporting Forms received	3	3	0	0	4
Dental					
New Clients	340	311	37	36	325
Dental Screenings	1120	1141	127	102	1227
- Clients with Low Decay Risk	265	374	52	42	461
-Clients with Moderate Decay Risk	496	419	22	23	274
- Clients with High Decay Risk	347	344	52	37	493
Extractions	100	102	20	3	170
Children Services					
Early Intervention Referrals	148	206	18	14	195
- Early Intervention CURRENT Caseload *Monthly total	N/A	N/A	26	27	N/A
- EI children waiting for service(s)	N/A	N/A	3	4	N/A
Preschool					
- Children in tuition based program	N/A	N/A	20	22	N/A
- Children receiving transportation services under Serafini contract	N/A	N/A	13	13	N/A
- Children receiving transportation by parents	N/A	N/A	7	9	N/A
Child Find					
- Current Children being served	17	N/A	18	21	N/A

Environmental Health					
Animal bite investigations	153	198	14	18	238
- Individuals requiring Rabies Series (N)	7	2	4	3	51
Rabies Clinics	7	8	0	0	9
- Number of Animals Vaccinated	1012	1098	0	0	1377
Food Establishment Inspections	151	247	23	13	228
Temporary Food Inspections	57	66	0	3	62
Clean Indoor Air Act Complaints (Smoking)	6	0	0	0	1
Mobile Home Park Inspections	12	37	7	5	35
Swimming Pool Inspections	18	11	2	2	11
ATUPA Checks (Underage Tobacco Sales)	70	108	0	0	116
- ATUPA Violations	2	3	0	0	2
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