



## TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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TO: Members of the Board of Health

FROM: A. Reigelman, Secretary

DATE: January 11, 2024

RE: Board of Health Meeting - Thursday, January 18, 2024,  
7:30 a.m., **Multi-Purpose Conference Room**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Health and Human  
Services Building at 1062 St. Rt. 38, Owego, NY 13827.

### REVISED AGENDA

Introduction of Guests-None

Presentation- None

Additional Items

- Board of Health Member Binders

Old Business

- Meeting Minutes
- Enforcements
- Environmental Health Hearing Decision (12/5/2023)

New Business

- Approve Standing Committee for Credentialing of Medical Consultants/Dentist
- 2024 Proposed Calendar

Informational

- Agency Updates – November & December 2023

Next Meeting Information

- Next Meeting is on February 15, 2024



# TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

## MEETING MINUTES November 16, 2023

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (All Attended In Person):**

W. Simmons, Vice President  
R. Kapur-Pado, DO (Arrived at 7:38 a.m.)  
T. Leary, FNP  
T. Nytch, DVM  
J. Raftis, DO, FACEP

### **ABSENT:**

T. Hills, DVM, President  
W. Standinger III, Legislator

### **OTHER(S) PRESENT:**

H. Vroman, Public Health Director  
A. Reigelman, Secretary

### **GUESTS:**

Susan Medina, Deputy Public Health Director (Departed at 8:28 a.m.)  
Denis McCann, Director of Administrative Services (Departed at 8:28 a.m.)  
Nicole Whitmore, Director of Dental Health Services (Departed at 8:28 a.m.)  
Todd Kopalek, Supervising Public Health Sanitarian (Departed at 8:28 a.m.)  
Melanie Miller, Director of Patient Services (Departed at 8:28 a.m.)

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 7:37 by Mr. Simmons

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** by Ms. Vroman, who stated that the Public Health Management Team will be sharing program accomplishments from the past year/last six months.

### **PRESENTATION:**

- Ms. Medina shared that she started part way through the year, in May, but the biggest highlights from then on include:
  - Worked with staff to reassign programs and projects, which has not only provided professional development opportunities but has allowed us to reconsider our approach.
  - Have reengaged with community partners, including healthcare providers, coalition work; rebuilding relationships.
  - Public Health Fellowship program-currently have two Fellows which has been a nice to show them what Public Health does, give them opportunity to learn.
- Mr. McCann:
  - Created electronic forms, which are being used as template/pilot for the County.
  - We've received compliments from at least a dozen department heads, especially in assisting with the County's Remote Work pilot program, helping in writing the policy and pushing to get it approved. We are now moving into an additional year of the pilot program.
    - Ms. Vroman added that Public Health took the lead in this pilot program because our staff had experience with it, primarily working from home during COVID.
    - Members and Public Health staff discussed Tioga County's remote work program.
  - Tioga County has New York State Comptroller Audit, Public Health talked to the auditors once and they never had any follow up questions. The processes we have in place allow the department to run smoothly and efficiently, without worry of fraud, waste or abuse.

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- Ms. Whitmore:
  - Added two additional dental van stops for Spencer-Van Etten children as the district installed new electrical hook-ups at the Middle School and Elementary.
  - Had a Dental Fair at Spencer-Van Etten School District with the help of Health Educators, Cornell Cooperative Extension and Casa Trinity. Over 300 students grades PK-4 received education on oral health, nutrition and tobacco as well as a tour of the dental van.
  - October marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tioga Smiles program serving the residents and children of Tioga County. We received great feedback from patients of the dental program which were shared on Public Health Facebook page. Ms. Whitmore passed around the complimenting comment cards to the Board.
    - Ms. Vroman encouraged the Board to follow the Public Health Facebook page to be able to see shared messages and highlights.
    - Dr. Kapur-Pado gave a shout out to Ms. Medina, as she initiated the Dental Van program 20 years ago.
    - Dr. Nytch inquired if the dental van reaches northern parts of Tioga / serve the Tioga County Amish communities.
      - Ms. Whitmore stated that the van goes to Newark Valley Schools. Difficult to go into Richford/Berkshire due to lack of accessible electrical hookups. But if appropriate hookups were in place could spend some time there during the summer months. She also stated that some Amish families are seen on the van, but most do not want preventative care.
    - Discussion of the staff that run the van (P/T Dentist, Dental Assistant, two Hygienists, and now have new Office Specialist III); still looking for another P/T Dentist.
    - Ms. Whitmore briefly explained the dental program: all Tioga County residents are welcome to call and schedule, take most insurances. Cost is based on a sliding fee scale.
- Mr. Kopalek:
  - Had 51 enforcements year-to-date: 13 food related, 31 water related, 4 underage sale of tobacco products, 3 miscellaneous.
  - No foodborne outbreaks this year, attributed to food course (enforce that one employee of each establishment take the course every two years). Have had 220 individuals take the food course this year.
  - Awarded \$44,000 for another year of the Wellhead Extension Grant.
    - Dr. Nytch inquired if animal butchering establishments fell under Public Health regulations. Mr. Kopalek replied that they fall under USDA.
- Ms. Miller shared that she is another returning employee, came back in April. Now oversee Early Intervention and Nursing:
  - Early Intervention (EI)- struggle in program because of lack of providers. We have good quality staff who provide great outreach. This year started sending a HIPAA-compliant waitlist to providers to assist in getting children services. Also doing more Quality Assurance. Charts are being reviewed to see what can be done better to streamline.
  - Nursing- have Public Health Nurse who is awesome! Can now complete own communicable disease cases, do COVID and flu tracking, and outreach to providers and nursing homes to let them know Public Health can be a resource. We have revamped the clinic and are back to vaccinating. This year was able to prevent 14 children from being excluded from school. Offer regular clinic hours on Thursdays.
    - Ms. Vroman added that the Board should stop by and see the clinic updates. Now have new swipes on doors, decals on walls to make it a much friendlier space. Also have a Therapy Room downstairs.
    - Ms. Leary stated that EI wasn't always accessible, had more pushback; now it is a lot more accessible.
    - Ms. Miller asked if anyone has outreach ideas to please reach out.
    - Discussion of lead/ lead program, and the recent recall (Weis applesauce).

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Dr. Raftis asked the Public Health Management Team what the biggest roadblock/struggle for each program has been. What is lacking/needed?

- Ms. Medina stated that it is difficult to be a rural county as people look to larger areas for resources. We have low participation for outreach events (ie. Car Seat events). How can we really reach the community?
- Mr. McCann stated that 1.) Not enough hours in a day, and 2.) There is no low hanging fruit anymore, difficult to meet cost needs (in Preschool program and Transportation). In order to expand in some areas, we have to reduce in others.
- Ms. Whitmore stated that people don't value oral health (not just in Tioga County, it's everywhere). We work with kids but the parents are not coming to the appointment to assist in educating. We see tons of decay in kids.
  - Ms. Vroman asked Ms. Whitmore to speak on the percentages of decay.
  - Ms. Whitmore did not have exact amounts, but roughly: saw 87 kids in middle school/high school in Waverly. Under 10 had never had a cavity. Over 100 cavities on the 40 kids who did have decay.
  - Ms. Leary asked if Fluoride helps. Ms. Whitmore stated that yes, it does help (about 40% effective) if applied 4 times a year (which children seen on the van are only seen once). There is stigma in Tioga County that Fluoride is bad for you. Ms. Leary stated that it is about breaking cycles.
    - Dr. Kapur-Pado stated might be worth a presentation on Fluoride effectiveness in water.
- Mr. Kopalek stated that with the resignation of one Public Health Sanitarian, has been difficult. Have not had any bites, possible due to the specific education qualifications and salary.
- Ms. Miller stated that making sure people know we are here to help as a resource; rebuilding partnerships. Also, of course the EI provider shortage. All we can do is advocate.
  - Mr. McCann gave fiscal explanation of EI provider shortage (since 2013 EI providers have been paid by New York State and receive delays in payments, because of this provider have pulled out of the program).
  - Ms. Medina stated that the Commissioner of the State has highlighted that this is an issue. Ms. Vroman added that the State is trying to increase EI provider rates by 11% to try to be able to keep providers.
  - Ms. Leary noted that EI services are great, need to have available.

The Board thanked the Public Health staff for sharing.

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

- Proposed 2024 Calendar (distributed electronically and in hardcopy)- Ms. Vroman stated that the By-Laws indicate having an annual review [of the By-Laws], have it listed tentatively in January. Is that something you would like to move to a different month? Board decided to leave the review in January.
  - Dr. Raftis noted that it was nice having the different Public Health directors/supervisors here to be able to get feedback and asked that they come in at least once a year.
    - Dr. Nytych stated maybe one or two could come in at a time every other month so that it doesn't take up the entire meeting.
    - Ms. Vroman stated that Quality Assurance is completed quarterly, we could have one or two staff come quarterly to coincide with that. The Board was in agreement.
  - Discussed possible presentation topic ideas:
    - County Government Structure/ other committees (Ms. Vroman briefly explained Health and Human Services Committee meetings, when meetings are/what occurs). Ms. Leary stated with more knowledge might assist in advocating for resources (like EI).
      - Discussion between Ms. Vroman and Board members on EI program and proper advocacy/ support for children.

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## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Meeting Minutes: No discussion; motion to approve prior minutes made by Dr. Kapur-Pado; seconded by Ms. Leary, all were in favor, none opposed, motion approved.
- Enforcements: Ms. Vroman stated only one enforcement, forgot to submit water sample.

## **INFORMATIONAL:** Ms. Vroman shared updates.

- The Legislature approved Dr. Nytch's reappointment.
- A rabid kitten situation in Rockland County. \*0 kids had to receive RPEP for exposure. On the call that discussed this referenced the Tioga County Goat incident.
  - Mr. Simmons stated that he has real concern for Agriculture classes in schools, bringing animals in to classes. Need to be informed of proper protocol (animals need to be vaccinated).
    - Ms. Vroman stated that Public Health can put out a letter to send to schools (Superintendents, principals, Agriculture teachers) to inform them that if bringing animals into classrooms that they must be vaccinated.
- December 5<sup>th</sup> will be having a Environmental Health Administrative Hearing for an enforcement that did not get paid. Discussion of enforcement, meeting details.
- We have been contacted by an attorney regarding a lead case that was investigated in 2021. Working with County Attorney DeWind on this.
- The 2024 Medical Consultant position is going to be two positions (based on previous model we had in 2009). This for budgetary purposes and to have expertise in different areas. The Board briefly discussed.
- What priorities would you like to see addressed, things you'd like to be updated on in 2024?
  - Dr. Nytch stated that he would like to see more on lead and dental, important topics.
  - Mr. Simmons enjoyed today's presentation from staff, would like to see more of the inner workings of Public Health.
  - Dr. Raftis asked about Mental Health-not clear on what's fully available. Also possibly identify other local county health departments/Board of Health's to see how they perform, how we can improve.
  - Ms. Leary stated that it is all about resources, how does Tioga County allocate funds; how can we share messages and make changes.
    - Discussion of rural communities, politicizing Public Health, staff incentives (salary raises), retention and recruitment strategies.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Quarter's Three Audit Summary: Dr. Kapur-Pado provided the Board with brief summary of the internal chart audit review of public health programs that took place November 3, 2023.
  - The internal audit team reviewed charts to see what can be done better.
  - Feel it is good that auditors review their own charts.
  - Had some corrections to make.

Ms. Vroman noted that bringing back Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement is definitely one of highlights for the year, looking at what we do and what we can do better.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 A.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Abigail Reigelman.

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William Simmons, Vice President

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Abigail Reigelman; Secretary

Minutes approved January 18, 2023



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**Tioga County**

December 2023 & January 2024 Enforcements

<u>Business</u>	<u>Type of Violation</u>	<u>Fine Paid/Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Village Clerk Village of Waverly 32 Ithaca Street Waverly, NY	Water	\$350.00 11/27/2023	First
Duane Blasdel Maple Ridge Ranch 2857 Montrose Turnpike Owego, NY	Water	\$100.00 12/4/2023	First
Raceway Management NY, Inc Onvo Travel Plaza 305 Stanton Hill Rd. Nichols, NY	ATUPA	\$350.00 12/4/2023	First
Village Clerk Village of Candor 138 Main St. Candor, NY	Water	\$350.00 12/13/2023	First
Town Clerk Town of Barton 304 NY-17C Barton, NY	Water	\$100.00 12/15/2023	First
Catherine Dunham C&M Sweets 3610 Waverly Rd. Owego, NY	Water	\$100.00 12/20/2023	First



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# AGENCY REPORT

October 26-November 22, 2023

### Highlights

- We hosted the Tioga County Healthy Partnership meeting with our partner agencies that participated in the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Presentations were given on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and the Creating Healthy Schools and Communities grant.
- Announced Fall Walking Challenge Winners! Thank you to all those who participated!
- The Management Team presented 2023 program highlights/accomplishments at the November Board of Health Meeting.

### Health Education

- At the request of Glove House, presented to foster parents on correct use and installation of car seats and the Child Passenger Safety Program.
- The lead workplan was completed for the new grant cycle. Also in process of updating letters used to mail to families with children with elevated lead. Care Coordination and Environmental Health home investigations have been collaborating on visits to be more efficient.
- Participated in the Citizens Preparedness Event at Apalachin Elementary.
- Met with Creating Health Schools and Communities grant partners in the Town of Berkshire to plan for projects taking place during Years 3 and 4 of the grant.
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) team is in process of planning our annual PHEP exercise.
- Finishing key informant interviews for the COVID-19 After Action Report with local partners.
- Attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and provided updates on COVID-19 rates and opioid overdoses.

### Environmental Health

- The 2024 Rabies Vaccination Clinic schedule has been finalized!
- A Tioga County School District water system operator received two additional certifications for larger water systems. We administered the assessment/test and approved, then received secondary approval from New York State.
- One of our Public Health Sanitarian's spoke at the Waverly Water Systems Improvement project meeting about water sampling expectations and notifications to Public Health if restaurants would be without water.
- Attended the Tioga County Water Quality Coordinating Committee quarterly meeting and highlighted our Well Head Program.
- Met with Broome County Health Department ATUPA Coordinators about best ATUPA practices and sign posting. Also discussed new vape laws and implementation of complaint process.
- Working with local establishment that had a sewage line failure.
- Septic program forms were updated to streamline the process and assist with a faster turnaround time.

### Patient Services (EI, Dental, Clinic)

- Director of Dental Health Services attended the New York State Oral Health Conference.
- The Dental Van finished at Waverly schools, providing services to 251 children, and has moved to Tioga Central School District.

- Early Intervention is preparing for the rollout of the new EI Hub (new application for EI documentation). The EI Team and select Admin staff have been attending training webinars.
- The EI Team had a phone conference with the New York State Bureau of EI. They were able to express their concerns/difficulties with the service provider shortages and how we work hard to recruit providers to see our county's kiddos.
- EI Service Coordinators have been busy with intakes. They are flexible and supportive to their families especially with the ongoing provider shortage. At this time, fifteen children are waiting for services.
- Nursing held infection control trainings for the Health and Human Services Building Security staff.
- Nursing had a flu clinic for Tioga County employees, and we dispensed all 30 available doses.
- Our Public Health Nurse shadowed Broome County's Communicable Disease staff to assist in improving our communicable disease investigation process.

### **Administrative Services**

- Erin Youells joined the team as our new Office Specialist III on November 6<sup>th</sup>. She will be assisting in-office and on the Dental Van.
- Jason Davis was promoted to Assistant Director of Administrative Services.
- Completed our third quarter internal program audit review, found few corrective actions. We are making great progress in updating our record audit tools and formalizing our auditing processes.
- Continuing with policy updates
- Public Health Director participated in the New York State DEC Listening session on transportation.

### **Ongoing Support/Partnerships**

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

#### Attachments:

1. Financial Snapshot, YTD thru 10/2023.
2. Flyer: "What the Health!?", November 2023.
3. Bulletin Board: "What You Should Know About RSV," 56 Main St., Owego, November 2023.
4. Bulletin Boards: (Small) "Fast Facts About Marijuana", (Large) "Combating Holiday Stress," HHS Building, November 2023.
5. Billboards: One Size Doesn't Fit All! (Car Seat), Fall is the Start of Flu Season, Narcan Saves Lives!, Various Locations, November 2023.
6. Data Spreadsheet October 26-November 22, 2023.



## Financial Snapshot Year-to-date through October 2023

2023 Budget	Actual* <sup>1,2</sup> YTD 2023	Percentage of 2023 Budget
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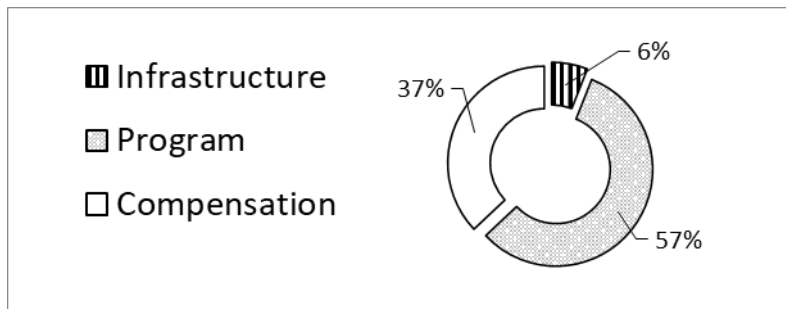
### REVENUES

Fees	1,069,850	589,267	55 %
State/Federal	3,379,867	1,986,339	59 %
Local	2,960,456	1,825,827	62 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,410,173</b>	<b>4,401,433</b>	<b>59 %</b>

### EXPENSES

Compensation	2,737,891	1,619,164	59 %
Program Expense	4,148,100	2,516,340	61 %
Core Infrastructure	524,182	265,929	51 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,410,173</b>	<b>4,401,433</b>	<b>59 %</b>

## Allocation of Expenses Year-to-date through October 2023



**\*Notes:**

1. COVID Specific funds have been removed from these tables, as they skew the numbers due to their large amounts. In 2023, over \$1.9 million of Covid funding remains within Public Health. However, very unlikely much of it will be expended.
2. 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!?

November 2023

## KNOW WHEN TO WASH YOUR HANDS!



[www.cdc.gov/handwashing](http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing)



## Fast Facts About: Marijuana

Also known as cannabis, weed, pot, or dope, contains more than 100 compounds including THC (which is impairing or mind-altering) and CBD (which does not cause a “high”).

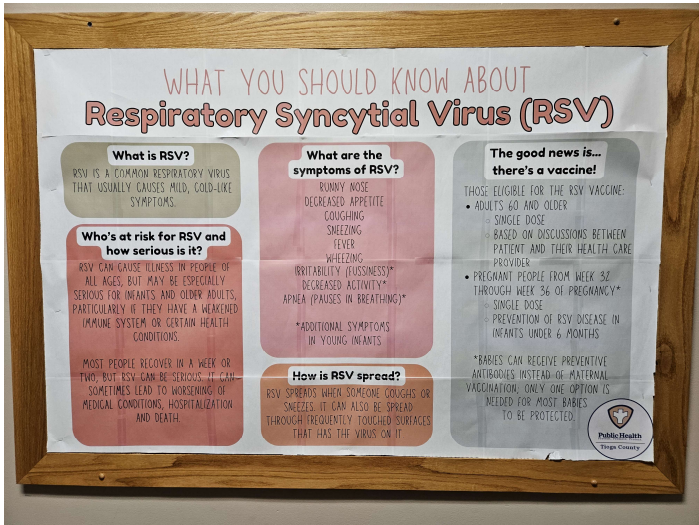
- Marijuana use directly affects brain function, specifically the parts of the brain responsible for memory, learning, attention, decision making, coordination, emotions, and reaction time.
  - Developing brains, such as those in babies, children, and teenagers, are especially susceptible to the harmful effects of marijuana and THC!
- Smoked marijuana can harm lung tissues and cause scarring and damage to small blood vessels.
- Marijuana use has been linked to a range of mental health problems like temporary psychosis, depression, social anxiety, and schizophrenia.
- Edibles, or food and drink products infused with marijuana, have a greater risk of poisoning. Children can mistake edibles for regular food or candy, which can make them very sick.
- Marijuana negatively affects several skills required for driving safe like slowing down one’s reaction time and the ability to make decisions.

### REQUEST FREE HARM REDUCTION SUPPLIES!

Visit [ph.tiogacountyny.gov](http://ph.tiogacountyny.gov) for more information!

**Harm Reduction Saves Lives! Support Not Stigma!**

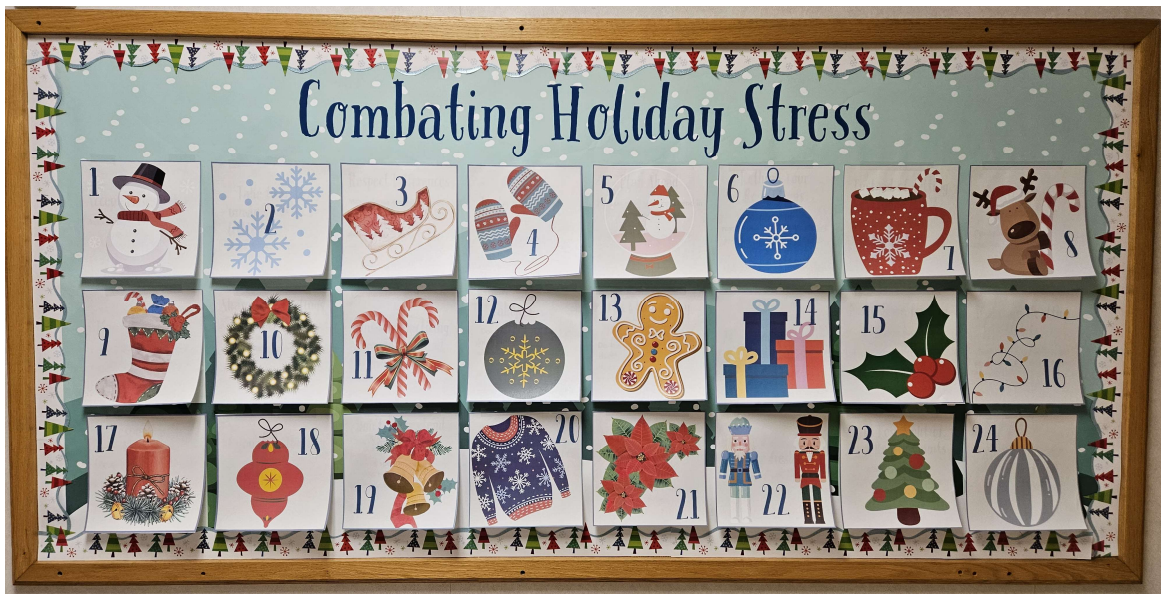
**DRIVING HIGH IS ILLEGAL!**  
**DON'T GET BEHIND THE WHEEL IF YOU ARE UNDER THE INFLUENCE!**



Bulletin Boards, 56 Main Street, Owego, November 2023



Small Bulletin Board, HHS Building, Owego, November 2023



Large Bulletin Board(Outside), HHS Building, Owego, November 2023



Large Bulletin Board (Inside), HHS Building, Owego, November 2023



Billboards, Various Locations, November 2023

# DATA SPREADSHEET

October 26-November 22, 2023

<b><u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES</u></b>	<b><u>Y-E 2021</u></b>	<b><u>Y-E 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Nov-23</u></b>	<b><u>Y-T-D</u></b>
<b>Community Health</b>				
Communicable Disease	0	885	120	2031
- General Infectious Diseases (Campylobacterious, Salmonellosis, etc)	N/A	N/A	5	57
- Zoonotic Diseases (Anaplasmosis, Lyme, etc)	105	220	19	357
- Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (COVID-19, Influenza, etc)	49	400	88	1519
- Hepatitis	53	89	0	15
- PPD Test Administered	0	0	0	5
Child Passenger Safety Seats Inspected	20	40	3	45
- Child Seats FAILED Inspection	10	31	1	35
PH Interns (New interns)	2	2	0	0
Immunizations total child and adult	0	35	2	56
People Trained w/ Narcan	2	1	0	145
Opioid Overdose Reporting Forms received	12	3	1	3
<b>Dental</b>				
New Clients	154	340	42	285
Dental Screenings	782	1120	106	1046
- Clients with no tooth decay	328	265	42	345
-Clients WITH tooth decay	310	496	14	388
- Clients with EXTENSIVE tooth decay	128	347	49	310
Extractions	179	100	12	95
<b>Children Services</b>				
Early Intervention Referrals	138	148	15	194
- Early Intervention CURRENT Caseload *Monthly total	59	52	52	N/A
- EI children waiting for service(s)	N/A	N/A	6	N/A
<b>Environmental Health</b>				
Animal bite investigations	150	153	11	188
Rabies Clinics	6	7	0	8
- Number of Animals Vaccinated	1098	1012	0	1098
Food Establishment Inspections	182	151	21	227
- Establishments with Violation	26	18	1	13
Temporary Food Inspections	8	57	3	22
- Clean Indoor Air Act Violations (Smoking)	0	0	0	0
Mobile Home Park Inspections	37	12	6	30
Swimming Pool Inspections	14	18	2	9

ATUPA Checks (Underage Tobacco Sales)	102	70	0	108
- ATUPA Violations	3	2	0	3
Children's Camps	4	8	0	7
Agriculture Fairgrounds	2	2	0	2
Nuisance Complaints	17	16	1	5
Enforcement Actions	31	29	7	66
<b>Weights &amp; Measures</b>				
Inspection Sites	129	123	7	98
-Devices Inspected	499	475	94	494
Training Hrs/Equipment Maintenance	72	24	0	27



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November 23-December 20, 2023

### Highlights

- The Public Health Employee Recognition Committee planned an Employee Recognition Luncheon to celebrate Public Health employee's hard work and accomplishments of 2023. Also planned a very successful Holiday Spirit Week! Dental Van Crew were the winners of our holiday decorating contest!
- We submitted an article to New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) News magazine. The article highlights our Wellhead Replacement Program.
- Submitted COVID After Action Report!

### Health Education

- Health Educators put together the outreach plan for January. Themes to include: cervical cancer/ HPV vaccines, winter driving safety and what to know about antibiotic -resistant bacteria.
- Created a credentialing report for MRC Volunteers with medical licenses that are expired.
- Our Public Health Emergency Preparedness Team reviewed the plans for our upcoming PHEP Exercise in February.
- Met with Tioga Central School District to discuss partnering together for the Creating Healthy Schools and Communities Grant (CHSC) during Years 3 and 4 of the grant.
- We delivered Narcan to Tioga Central School District and facilitated a tabletop Narcan training with their nurse and high school principal.
- Assisted with making fliers, Facebook posts and promotional materials for the 2024 Tioga County Pop-Up Career Fair.
- Two of our staff attended the first session of the Local Health Department Performance Incentive Program for Year 12 which is focused on Active Communities.
- We submitted a grant application to NYSACHO to do targeted education in 2024 on tickborne illnesses and to provide tick removal kits.
- Our Fellows attended the New York State Public Health Fellows Annual Conference in Albany.

### Environmental Health

- The 2024 Rabies Vaccination Clinic schedule has been released and is posted on the Tioga County Public Health Facebook Page and website. The magnetic calendars are on their way!
- We assisted in certifying a new water operator for the Village of Candor.
- Held hearing regarding an unresolved stipulation for a food establishment violation.
- No food establishments with violations this reporting period!

### Patient Services (EI, Dental, Clinic)

- Early Intervention Service Coordinators delivered holiday stockings to children in the Early Intervention program.
- Dental Van finished up for the year at Tioga Central Schools. One of the kindergarten classes came out for a tour of the dental van, and experienced what a dental visit would look like. They received education on good oral habits and each child was given a toothbrush.
- Participated in an Infectious Disease Surge Annex Tabletop Exercise for the quarterly HEPC Meeting.
- Continuing with Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) visits for our local provider offices and follow-ups. Conducted an IQIP "Audit" for our Immunization Clinic to find ways to improve processes.

- Our Public Health Nurse visited Cortland County Health Department and shadowed their Communicable Disease staff to look for opportunities to improve what we do.
- In the Lead program, we are doing more outreach to Primary Care Providers, sending lists of patients with upcoming lead test due dates. The hope is this will improve the number of children with elevated blood lead levels (EBLLs) getting retested on time.
- Flu season was officially declared in New York State December 6th, we are following Article 28 regulations and have posted signs stating that all unvaccinated staff are to wear masks while in clinic areas.

### **Administrative Services**

- PHD attended the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) Membership Meeting.
- New conference room chairs were bought for Conference Room B in the Health and Human Services Building.
- All staff completed their annual county trainings in record time!
- Attended multiple trainings on the new NY Statewide Financial System (SFS). Will be county-wide leaders of new system.
- Ordered new Rabies Vaccination Clinic trailer to assist in the transportation and set-up at clinics.

### **Ongoing Support/Partnerships**

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

**Attachments:**

1. Financial Snapshot, YTD thru 11/2023.
2. Flyer: “What the Health!?,” December 2023.
3. Bulletin Boards: “Holiday Fire Prevention,” Workplace Wellness Board “Dimensions of Wellness,” 56 Main St., Owego, December 2023.
4. Billboards: Germ-Free Wonderland, Smoke Alarm Awareness, and Don’t Drink and Drive! Various Locations, December 2023.
5. Data Spreadsheet November 23-December 20, 2023.



**Financial Snapshot  
Year-to-date through November 2023**

2023 Budget	Actual <sup>*1,2</sup> YTD 2023	Percentage of 2023 Budget
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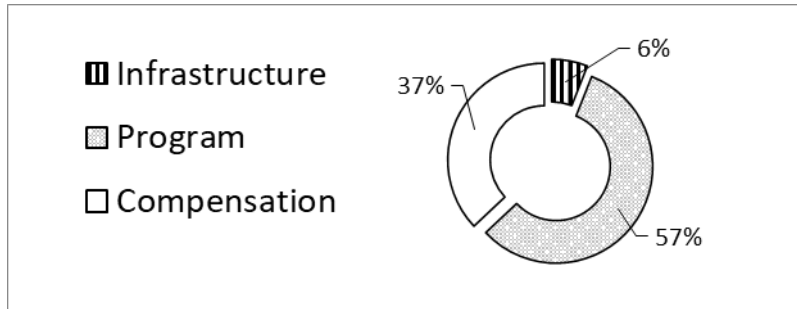
**REVENUES**

Fees	1,079,850	706,731	65 %
State/Federal	3,436,992	2,260,974	66 %
Local	2,960,456	2,178,774	74 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,477,298</b>	<b>5,146,479</b>	<b>69 %</b>

**EXPENSES**

Compensation	2,737,891	1,878,897	69 %
Program Expense	4,215,235	2,950,963	70 %
Core Infrastructure	524,172	316,619	60 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,477,298</b>	<b>5,146,479</b>	<b>69 %</b>

**Allocation of Expenses  
Year-to-date through November 2023**



**\*Notes:**

1. COVID Specific funds have been removed from these tables, as they skew the numbers due to their large amounts. In 2023, over \$1.9 million of Covid funding remains within Public Health. However, very unlikely much of it will be expended.
2. 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.



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# What the Health!?

December 2023

## Holiday Fire Prevention

INSPECT DECORATIONS AND LIGHTS FOR FRAYED OR PINCHED WIRES.

CONSIDER REPLACING OPEN FLAME CANDLES WITH ELECTRIC.  
PLACE MENORAHS OR KINARAS ON NON-FLAMMABLE SURFACES.

KEEP DECORATIONS OR FLAMMABLE ITEMS AWAY FROM OPEN FLAMES OR HEATING SOURCES.

EXTENSION CORDS SHOULD NEVER BE STRUNG TOGETHER OR RUN UNDER RUGS OR FURNITURE.

NEVER LEAVE EQUIPMENT USED FOR BAKING OR COOKING UNATTENDED AND TURN OFF ALL BURNERS BEFORE LEAVING THE ROOM!

WATER YOUR TREE DAILY!



## GOING OUT FOR THE HOLIDAYS? **ALWAYS HAVE A SOBER DRIVER!**

When attending a gathering where alcohol or other substances will be served, plan beforehand to get home safely.

- Designate a sober driver or arrange for a taxi or ride share (to and from your destination).
- Talk in advance with friends & family about planning to prevent impaired driving.

Don't let others get behind the wheel if they're under the influence.

- Take their keys and arrange a sober ride home or have them stay the night.

If you host a party where alcohol or other substances will be served:

- Ask your guests to make a plan to get home safely.
- Offer alcohol-free beverages.
- Make sure all guests leave with a sober driver.

Always wear a seat belt and make sure that everyone in the vehicle wears a seat belt.

If you see an impaired driver on the road, pull over and contact law enforcement!

**The designated driver should remain SOBER. Do not consume any alcohol or other drugs.**



## Stay Safe

## on the Road

## This Winter

### Check Your Tires

Make sure your tires have good traction. Consider having snow tires on during the winter.

### Brush Off Snow

Remove snow from your windows, roof, and off the hood of the car before driving.

### Increase Distance

Leaving more distance between you and the vehicle in front of you will give you more time to slow down if you lose control.

### Slow Down

Reduce your speed when roads are icy or snowy.

### Turn Off Cruise Control

Have full control of acceleration when roads are icy or snowy.

### Fuel Up Your Tank

The extra weight will help prevent sliding.

### Emergency Kit

Keep a roadside emergency kit in your car.

Do not drive if roads are hazardous unless it is absolutely necessary!





Bulletin Board, 56 Main Street, Owego, December 2023



Workplace Wellness Bulletin Board, 56 Main Street, Owego, December 2023



Billboards, Various Locations, December 2023

# DATA SPREADSHEET

November 23-December 20, 2023

<b><u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES</u></b>	<b><u>Y-E 2021</u></b>	<b><u>Y-E 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Dec-23</u></b>	<b><u>Y-T-D</u></b>
<b>Community Health</b>				
Communicable Disease	0	885	303	2438
- General Infectious Diseases (Campylobacterious, Salmonellosis, etc)	N/A	N/A	1	61
- Zoonotic Diseases (Anaplasmosis, Lyme, etc)	105	220	7	375
- Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (COVID-19, Influenza, etc)	49	400	293	1897
- Hepatitis	53	89	0	15
- PPD Test Administered	0	0	1	6
Child Passenger Safety Seats Inspected	20	40	2	47
- Child Seats FAILED Inspection	10	31	1	36
PH Interns (New interns)	2	2	0	0
Immunizations total child and adult	0	35	4	62
People Trained w/ Narcan	2	1	0	145
Opioid Overdose Reporting Forms received	12	3	0	3
<b>Dental</b>				
New Clients	154	340	26	311
Dental Screenings	782	1120	95	1141
- Clients with no tooth decay	328	265	29	374
-Clients WITH tooth decay	310	496	31	419
- Clients with EXTENSIVE tooth decay	128	347	34	344
Extractions	179	100	7	102
<b>Children Services</b>				
Early Intervention Referrals	138	148	12	206
- Early Intervention CURRENT Caseload *Monthly total	59	52	51	N/A
- EI children waiting for service(s)	N/A	N/A	7	N/A
<b>Environmental Health</b>				
Animal bite investigations	150	153	10	198
Rabies Clinics	6	7	0	8
- Number of Animals Vaccinated	1098	1012	0	1098
Food Establishment Inspections	182	151	20	247
- Establishments with Violation	26	18	0	13
Temporary Food Inspections	8	57	0	22
- Clean Indoor Air Act Violations (Smoking)	0	0	0	0
Mobile Home Park Inspections	37	12	7	37
Swimming Pool Inspections	14	18	2	11
ATUPA Checks (Underage Tobacco Sales)	102	70	0	108

- ATUPA Violations	3	2	0	3
Children's Camps	4	8	0	7
Agriculture Fairgrounds	2	2	0	2
Nuisance Complaints	17	16	0	5
Enforcement Actions	31	29	6	72
<b>Weights &amp; Measures</b>				
Inspection Sites	129	123	12	110
-Devices Inspected	499	475	110	604
Training Hrs/Equipment Maintenance	72	24	0	27