

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 @ 9:00 AM

Present: **Ryan, Grant,** Kehl, Granger, Hastings, Brunner, May, King, Becker

Absent:

Also Present:

Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
9:00 AM Committee Chair's Agenda			
		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
9:00 AM Mental Health w/K. Dryja			
1. Proclamation: March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. FYI ~ Contract (\$3,000 and under): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlson's Studio, 2110 Sayre Rd. Wyoming, NY 14591 for the provision of Veteran's Photography Class for six weeks, not to exceed \$ 1,850.00; effective February 12, 2019 through December 31, 2019. • WCJW, Merchant Rd. Warsaw NY 14569 for the provision of radio ads during the High school basketball season, not to exceed \$957.00 ; effective 1/1/2019 through 3/31/2019. • Lake Plains Community Care Network, 575 East Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020 for the provision of fiduciary services for GOW Suicide Prevention Center of NY 2019 – 2021 Infrastructure Grant, not to exceed \$500; effective 1/1/18 through 12/31/21. 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
3. Appropriation: To: 01.38.4310.4.41801 Misc. Assess/Chg. Oth. Govt. <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">\$30,000.00</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">w/any funds available \$30,000.00</div> Reason: To fund court ordered placement at state Forensic Unit for restoration to competency	** change in FSS regulations from prior years. Currently 1 individual placed, we have budgeted 1 month at 15K and this allocation will allow an additional 2 months over current budget.	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
4. Overnight Travel Authorization: Kelly Dryja to attend 2019 CLMHD Spring Full Meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY April 28 – April 30, 2019. A county car will be used. The Conference will pay for Monday night. Funds budgeted.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
5. Grant Application: Authorize Chairman to sign a grant application with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA, 5600 Fishers Lane, 17 th Floor, Rockville, MD 20857) for the provision of funding for enhancement of services provided by Partners 4 Prevention coalition <i>in an amount up to</i> \$50,000.00; effective March 22, 2019 through June 15, 2019.	SAMHSA, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2019 Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (STOP Act) grants. The purpose of this program is to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth and young adults ages 12-20 in communities throughout the United States. <i>Grant Application Only</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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7. 2019 Winter NYSAC Conf. Resolution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Resolution Calling on the Office of Mental Health, Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, and the Governor to Ensure Long Term Viability of Housing Programs for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder</i> 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
9:30 AM Public Health w/G. Collins, L. Paolucci, & K. Standish			
1. FYI ~ Contract (\$3,000 and under): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robinson Hackemer, Marley Funeral Home, Eaton-Watson, W.S. Davis: for the provision of funeral home transports \$95.00 in-county, \$200.00 MCME and \$400.00 NYS Correctional cases; effective March 1, 2019 until modified or terminated by either party. • Pecan Pie Productions, 3288 21st Street #239, San Francisco, CA 94110 for a one year on-screen ad (at Spotlight Theater) for MWHS; \$1,700 per year, effective January 4, 2019 through January 3, 2020. • Dell, Inc., One Dell Way, Mail Stop 8129, Round Rock, TX 78682 for purchase of laptop (including accessories and software); not to exceed \$1,800 effective February 14, 2019 through delivery. • Various vendors: Vehicle-related purchases (floor mats, storage totes, wash supplies, vacuum) to improve useful life of HD fleet. Grant reimbursed. 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. ODMAP Review		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
3. NYS Reproductive Health Act		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
4. Request Procurement card for Danni Hutson, Public Health Technician; \$500.00 credit limit.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<p>5. <i>Overnight Travel Authorization:</i> D. Hutson, PH Technician to attend FSIO Standardization Classroom Training April 11 -12, 2019 at the NYS Fairgrounds – Art & Home Center, 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209. Travel by County car. Gas, tolls, lodging, employee expenses budgeted and reimbursed by Article 6 State Aid.</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p>6. <i>Weights & Measures Discussion:</i> Contract with Livingston-Steuben ends on 3/1/19. Review and discuss proposal presented to HR Committee</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p>7. <i>Community Health Assessment in process.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request permission to email county workforce a survey link on health-related needs and post notice in areas frequented by members of the public (DMV, DSS, Veterans, Government Center) <p>Genesee-Orleans-Wyoming Opioid Taskforce assembling an online resource directory in “Arounja”; will be recruiting Wyoming County agencies to list program information (no cost).</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p>8. Blue Fund letter of intent by Lake Plains for Opioid Use Disorder services in the Jail.</p>	<p><i>Supporting Documentation?</i></p>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p>9. Visitor traffic has increased at the HD with Veteran’s Services on site. Staff at the front desk have noted some visitors have difficulty with the doors. Will work with B&G to determine cost of handicap accessible/automatic door installation and return to discuss options.</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p>10. Renew the Lead Risk Assessor Certification (3 year) for A. Meyer, PH Sanitarian, not to exceed \$600 during 2019 for continuing education and Certification application.</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<p>11. Operational Update (As Needed): <u>ADMINISTRATION:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NYSDOH Consolidated Monitoring Review April 8 – 11 ➤ HD Administration Strategic Planning Meeting, 2/20 ➤ NYSDOH Budget Proposals <p><u>ENVIRONMENTAL:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ January Environmental Health Report ➤ Summary/event evaluation from Warsaw Village water main break ➤ Annual Wyoming County Water Operator’s Training to be held March 20th at the Ag Center. ➤ Annual Children’s Camp Workshop to be held March 5th at the Ag Center. <p><u>PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Navigator Program Update: NYSOH record enrollments; still waiting for funding notice for 5/1/2019 ➤ Working with Veteran Services on health education initiatives. <p><u>PH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:</u> <u>MWHS:</u> <u>JAIL MEDICAL:</u> <u>CORONERS:</u> <u>WCCHS:</u></p>		<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>
<p>12. 2019 Winter NYSAC Conf. Resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution Calling for Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature to Classify as Controlled Substances Certain Fentanyl "Analogues" that are Responsible for Opioid Overdose Deaths 	<p><i>Orange County Resolution from 02/07/19 also attached.</i></p>	<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>
<p>13. 2019 Winter NYSAC Conf. Resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution for New York State to Approach Legalization of an Adult-Use Program for Recreational Marijuana Slowly and Cautiously, Keeping Research and the Anticipated Role of Local Health/Mental Health Departments in the Forefront of Conversation as Policy and Regulations are Developed 		<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>
<p>14. 2019 Winter NYSAC Conf. Resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution to Expand Infrastructure for Public Health and Safety throughout New York State: Reinvesting in Core Public Health Activities and Response to Unfunded Mandates and Emerging Issues Addressed by Local Health Departments 		<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>

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15. 2019 Winter NYSAC Conf. Resolution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Resolution in Support of Statewide Legislation Concerning the Sale and Possession of Synthetic Drug</i> 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
16. 2019 Winter NYSAC Conf. Resolution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Resolution Calling on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the State Legislature to Fund Unattended Death Investigations Including Costs Associated with Performing Autopsy and Toxicology Services</i> 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

Signature of Committee Chairman: p/R. Ryan (minutes prepared by _____).

Next Public Health Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, March 27, 2019 @ 9:00 AM.**

Committee Chair Initials: _____

PROCLAMATION

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAIMED

WHEREAS, disability is a natural part of the human experience that does not diminish the right of individuals with developmental disabilities to live independently, to exert control and choice over their own lives and to fully participate in and contribute to their communities through full integration and inclusion in the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of society; and

WHEREAS, developmental disability awareness encourages people to understand that when people with disabilities are welcomed into local neighborhoods, houses of worship and schools, and are expected to work and have careers, everyone wins; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming County celebrating the abilities and contributions of people with developmental disabilities can only serve to enrich the community and enhance our diversity; and

WHEREAS, every person, regardless of their ability has valued strengths, a capacity to learn and the potential to make important contributions to their local community; and

WHEREAS, we recognize Wyoming County's advancements concerning persons with developmental disabilities, and also acknowledge that our work to ensure full inclusion and entegrated communities is not yet done; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim March 2019 to be

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

In Wyoming County and urges our citizens to give full support to efforts towards enabling people with developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the SEAL of the **COUNTY OF WYOMING** to be affixed
this **day of March in the year 2019.**

A.D. BERWANGER, Chairman

Wyoming County Board of Supervisors

**2019 NYSAC Legislative Conference
Standing Committee on Public Health/Mental Health
Resolution #4**

Proposed Resolution Calling on the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and the Governor to Establish Permanent Jail-Based Substance Use Disorders (SUD) Treatment and Transition Services Program in County Correctional Facilities

WHEREAS, New York State is engaged in a significant effort to address the rising rate of substance use disorders, including the epidemic of opioid and heroin addiction and the increasing number of deaths due to overdose; and

WHEREAS, the SFY 2018-19 Enacted Budget included \$3.75M to fund County Mental Hygiene /Departments Local Government Units (LGUs) to develop and expand substance use disorder treatment and transition services in county jails; and

WHEREAS, The NYS Association of Counties, Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, NYS Sheriffs' Association and are pleased with and appreciate the Governor's support for the continuation of programs established under last year's funding by including an additional \$3.75M in the SFY 2019-20 Executive Budget proposal; and

WHEREAS, this is a significant first step in addressing the need, however this level of funding will not adequately sustain or create any additional programs in counties beyond March 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The NYS Association of Counties and its partners are requesting a total of \$7.2M in SFY 2019-20, increasing to \$12.8M in SFY 2020-21 annually thereafter to support comprehensive jail-based substance use disorder treatment and post-release transition service in all county correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, a 2017 report entitled, "Completing the Recovery Treatment Continuum: Jail Based Substance Use Disorder Services" conducted by Policy Research Associates on behalf of the NYS Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors discusses the vital need to address a gap in the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment continuum by funding treatment and transition services in the jail setting; and

WHEREAS, jail incarceration provides a unique opportunity to offer treatment supports during periods when people are experiencing abstinence while incarcerated and upon planning for discharge and may be more receptive to accepting treatment; and

WHEREAS, the cost of any SUD treatment and services provided inside the county jails is borne by the county, and it is an ever-increasing burden which the Counties cannot meet; and

WHEREAS, annual OASAS State Aid funding to the LGUs for comprehensive jail-based SUD treatment and re-entry planning is critically important to reducing drug use,

overdoses and overdose deaths, recidivism, crime, and will save taxpayer dollars money and most importantly, save lives; and

WHEREAS, data from a July 2018 study published in the American Journal of Public Health now indicates that inmates were 40 times more likely to die of an opioid overdose in the first two weeks after release; and

WHEREAS, New York State's own analysis of the costs and benefits of jail-based SUD treatment found these services save taxpayers \$2,170 in criminal justice costs and victims \$676 per person, for a total impact of \$2,846 saved for each person served, as well as a reduction of 13 victimizations per 100 people served; and

WHEREAS, in the era of property tax caps and increasing workforce shortages, a dedicated annual State funding stream to the LGUs is desperately needed in order to provide jail-based SUD treatment and transition services, as well for supporting and retaining staff, including but not limited to, screening and assessments upon entry, education and counseling services, peer support, CASACs, supervising staff, and other SUD treatment providers, medication assisted treatment and discharge planners to facilitate treatment after release; and

WHEREAS, securing \$7.2 million in SFY 2019-20 Enacted Executive Budget will provide the necessary resources for LGUs to sustain existing programs and create additional jail-based SUD treatment and transition services programs in counties without funding to address the existing gap in the SUD treatment continuum which will further support efforts to reduce the human cost of the heroin/opioid epidemic on New Yorkers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Association of Counties calls on the Governor and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to help combat the heroin and opioid epidemic, save lives and reduce the rate of recidivism, by providing state funding for the treatment and transition of incarcerated individuals with substance use disorders in our county jails; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New York State Association of Counties shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature, and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

**2019 NYSAC Legislative Conference
Standing Committee on Public Health/Mental Health
Resolution #3**

Resolution Calling on the Office of Mental Health, Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, and the Governor to Ensure Long Term Viability of Housing Programs for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder

WHEREAS, safe and affordable housing with supports is an essential component of recovery for many people with serious mental illness and substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, Mental Hygiene housing program models were developed decades ago with much lower level requirements for types of services and levels of staffing than what is necessary to assist clients with much higher-needs today; and

WHEREAS, Supported & Supportive housing models are expected and required to serve the clients with the highest and most challenging needs, manage the health and mental health for many clients with a co-occurring substance use disorder, and manage complicated medication regimens to treat their behavioral and other co-morbid chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and pulmonary disease; and

WHEREAS, Directors of Community Services throughout the State report significant waiting lists for mental health and addiction recovery housing and it is becoming increasingly more difficult to find units that offer both higher level services and the appropriate staffing to safely serve these medically-complex individuals; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that State policymakers recognize how maintaining outdated housing models and reimbursements for these higher-need clients negatively impacts a county's ability to provide appropriate access to care and drives up costs; and

WHEREAS, to illustrate the extent of these waiting lists, Suffolk County has approximately 589 clients (131 homeless), Sullivan County with over 200 (110 homeless), Orange County with over 800, and in the Finger Lakes – Seneca County with 97; and

WHEREAS, the State has a constitutional responsibility to provide stable, dignified, and affordable housing to these high-needs clients, and by continuing to provide insufficient reimbursement rates and inadequate funding, the counties will see further reductions in capacity and limited access to care leading to increased homelessness in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Office of Mental Health (OMH) Supported Housing was introduced in 1990 as an initiative to facilitate an increase in long-term/permanent housing options for clients with mental illness coupled with individual supports; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 19,000 OMH Supported Housing units statewide with per-unit reimbursement rates that provide for a minimal set of services, often as little as one staff to tenant contact per month which does not go far enough in providing stability for clients with extensive mental and physical health care needs; and

WHEREAS, OMH and OASAS Supportive Housing provides permanent and affordable housing with supportive services to individuals or families with disabilities (mental illness, SUD, domestic violence, etc.) who are homeless or at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, these settings are typically comprised of two models; congregate and scattered-site with approximately 50,000 units statewide, 32,000 of which are located in NYC; and

WHEREAS, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene currently contracts for 8,699 units of supportive housing for individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, on average over 80% of the total annual funding for scattered site apartments (\$29,897,960) is being used for apartment rents; and

WHEREAS, being obligated to devote such a proportion of funding to apartment rents degrades the necessary social services to keep vulnerable clients housed with appropriate supports; and

WHEREAS, vital supportive housing programs need the State to increase rates to address this immediate need that is getting worse every year and becoming untenable; and

WHEREAS, without a funding increase, programs are at serious risk of closure, which will push clients into homelessness and higher risks of mental and physical health destabilization; and

WHEREAS, the State offers Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) models for individuals suffering from addiction that include: Medicaid Re-Design PSH, NY/NY III PSH (NYC), Re-Entry for Parolees in NYC PSH, Upstate PSH, Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI), and Continuum of Care Case Management – all with varied admission requirements ranging from jurisdictional mandates to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Upstate PSH currently supports only 124 units (outside NYC and Long Island) and does not address the current need; and

WHEREAS, the State's ESSHI program provides operational and service funding for housing developers/providers interested in developing new or rehabbed properties, and offers a payment structure resembling the actual cost of operating programs with a payment escalator; and

WHEREAS, the goal of OMH and OASAS housing programs is to assist and support participants in their achievement for housing stability, employment and self-sufficiency which requires substantial State investments to housing programs to meet the needs in every county; and

WHEREAS, without appropriate State investments, these achievements will be unobtainable for a vast majority of individuals, resulting in increased costs of hospitalization, incarceration and homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Association of Counties calls on the Governor, Office of Mental Health, and Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to include funding in the 2019-20 Executive Budget to adequately maintain the current levels of housing programs across the state, and include additional appropriations for the expansion or creation of new housing program models that will fit the needs of every county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the New York State Association of Counties shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature, the State Office of Mental Health, the State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and all others deemed necessary and proper.

RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO; SENATE MAJORITY LEADER ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS; AND ASSEMBLY LEADER CRYSTAL PEOPLES-STOKES, TO REPEAL THE NEW YORK STATE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the County of Niagara undoubtedly defends, protects, and values all human life, that every person, from conception to natural death, possesses inherent dignity and immeasurable worth, and

WHEREAS, while Niagara County agrees that women should have the access to safe and affordable reproductive healthcare, we can't forget that a fetus is not merely a fetus, but a human being. Certainly, women's lives matter, however, we must also remember that the lives of voiceless infants equally matter, and

WHEREAS, the Reproductive Health Act, which Governor Cuomo signed into law on January 22, 2019, gives women the right to have an abortion at any stage of their pregnancy, with all criminal aspects expunged from the records, and

WHEREAS, the Reproductive Health Act lacks clarity regarding a "health" justification for late-term abortions, as the term "health" has been interpreted by the Supreme Court to include essentially any matter related to a woman's physical, psychological, or emotional health, and

WHEREAS, according to the most recent official statistic from the New York State Department of Health , there were over 87,000 abortions reported in 2018, therefore making New York State's abortion rate the highest of any state, and

WHEREAS, inevitably, more abortions will result from this legislation, allowing access when the infant is fully developed inside the womb, consequently making the mothers' womb the most dangerous place for a child to be in New York State, and

WHEREAS, under the Reproductive Health Act, New York State no longer requires licensed physicians to perform abortions, which then permits the state government to allow other health care professionals to perform abortions, which could include nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and even midwives, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Niagara does hereby call upon Governor Cuomo to repeal the Reproductive Health Act, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; Senate Majority Leader Andre Stewart-Cousins; Senate Minority Leader John Flanagan; Senator Robert G. Ort; Speaker of the Assembly Carl Heastie; Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes; Assembly Minority Leader Brian M. Kolb; Member of the Assembly Michael J. Norris; Member of the Assembly Angelo Morinello; Member of the Assembly Karen McMahan; Member of the Assembly Robin Schimminger; and all others deemed necessary and proper.

LEGISLATOR JOHN SYRACUSE

LEGISLATOR WM. KEITH MCNALL

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT MONTH OF January 2019

Permits Issued:

Food Service	11	Temporary Residence	0
Mobile Food Service	0	Children's Camp	0
Temporary Food	1	Swimming Pool	0
Mobile Home Park	1	Tanning Facility	2
Tattoo Establishment	1	Community Dinner Permissions	4

Rabies Program:

Animals Submitted for Testing	2	1 – Raccoon (Negative), 1 – Deer w/DEC(Negative)
Human Post Exposure Shots	0	*See Below
Animal Bite Reports Investigated	6	4 – Dogs, 2 - Cats

Water & Sewage Program:

Misc. Programs/Items:

Property Transfer Dye Tests	15	Public Health Nuisance Complaints Investigated	2
Private Water Samples Collected	30	Regulated Facility Operations Inspections	18
Sewage Disposal Permits Issued	2	Notice of Hearing / Enforcement Proceeding Initiated	1
Public Water Samples Collected	31	Surface Water Beach Samples	0

Additional Areas of Interest:

*Individual was bitten by a stray that got into their mobile home and was not able to capture it for the required 10-day observation period. The individual was informed of the potential risk of rabies exposure from the stray cat. This office recommended post exposure shots for the individual but they declined because of their belief that the cat appeared to be in good health.

During January this department increased the number of electronic forms available for use on the Wyoming County Website to thirteen. This service, along with the opportunity to pay online using GovPayNet, has proven to be widely used and a valuable service for our customers. In 2018 this office received 501 form submittals using this platform and 185 of those requiring payment, for the service being requested, elected to do so through GovPayNet resulting in payments totaling \$28,710 being received by this department. All associated processing fees were paid by the customer.

A Complaint/Notice of Hearing was issued at a Food Service establishment after a critical public health hazard violation was noted during a recent inspection. The matter was resolved after the corresponding Stipulation Offer was accepted by the establishment's owner which included the completion of a HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points) educational training being offered by this department.

The Wyoming County anti-rabies vaccination clinics have been scheduled for 2019. The dates and locations are: 3/9 – WC Highway Dept., 6/4 – (V) Perry Highway Dept., 6/13 – (T) Arcade Highway Dept., 7/17 – (T) Attica Highway Dept. and 10/5 – WC Highway Department. Continuing this year is allowing individuals to pre-register on their electronic devices prior to the clinic. The pre-registration form for the March 9th clinic is now available on the Counties website. Hopefully this will continue to reduce some of the on-site clinic registration wait time.

Beginning early morning on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 the Water treatment Plant operators noticed an increase in demand for water to the Village of Warsaw. Village crews immediately began searching within our distribution system and transmission mains looking for signs of a fairly major leak. Shortly afterwards, we also began turning valves in an attempt to isolate areas monitoring how the plant responds in an attempt to narrow down possible locations. On Thursday, Feb. 7, I contacted Steve Perkins and the Wyoming County Water Resource Agency to request assistance locating the leak. Village crews worked alongside of the agency most of the day Friday unable to identify any major leaks. Saturday Feb. 8, a possible location was identified and shortly after confirmed to be the source of major water loss. At this time it was estimated to be in excess of 200 gals. /minute was lost from a 12" ductile iron water transition watermain that carries finished water from the treatment plant in Rock Glen to the village distribution & storage systems. After assessing the location and severity of the break, it was immediately obvious outside contractors were needed. Strategic planning with involvement from an engineer, contractor, village administration and Wyoming County DOH took place through Saturday into Sunday evening with intentions of directional drilling a new 12" hdpe pipe under Relyea Creek Monday morning preparing tie-in locations on Tuesday and a scheduled shut Wednesday to perform tie-ins.

Plant operators monitored demand around the clock over the weekend noticing another increase Sunday night into Monday morning. This time the increase exceeded capabilities of our water plant forcing an emergency shut on both sides of the break eliminating any flow through the 12" main in hopes of preserving the level in our storage tank. Due to ice accumulation in the storage tank, the level indicator was not functioning and tank levels had to be estimated. At this time, level was thought to be 8'-10'. Shortly after the 12" main was shut, we realized the ice accumulation was excessive resulting in false measurements when estimating tank levels.

Monday Feb. 11, 7:00 am Plans to drill under the creek were abandoned. New plan was to open cut Relyea Creek crossing with an excavator while still using 12" hdpe to replace the deteriorated 12" ductile iron allowing for repair to be completed that day. Excavation began about 9:00 am with the majority of trench opened up and creek crossing installed by 1:00pm. Preparations to dewater and perform tie-in on the south side immediately followed. With the south side of the creek crossing completed, village crews took over the backfill procedure allowing Steve Morsch and crew to relocate to the North side of creek. This excavation and tie-in was completed around 5:30 pm and the 12" transmission main began to refill by 6:00 pm. A process to remove air and flush debris from the watermain began immediately with normal pressures recorded by 10:00 pm at several locations in the village. Storage tank levels since the repair have held consistently at 22' and demand leaving our WTP is normal. We have made a good repair!

This repair was a major task that tested many Emergency Procedures and Emergency Plans in place and proved their effectiveness. The support offered by surrounding municipalities, agencies, vendors and residents was tremendous and much appreciated. The detailed guidance

offered by Wyoming County Director of Health, Steve Perkins, was instrumental to performing this work in a timely manner. Steve led us through procedures relating to Emergency Orders, State of Emergency Declaration, Water Conservation Notices, Boil Water Advisories, public announcements and health sampling after the event enabling us to lift all advisories and restrictions as quickly as possible.

Thanks to: Wyoming County Dept. of Health, Water Resource Agency, Steve Morsch & Morsch Pipeline, J.P. Schepp & MRB Group, Todd Gadd & Wyoming County Highway Dept., Jeff Royce & Town of Warsaw Highway Dept., Ken Bittner & NYSDOT, Eric Kelly & Village of Perry DPW, Hans Kunze and of course, Village of Warsaw DPW, Village Police Dept. and Village of Warsaw Volunteer Fire Dept.

Also would like to thank all the media outlets for their part in keeping everyone informed with the latest information and announcements relating to this matter.

**2019 NYSAC Legislative Conference
Standing Committee on Public Health/Mental Health
Resolution #5**

**Resolution Calling for Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State
Legislature to Classify as Controlled Substances Certain Fentanyl
“Analogues” that are Responsible for Opioid Overdose Deaths**

WHEREAS, for nearly a decade, New York State and the rest of the United States have been experiencing an unprecedented epidemic in the abuse of legal and illegal opioid drugs, resulting in the addiction of millions of people and the overdose deaths of hundreds of thousands; and

WHEREAS, fentanyl, a prescription opioid painkiller that is a controlled substance in the State of New York, is responsible for some of those overdose deaths, as are many substances known as fentanyl “analogues,” drugs that have been designed to mimic the pharmacological effects of fentanyl, but that are not controlled substances in the State of New York because they are not listed on the appropriate schedules that classify controlled substances in Public Health Law Section 3306; and

WHEREAS, the ability of law enforcement officers in New York State to investigate and prosecute sellers of deadly opioid drugs is hampered by the gap in the law that results in some fentanyl analogues not being classified as controlled substances because the New York State Legislature has not acted to add those analogues to the appropriate Public Health Law schedules; and

WHEREAS, under federal law, pursuant to 21 CFR Section 1308.11(h)(30)(i), the Administrator of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration has lawfully defined “fentanyl-related substance” to mean any substance related to fentanyl by certain specified chemical modifications; and

WHEREAS, if New York State classified as controlled substances any substances that meet the above federal definition of “fentanyl-related substance,” the aforementioned gap in the law with regard to fentanyl analogues would largely be closed, and law enforcement would be able to investigate and prosecute sellers of currently-legal fentanyl analogues that are responsible for many of the overdose deaths.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Association of Counties hereby urges the Governor and State Legislature to amend New York Public Health Law Section 3306 to include as a controlled substance any substance that meets the definition of “fentanyl-related substance,” as defined in 21 CFR Section 1308.11(h)(30)(i); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New York State Association of Counties shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

**2019 NYSAC Legislative Conference
Standing Committee on Public Health/Mental Health
Resolution #1**

Resolution for New York State to Approach Legalization of an Adult-Use Program for Recreational Marijuana Slowly and Cautiously, Keeping Research and the Anticipated Role of Local Health/Mental Health Departments in the Forefront of Conversation as Policy and Regulations are Developed

WHEREAS, the State of New York is considering legalizing an adult-use program for recreational cannabis; and

WHEREAS, currently available research and findings from across the nation identify significant public health ramifications including:

- Increased risk of unintentional exposures in children, including through edibles;
- Measurable levels of tetrahydrocannabinol in breast milk samples up to 6 days after reported maternal marijuana use;
- Increased risk of stroke in individuals younger than 55 years of age;
- Increased risk of motor vehicle crashes;
- Use associated with chronic bronchitis, cough, sputum production and wheezing;
- Use associated with impaired learning, memory, math and reading achievement; and

WHEREAS, there is limited research demonstrating health impact on long-term use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, local health departments, treatment providers, law enforcement and others are working to curb opioid addiction, overdose and death; and

WHEREAS, marijuana use by adolescents and young adults- even less-than-weekly use- is associated with future high-risk use of tobacco, and other drugs like cocaine, ecstasy, opioids and methamphetamine; and epidemiologic and preclinical data suggest that the use of marijuana in adolescence could influence multiple addictive behaviors in adulthood; and

WHEREAS, during the Governor's listening sessions on regulated marijuana, community members and stakeholders communicated the need for improved access and cost to medical marijuana products for those prescribed; and

WHEREAS, New York State has one of the worst racial disparities in marijuana arrests in the United States, with people of color being eight times more likely to be arrested for possession than white people, despite similar rates of use; and

WHEREAS, there are possible linkages between legalization of marijuana with the advancement of social and racial justice initiatives and there is no question, families

would benefit from alleviation of marijuana-related arrests and jail time that has disproportionately affected low income and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, if policy on regulated marijuana moves forward, this will increase workload for the already taxed public health workforce and numerous other county departments; and

WHEREAS, we anticipate local health departments, who are reliably at the front line of all emerging public health matters, will need to expand workforce capacity to educate and protect communities if regulated marijuana policy is signed into law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the New York State Association of Counties hereby calls upon Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the State Legislature to undertake a major publicity campaign to educate the citizens of New York that cannabis may have undetermined health effects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, local health departments must be provided additional funding to adequately address issues resulting from recreational cannabis impacting local public health programs, as well as to develop and disseminate targeted educational campaign messaging which will protect vulnerable populations including children and pregnant women from harmful effects of marijuana use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the State of New York will expand, improve and maintain separate independence of the Medical Marijuana program by establishing clinical trials, research programs and addressing barriers to access including cost; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the State of New York plans to legalize an adult use marijuana program, we recommend the legal age of sale to be set at 21 years of age in combination with adoption of Tobacco 21 policy at the state-level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, full service (those providing environmental health services) local health departments must be adequately funded to expand their New York Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act (ATUPA) services which currently covers children and adolescents up to 18 years of age. A legal age of sale set to 21 years and older for marijuana and tobacco products would require program expansion and increase in staff to mitigate harm reduction and injury prevention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, marijuana should be incorporated within New York's Clean Indoor Air Act Law. Legalization of recreational marijuana will increase the number of clean indoor air act complaints local health departments are required to respond to, thus requiring a need for increased funding for infrastructure and capacity-building within local health departments which will allow them to respond to additional workload; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as regulations are developed, the following recommendations be considered:

- a. Fund surveillance and research efforts to monitor more closely the type of use, frequency of use and potency of marijuana used by all New Yorkers.
- b. Put infrastructure in place before sales begin. Regulations and rules, appropriate testing of infrastructure and critical staff onboarding should be finalized prior to beginning of sales.
- c. Addition of marijuana to New York's Clean Indoor Air Act which will ensure children, youth and other vulnerable populations are not exposed to marijuana use or second hand smoke.
- d. Expand existing tobacco laws including statewide adoption of Tobacco 21 policy.
- e. Include warning labels on all marijuana products to ensure consumer awareness of health dangers and risk.
- f. Formulate edible safety regulations including child-resistant packaging and restrictions on products which may be enticing to children.
- g. Fully fund enforcement and oversight. Enforcement regulations related to restaurant and environmental inspections must mirror inflation and industry growth.
- h. Standardize and test packaging and potency. THC concentration regulations, particularly those relating to packaging, labeling and testing, must be in place before implementation.
- i. Establish and fund studies to evaluate reliable methods of toxicology field-testing and impairment levels which will help set evidence-based regulations for impaired driving as it pertains to marijuana use.
- j. Encourage and fund the scientific study of health effects among New Yorkers who use marijuana; and
- k. Develop regulations to ensure the safety of additives used in the growth, harvesting, and production of marijuana; and
- l. Fund education, prevention and treatment through the county mental health departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.

**2019 NYSAC Legislative Conference
Standing Committee on Public Health/Mental Health
Resolution #2**

**Resolution to Expand Infrastructure for Public Health and Safety
throughout New York State: Reinvesting in Core Public Health Activities
and Response to Unfunded Mandates and Emerging Issues Addressed by
Local Health Departments**

WHEREAS, core public health services are outlined in law as those that address family health, communicable disease, chronic disease, emergency preparedness/response and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, local health departments are New York State's partners and operational extensions, working in the forefront of communities, addressing public health issues and serving as the first line of defense against all public health crises by protecting communities and residents; and

WHEREAS, activities led by the 58 local health departments are paramount to our collective ability to achieve Prevention Agenda goals, address health disparities, improve health outcomes and ensure community safety and stability; and

WHEREAS, unfunded public health mandates continue to emerge routinely, examples including: expansion of responsibilities for children's camps, Zika virus/mosquito surveillance, monitoring of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, technical assistance to schools to address lead in school drinking water and most recently, registration of cooling towers; and

WHEREAS, the state aid share for core public health services has not kept up with growing public health needs, nor has it supported the implementation of new and expanded state mandates; and

WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 Executive Budget proposes a substantial cut in State Aid Reimbursement to New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene which would reduce the percent of reimbursement above the base grant from 36% to 20%; and

WHEREAS, the justification provided for this is that NYC has access to other sources of funding, such as federal grants yet this statement does not align with the current Article 6 claiming process which requires that earned and grant revenue be subtracted from eligible costs and or expenditures and thus are already factored into the net eligible expenditures submitted for reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, over time, we have seen an increase in emerging issues such as threats to water quality: harmful algal blooms, presence of PFOA/PFOS; opioid overdose deaths; vector borne diseases: rabies and tick-borne illnesses; communicable disease outbreaks: Ebola virus and Zika virus; environmental hazards: lead in housing stock and legionella; and natural disasters such as hurricanes or flooding; and

WHEREAS, New York State is preparing policy to legalize regulated marijuana, which will lead to increased response including education, public awareness, and oversight by local health departments; and

WHEREAS, Directors and Commissioners of public health are health strategists within their respective Counties, with the unparalleled expertise needed to apply knowledge, bridge competency gaps and lead multi-sector health improvements; and

WHEREAS, the public health workforce employed within local health departments are first responders, working at the forefront of communities during times of need and when emerging health issues occur; and

WHEREAS, local health departments have not received an increase in core public health aid in more than six years, nor have they received adequate compensation needed to respond to emerging health issues; and

WHEREAS, State Budget appropriations for public health spending has been reduced year after year and new funding streams for emergency response activities are frequently accompanied with stringent federal spending or supplanting restrictions which impacts how funds can be utilized and reduces flexibility to respond to local community need; and

WHEREAS, the public health workforce is central to New York State's public health infrastructure, yet is dwindling due to public-sector budget restraints, competition, shortages of workers who are approaching retirement, ability to recruit new workers in all areas throughout the state, all of these factors culminate in significant workforce retention challenges; and

WHEREAS, New York State does not allow local health departments to recover any of its necessary or fringe expenses for local health department personnel under Article 6; and

WHEREAS, now is the time for a call to action to reinvest in public health and safety infrastructure in New York State through bolstered funding of Article 6, Public Health Law and demonstrate the State's commitment to public health preparedness and safety measures aimed to protect residents in New York State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Association of Counties calls on the Governor and State Legislature to call to action and reinvest within the 2019-20 Budget by restoring COLA and expanding Article 6 State Aid for General Public Health Work base grants and reimbursement rates in the following ways:

1. REJECT PROPOSED CUT IN STATE AID REIMBURSEMENT TO NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE WHICH WOULD REDUCE THE PERCENT OF REIMBURSEMENT ABOVE THE BASE GRANT FROM 36% TO 20%.

2. FULLY RESTORE THE COLA FOR DOH PROGRAMS WHICH WAS REMOVED IN THE 2018-2019 STATE BUDGET;
3. ALLOW REIMBURSEMENT OF FRINGE EXPENSES UNDER ARTICLE 6 STATE AID APPROPRIATION;
4. INCREASE BASE GRANTS TO ENSURE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FULL REIMBURSEMENT OF LOCAL EXPENDITURES:
 - A. INCREASE THE BASE GRANT TO FULL SERVICE LHDS (I.E. THOSE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UNITS) FROM \$650,000 TO \$750,000;
 - B. INCREASE THE BASE GRANT TO PARTIAL SERVICE LHDS (I.E. THOSE WITHOUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UNITS) FROM \$500,000 TO \$550,000;
 - C. INCREASE THE PER CAPITA RATE FOR THE LARGEST COUNTIES FROM 65 CENTS PER RESIDENT TO \$1.30;
 - D. INCREASE THE BEYOND-BASE-GRANT STATE AID REIMBURSEMENT RATE FROM 36% TO 40%.
5. PROVIDE 100% REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE FIRST FULL YEAR OF ANY NEW AND/OR SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED MANDATES EMERGING FROM LAW, RULE OR REGULATION.
6. ALLOW LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS THE INCREASED FLEXIBILITY IN FUNDING TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY NEEDS; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that New York State Association of Counties shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.

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Standing Committee on Public Health/Mental Health
Resolution #5**

Resolution in Support of Statewide Legislation Concerning the Sale and Possession of Synthetic Drugs

WHEREAS, communities throughout New York State have experienced increased crimes, emergency room cases, illnesses, and deaths linked to the use and abuse of synthetic drugs and other similar substances or compounds; and

WHEREAS, such products are being openly sold and marketed through New York State and online; and

WHEREAS, while New York State has continued to update its schedule of controlled substances, many new variants of these substances are able to avoid prohibition by slightly changing their chemical composition; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and well-being of all New York State residents is furthered by prohibiting the sale, use, or possession of these substances; and

WHEREAS, synthetic drugs are more effectively regulated on a statewide basis through a comprehensive regulatory plan that covers existing and newly created drug variants, rather than through a patchwork of regulations enacted by localities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) hereby urges the Governor and State Legislature to introduce, support, and enact statewide legislation banning the sale and possession of synthetic drugs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NYSAC hereby respectfully urges the Governor to sign said bill(s) forthwith upon passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

**2019 NYSAC Legislative Conference
Standing Committee on Public Safety
Resolution #3**

**Resolution Calling on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the State
Legislature to Fund Unattended Death Investigations Including Costs
Associated with Performing Autopsy and Toxicology Services**

WHEREAS, our State is grappling with a widespread opioid epidemic causing havoc on the lives of New Yorkers while placing a tremendous fiscal strain on county budgets; and

WHEREAS, counties are responsible for investigating unattended deaths; violent deaths; a death caused by an unlawful act or criminal neglect; deaths occurring in a suspicious, unusual or unexplained manner; deaths caused by a suspected criminal abortion; a death of an individual confined in an institution (jail or nursing home); and

WHEREAS, coroners and medical examiners are county officers who make official inquiries about the cause and manner of an individual's death, especially those that occur under unnatural, unexplained, or suspicious circumstances; and

WHEREAS, coroners or medical examiners are required by law to investigate deaths by violence or accident and, due to the opioid epidemic, coroners and medical examiners are seeing a dramatic increase in their caseload; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, counties across New York State and New York City, seeing a dramatic increase in caseload due to the opioid epidemic, budgeted over \$122 million for coroner and medical examiner expenses; and

WHEREAS, prior to 2011, county coroners and medical examiners were reimbursed up to 36 percent with state aid from Article 6 funding to local health departments; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the State Budget shifted the reimbursement for medical examiners from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and the funding was no longer available as the state deemed this activity to be a public safety and not a public health function; and

WHEREAS, just recently one medical provider used by a sixteen-county region in eastern New York doubled their fee for autopsy services and cut toxicology services; and